



## The 40th Session of the Student Body Senate

### Meeting Minutes

Date: July 10, 2023

#### I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order at 4:06 p.m.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance

1. "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

#### II. Roll Call

<b>Attendance</b>			
<b>Senator Name</b>	<b>Senators Position</b>	<b>Attendance Status</b>	<b>Additional Note on Senator</b>
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
Anastasia Legoute	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Chanita Jacques	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Daniel Del Riesgo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Gabriela Mendez-Ruiz	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Genesis Moreno	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Lerick Sequeira	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Olivia Gibson	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Anne Martinez	College of Business	Present	arrived at 4:13pm
Brian Velez	College of Business	Absent	
David Almansa	College of Business	Absent	
Jose Mejia	College of Business	Absent	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	
Lindsey Burgos	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent	

Rafael Moya-Palacios	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
Erika Noel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Liana Adaza	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Samuel Vogel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Javier La Rosa	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	arrived at 4:12pm
Ciara Jeneske	College of Law	Present	
Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Present	
Alyssa Andreus	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Absent	
Valeria Herrera	College of Public Health and Social Work	Absent	
Anish Sharma	Honors College	Present	
Jabari Baptiste	Housing- BBC	Absent	
Alexander Stone	Housing- MMC	Present	
Ness Cruz	Housing-MMC	Present	
Rhea Watkins	Housing-MMC	Absent	
Yamila Hernandez	Lower Division MMC	Present	
Dale Brochinsky	Lower Division BBC	Absent	
Elizabet Ferreira	Online Student Senator	Present	
Mikele Mancuso	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Zahir Mansuri	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Ahmed Soliman	University Graduate School	Present	
Haley Dawson	University Graduate School	Present	
Hossam Hussien	University Graduate School	Present	
Kanayo Nomeh	University Graduate School	Absent	
Sarwar Minar	University Graduate School	Present	
Iamni Doss	Upper Division BBC	Present	
Jacqueline Canut	Upper Division BBC	Absent	
Keren Keys	Upper Division MMC	Absent	
Rocki (Raquel) Fleites	Upper Division MMC	Absent	
Karina Hernandez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Tiara Campbell	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Kaily La Chapelle	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	

	Present	27
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<b>Quorum is Established</b>	Absent	18
	Vacant	2

### III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

#### A. No corrections

### IV. Adoption of the Agenda

#### A. Agenda has been approved

### V. Invited Speakers

#### A. No invited speakers

### VI. Committee Reports

#### A. Appropriations Committee

1. Committee did not meet last week. However, this week it will be held.

#### B. Committee on Rules and Administration

1. Last Thursday was first meeting, went over statues, Line of succession and standard operating procedures were set forth. A guest speaker will be approached for the upcoming week.

#### C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee

1. Committee met on Friday and voted to approve a conference happening in the upcoming week. Also discussed the grad school organization that will eventually become a thing. New meeting being held this week

#### D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee

1. This committee is meeting biweekly, so there was no meeting last week. Genesis and Javier La Rosa need to fill out when to meet form. This week's meeting will

#### E. Health and Well-Being Committee

1. This committee though they had a meeting were not able to meet quorum and so it did not count. Many committee members are on vacation so meeting this week may also not meet quorum.

#### F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee

1. Have not been able to meet yet since many members have not filed out 'when to meet' forms.

#### G. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee

1. This committee had no meeting but have made progress in filling out form to find out when to meet.

#### H. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Ad-Hoc Committee

1. This committee meets biweekly, went over initiative ideas, and intend to complete the planning process.

Point of Inquiry: If no meeting is held, no senate report needs to be filed.

VII. Executive Board Reports

- A. Student Body President Alexander P. Sutton: President Sutton is absent.
- B. Senate President Kaily Lachapelle
  1. CASE and Business senate applications will be open until the end of this week. After this week, interviews will be held.
  2. Committees need to remember to upload minutes of their meetings so that progress is made available to anyone interested.
- C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Tiara Campbell: Tiara Campbell was absent.
- D. Senate Floor Leader Karina Hernandez
  1. Mandatory attendance will be tracked in the fall.
  2. August 19<sup>th</sup> is convocation and attendance is recommended.
- E. Student Body Vice President Santana Way
  1. Chief of staff will continue doing interviews. 7/11- free slushies
- F. Comptroller Iara Raggio
  1. Iara Raggio is extending apologies as she lost her voice and so will not be meeting with any committees this week.
- G. Executive Administrator Mariana Machado
- H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus Grace King
- I. Chief of Staff Anna Meredith
- J. Chief Justice Mia Rodriguez

VIII. Vetoed Legislation

- A. No vetoed legislation

IX. Unfinished Business

- A. No unfinished business

X. New Business

- A. Confirmation of Deputy Comptroller (Tim Lozano)
  1. Santana Way reads description of position. Kailey recognizes Tim for two minutes. Tim Lozano addressed senate for two minutes regarding the confirmation of this position.
  2. Five Minute question and answer period was then entered. Karina Hernandez asked a question regarding an email route idea that Lozano spoke about in speech.

3. Senator Cruz then asked a question regarding how diversity will be accounted for when surveys are conducted.
4. Senator Caruso then asked a question about whether Lozano would be able to invest his time even though he will tie up with other responsibilities.
5. Senator Stone asked about Tim Lozano ambitions regarding the role.

Confirmation of Deputy Comptroller (Tim Lozano)				
Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant		
Anastasia Legoute	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Chanita Jacques	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Daniel Del Riesgo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Gabriela Mendez-Ruiz	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Genesis Moreno	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		
Lerick Sequeira	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Olivia Gibson	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Anne Martinez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Brian Velez	College of Business	Absent		
David Almansa	College of Business	Absent		
Jose Mejia	College of Business	Absent		
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Lindsey Burgos	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent		
Rafael Moya-Palacios	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	
Erika Noel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Liana Adaza	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Samuel Vogel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Javier La Rosa	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	Yes	
Ciara Jeneske	College of Law	Present	Yes	
Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Present	Yes	
Alyssa Andreus	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Absent		
Valeria Herrera	College of Public Health and Social Work	Absent		
Anish Sharma	Honors College	Present	Yes	
Jabari Baptiste	Housing- BBC	Absent		
Alexander Stone	Housing- MMC	Present	Yes	
Ness Cruz	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	
Rhea Watkins	Housing-MMC	Absent		

Yamila Hernandez	Lower Division MMC	Present	Yes	
Dale Brochinsky	Lower Division BBC	Absent		
Elizabet Ferreira	Online Student Senator	Present	Yes	
Mikele Mancuso	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Zahir Mansuri	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Ahmed Soliman	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Haley Dawson	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Hossam Hussien	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Kanayo Nomeh	University Graduate School	Absent		
Sarwar Minar	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Iamni Doss	Upper Division BBC	Present	Yes	
Jacqueline Canut	Upper Division BBC	Absent		
Keren Keys	Upper Division MMC	Absent		
Rocki (Raquel) Fleites	Upper Division MMC	Absent		
Karina Hernandez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Tiara Campbell	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Kaily La Chapelle	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
<b>Vote Count</b>				
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant	
26	0	0	0	

Motion Passed	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
	Simple Majority	14.5	Passed
	Two-Thirds	18	Passed
	Three-Fifths	16	Passed

Tim Lozano was confirmed with 26 yes, 0 no, 0 abstention

#### B. 15 Minute Discussion on Legislative Ideas and Current Initiatives

1. Alexander Stone amended this time to 20 minutes.
2. Senator Moya-Palacios wants to get started with legislative term as soon as possible as it will require much time and effort. The idea of townhalls or open house for senate meetings was brought up. Senator Moya stated to put it in legislation to bind upcoming generations to hold at least two townhalls for the academic year. An expanded career fair was also mentioned, with an emphasis

on rising seniors being able to show their work. Also wants to bring back senate committee back, to make ad hoc committees permanent.

3. Senator Salup-Cid wants an event to have students be more knowledgeable about SGA monthly. Rotating panel of senators to talk about their legislation, so students could learn and provide ideas about townhalls.
4. Senator Cruz loved the townhall idea but questioned the format of student engagement. Senator Cruz spoke about how engagement will be for non-traditional students such as working students or students with families.
5. Senator Mancuso spoke about targeting demographics that are interested in SGA. Mentioned that FIU does not have enough poster boards and so the ones that are present end up being overrun and disorganized.
6. Senator Stone spoke about being inclusive to all students on campus. Think the event should not be held in SGA Chambers as it would be confining and instead believes it should be held in ballroom. Also asked about the Meet Your Dean event and asked about how it will be fleshed out.
7. Kaile spoke about how senate leadership will lead this event, but it has not been fleshed out. Spoke about how townhall was an idea, previously discussed.
8. Santana Way spoke about social media training that leadership is currently undergoing. Addressed Senator Mancuso posting policy regarding poster boards. Then addressed townhall “State of Student Body Address”, addresses from leadership, legislative branch, recruitment, agencies, and bureaus would be carried out. Spoke about copying block schedule from Orientation office. Career fairs are done through Career and Talent Development and so that department should be discussed by Senator Moya.
9. Senator Dawson suggested to scale down rather than scale down as a targeted event would be more beneficial. Heat Maps should be utilized to make the townhalls more targeted.
10. Senator Dawson extended motion by 10 minutes, seconded by Senator Mancuso.
11. Floor leader Hernandez spoke about Meet Your Dean event, though bigger acknowledged the power of smaller segments. Spoke about sharing more SGA events online. Spoke about timing of events and how they should be diversified to promote inclusion.
12. Senator Salup-Cid expressed agreement with small scale coffee hour to promote retention. Spoke about having more than one event a semester.
13. Senator Sharma also expressed agreement with a small scale townhall.

14. Santana Way spoke about how his duties cover small meetups and that he is open to collaboration with the various branches. Mentioned 'SGA TV' idea.
15. Senator Cruz then suggested an ongoing dropbox through social media could improve engagement.
16. Senator Stone bounced off Senator Dawson's idea but did not agree with monthly meetings.
17. Senator Salup-Cid moved to extend meeting by 10 minutes and seconded by Senator Stone.
18. Kaily spoke about how senate is not a programming body. Also, about how collaboration between branches should be increased. Spoke about how collaboration increase will increase the reach of the group.
19. Senator Hernandez posed a question to the senate about the meet the dean event.
20. Senator Moya responded to the question saying that though the event was a great event and moved to replace the event with the townhall idea.
21. Senator Vogel agreed with the small, localized meeting to promote engagement during the meetings.
22. Senator Dawson believes that the Meet your dean event should be revamped but not repealed as it serves its own unique purpose.
23. Senator Vogel moved to extend meeting by 15 minutes.
24. Senator Stone spoke about how the townhall should be worked to fit many different schedules to ensure maximum participation.
25. Senator Cruz spoke about not 'biting off more than they can chew' in response to all the ideas being discussed.
26. Kaily spoke about how social media has been a main point of discussion in leadership discussions.
27. Senator Salup-Cid spoke about setting up a central senate email. Also spoke about gender neutral bathrooms
28. Senator Stone addressed a question to Larissa about creating a select email for Housing issues.

## XI. Public Forum

- A. Brian Levine spoke about how commencement fair and FIU PD active shooter training occurred on same day. Spoke about how university needs to not double book itself and to coordinate. Senate minutes have been being uploaded to Archives and executive board minutes need to be uploaded. Spoke about how agenda needs to be made public.



XII. Senate Forum

- A. Senator Stone asked about outlines for invited speakers.
- B. Kaily spoke about creating a Role of Procedure document as an answer to the previous question. Also, about how there is intention to move the public forum time from the end of meetings.
- C. Senator Cruz believes that the employee training is very lackluster and wants more sensitivity training to be put into place.
- D. Senator Gibson spoke about how increased police presence would not make her feel safer.

XIII. Announcements

- A.

XIV. Advisor Reports

- A. Larissa informed senate that with any discrepancies as it pertains to minutes, an email should be sent to either her or Michelle.
- B. Spoke about having the police chief come do a chat with the senate to provide more information.
- C. Reply to any emails sent by Elizabeth Rizo or Larissa.
- D. Michelle spoke about how senators are urged to have office hours to promote senators' conversation with students.
- E. Spoke about university ombudsmen who is responsible for responding to many university class concerns.

XV. Meeting Adjournment

- A. Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.