



**Student Government
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The 40th Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Agenda

Date: September 11, 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

Attendance

Senator Name	Senators Position	Attendance Status	Additional Note on Senator
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	Absent	
Lerick Sequeira	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Olivia Gibson	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Anne Martinez	College of Business	Present	
Brian Velez	College of Business	Absent	
David Almansa	College of Business	Absent	
Jose Mejia	College of Business	Present	

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Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Vacant	
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	Present	
Samuel Vogel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Javier La Rosa	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Absent	
Ciara Jeneske	College of Law	Absent	
Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Absent	
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	Present	
Alexander Stone	Housing- MMC	Present	
Ness Cruz	Housing- MMC	Absent	
Rhea Watkins	Housing- MMC	Present	
Yamila Hernandez	Lower Division MMC	Absent	
Dale Brochinsky	Lower Division BBC	Present	
Elizabet Ferreira	Online Student Senator	Absent	
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 Nومه	University Graduate School	Absent	
Sarwar Minar	University Graduate School	Present	
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant	
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Keren Keys	Upper Division MMC	Present	
Rocki (Raquel) Fleites	Upper Division MMC	Present	
Karina Hernandez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Tiara Campbell	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Kaily La Chapelle	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	

Quorum is Established	Present	27
	Absent	15
	Vacant	5

- III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes
 - A.
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
 - A. 1. Senator Sharma would like to address a matter, 5 minutes requested to be added to the new business
 - 2. Sen. Brochinsky requested a moment of remembrance for 9/11
- V. Invited Speakers
 - A.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Appropriations Committee
 - 1. Met last Fri, had a preview of one of the appropriations, requests to be submitted at least a month in advance.
 - B. Committee on Rules and Administration
 - 1. Legislation to be submitted in advance, committee needs time to read the submitted legislation. Meeting time 6:15 pm on Mondays
 - C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee
 - 1. Separated into four working groups, meeting on Fri 3:30
 - D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee
 - 1. Met on Sept 1, reviewed the constitution, three past legislations. Meeting will be on Tuesday
 - E. Health and Well-Being Committee

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1. Met 2 weeks ago, discussed matters for implementation, meetings on Tuesdays 3:30 pm
- F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
 1. No quorum for meeting last week, meeting will be conducted this week
- G. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee
 1. Had a meeting, discussed lack of housing for international students, international student committee reestablished. Meeting Thu 5:30 pm
- VII. Executive Board Reports
 - A. Student Body President Alexander P. Sutton
 1. Board of Trustees meeting on Thu (MMC), senators invited, start at 8 am, academic honesty meeting later in the morning. Meeting also opens to public.
 - B. Senate President Kaily Lachapelle
 1. Reminded the senators about the need to send a notice in case of absence for excused absence. If legislation finished, to be sent to the Senate President – can be presented but needs to be emailed for a vote. Will be sending rules to USI committee.
 - C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Tiara Campbell
 1. Chais of committees to give report in the meetings, only is absent vice-chair. Absentee to send a list. Office hours at least 3 per week. Attire for meetings is business casual/SGA polo.
 - D. Senate Floor Leader Karina Hernandez
 1. Sen retreat next Monday (BBC) 6-9 pm, members encouraged to take bus.
 2. Senators need to use emails for official business, messaging as a second option only.
 3. Appreciated office hours conducted.
 - E. Student Body Vice President Santana Way
 1. Homecoming event is upcoming 1-23 Sept, attendance encouraged.
 2. President Council Football, attended last week.
 - F. Comptroller Iara Raggio
 - G. Executive Administrator Mariana Machado
 1. Training to be conducted, time to be determined.
 - H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus Grace King
 1. A candidate is up for confirmation.



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- I. Chief of Staff Anna Meredith
- J. Chief Justice Mia Rodriguez
- VIII. Vetoed Legislation
 - A.
- IX. Unfinished Business
 - A.
- X. New Business
 - A. Confirmation of Director of Greek Life Advocacy (Anayre Martinez)
 1. Greek Life Advocacy Director candidate confirmation: Student Body president described the duties of the position, advocacy and liaising responsibilities.
 2. Candidate gave an address: purpose for more involvement of the student body, creation of more volunteering opportunities.
 3. Q&A: candidate answered questions about bringing the activity to the BBC through an ambassadorship program; current issues with Greek Life and plans to address them; learning centers for fraternities; initiatives about promotion of open spaces and involvement, housing for students.
 4. Motion to extend session by 5 min accepted, answered questions about bridging a gap between councils through conducting meeting events; plans to address hazing through expression in a safe environment; addressing a gap for LGBT community with more collaboration. The candidate presented the experiences she plans to bring.
 5. Motion for 3-min discussion did not pass.
 6. Motion for unanimous consent confirmation did not pass.

Confirmation of Director of Greek Life Advocacy (Anayre Martinez)

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Anastasia Legoute	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Chanita Jacques	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	

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Daniel Del Riesgo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No	
Gabriela Mendez-Ruiz	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Genesis Moreno	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Lerick Sequeira	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Olivia Gibson	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Anne Martinez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Brian Velez	College of Business	Absent	Absent	
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Liana Adaza	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Samuel Vogel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Javier La Rosa	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Absent	Absent	
Ciara Jeneske	College of Law	Absent	Absent	
Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Absent	Absent	
Alyssa Andreus	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Absent	Absent	
Valeria Herrera	College of Public Health and Social Work	Absent	Absent	
Anish Sharma	Honors College	Present	yes	
Jabari Baptiste	Housing- BBC	Present	Abstention	
Alexander Stone	Housing- MMC	Present	Yes	
Ness Cruz	Housing-MMC	Absent	Absent	
Rhea Watkins	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	
Yamila Hernandez	Lower Division MMC	Absent	Absent	
Dale Brochinsky	Lower Division BBC	Present	Yes	
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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	Absent
Sarwar Minar	University Graduate School	Present	Yes
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Keren Keys	Upper Division MMC	Present	Yes
Rocki (Raquel) Fleites	Upper Division MMC	Present	Abstention
Karina Hernandez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes
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Kaily La Chapelle	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes
Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
24	1	2	5

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

Roll call vote motion passed.

Candidate confirmed.

- B. Confirmation of Secretary of Parking and Transportation for BBC Governor Cabinet (Nechama Eliyahu)
 - 1. Duties of the position presented, responsible for facilitating BBC campus transportation.

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2. Candidate gave an address, has experience with public transportation use, has collected feedback and opinions from students and faculty about public transportation, would like to improve public transportation for users.
3. Q&A: candidate answered questions about public transportation challenges linked to the increased number of students, increase comfort of public transportation use and potential increase of bus capacity, survey students.
4. Motion to extend Q&A by 5 minutes passed. Candidate answered questions about PantherNow article about transportation, parking situation – plans to survey students, solution for open parking, Freebee introduction for BBC and improvement of the service; ways of being accessible for students and accountability; contact with the Department of Transportation has not been established.
5. Motion for 3 min discussion did not pass.
6. Motion for unanimous consent did not pass.
7. Motion for roll call vote passed.
8. Motion for reason for abstention passed.

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David Almansa	College of Business	Absent	Absent	
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Jabari Baptiste	Housing- BBC	Present	Yes	
Alexander Stone	Housing- MMC	Present	Abstention	not sure of candidate ability to perform duties
Ness Cruz	Housing-MMC	Absent	Absent	
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9. Candidate confirmed.
- C. Confirmation of Deputy Chief of Staff (Eva Galleazzi Bruno)
 1. Student body president gave the description of the position, responsible for assisting e-board meetings and staff support
 2. The candidate gave a speech, was a Sec of Student Affairs before, aims to promote more opportunities to students, create open communication space at SGA, work on social interaction enhancement through more events.
 3. Q&A: candidate answered a question about the event previously conducted; maintaining the individuality and assisting staff, plans to cater to the diverse

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population of students; more social events for students; events for online students.

4. Motion to vote the candidate in unanimous consent by Sen. Sharma passed.

D. Five minutes discussion on international students

1. Sen. Sharma raised the issue of housing for international students. Many wanted to stay on campus but were placed on waitlists, had to find housing off campus. After that were given notification for on-campus housing eligibility but already had a lease signed. Request the matter to be addressed as soon as possible.
 2. Sen. Legoute, also on behalf of other international students. Decided to live on campus as she was by herself, had to move 6 times. Was asked to find an Air BnB. FIU could do a better job to accommodate international students housing needs, FIU officials to be invited.
 3. Motion to extend the discussion by 10 min passed.
 4. Sen. Campbell: the issue to be escalated as international students are asked to find housing off campus, finding housing is difficult.
 5. Sen. Watkins: international students are removed from housing lists/not given opportunity to apply, seniors cannot apply for housing (domestic students as well). International students can't work, have no credit score so have difficulties obtaining off-campus housing. Had an expectation of international students receiving assistance at FIU, however that is not the case, the housing officials do not address the issue.
1. Sen. Moya-Palacios: issues were brought up last year (housing, tuition, guidance). Resolutions were brought up last year, proposes to bring an international student representative to the floor to help address the issue as an official position. Students can't work, have immigration paper issues; proposes to work to find a solution pathway as some administration members do not assist students.
 2. Sen. Stone: had conversation with the Director of Housing, the reason for international students not being able to access housing is the expansion of student body, that created the issue of housing. More dormitories are currently being constructed.
 3. Sen. Mancuso: motion to extend by 10 min passed, not more than 2 min for individual speech.

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Most incoming students are domestic students, a dorm for international students is needed as was the case in the past. Considers the international student representative position helpful but will not help solve the issue as different levels of action are required.

4. Sen. Minar: about 15 personal accounts from international students regarding the issue, need for solution.
 5. Sen. Brochinsky: a building at BBC is being leased to Royal Caribbean
 6. Sen. Mejia: wants to hear more about proposed quick solutions
 7. Sen. Hernandez: one of the initiatives by the Gov. is DEI funds to be returned to the source which leads to funds being blocked, encourages attendance in person to address the issue.
 8. Sen. Way: issue affects domestic students as well, need to contact the university officials for short-term and long-term solutions. Find available spaces on campus to be used; work with officials for them to listen to students.
 9. Motion to extend by 7 min by Sen. LeChapelle.
Encourages working with other departments and administrators and putting forward a resolution, using surveys, advocate as a group of students with the officials and the Board of Trustees.
 10. Sen. Watkins: the change was made less than one year ago, first semester of implementation. International students do not have the same opportunities as domestic students, graduate domestic students are not as affected as international students as international students face more difficulties documentation-wise.
 11. Sen. Dawson: encourages not to put different groups of students against each other, all student groups have difficulties, including international.
 12. Sen. Mancuso: emphasizes that more student voices are better for looking for solutions, students from the Caribbean may have a better position due to no need for long flights.
 13. Motion to extend the meeting until 6:10 by Sen. Stone passed. @ senators need to leave at 6 – 6:05.
 14. Motion to continue with other points on the agenda passes.
- XI. Public Forum
- A. 1. Brian Levine: was given short notice of no housing extension at BBC. The Board of Trustees meeting this week at BBC.

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Townhall with SGA participation is encouraged, important to address BBC issues.

XII. Senate Forum

- A. 1. Sen. Stone: Housing and Residential life safety bill being designed, anyone who would like to co-sponsor is encouraged to join.
2. Student Body President Sutton: First Night feedback encouraged for future planning.
3. Sen. Brochinsky: several issues at BBC as the campus being overlooked; next week the Senate will convene at BBC, attendance is encouraged.
4. Sen. Hernandez: asked Sen. Legoute about promotional materials for International Student Union – working on it.
5. Sen. LeChapelle – working on harm reduction resolution, collaboration encouraged. ANS fee increase proposed
6. Sen. Way: next week events at BBC announced

XIII. Announcements

A.

XIV. Advisor Reports

- A. 1. Larissa Adams: senators to check Panther Connect to ensure office hours schedule is correct, senators to introduce themselves to SGA front desk staff. Senators to pick up polos and submit HR paperwork.
2. Michelle Castro: senators to submit anti-hazing paperwork

XV. Meeting Adjournment

- A. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.