



Student Government Association

The 40th Session of the Student Body Senate Meeting Minutes Date: October 30, 2023

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order at 4:10 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 | | | |
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| Senator Name | Senators Position | Attendance Status | Additional Note on Senator |
| Alexandra Barriga | College of Arts Sciences and Education | Absent | |
| 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 | Present | |
| Daniel Salup-Cid | College of Arts Sciences and Education | Absent | |
| 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 | arrived at 4:25pm |
| Olivia Gibson | College of Arts Sciences and Education | Present | |
| Anne Martinez | College of Business | Present | |
| Brian Velez | College of Business | Absent | |
| David Almansa | College of Business | Present | |
| Jose Mejia | College of Business | Present | |

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| Vacant | College of Business | Vacant | |
| 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 | Absent | |
| Liana Adaza | College of Engineering and Computing | Present | |
| Hua Hui 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 | Present | |
| 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 | Absent | |
| Yamila Hernandez | Lower Division MMC | Present | |
| Dale Brochinsky | Lower Division BBC | Present | |
| 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 | Absent | |
| Haley Dawson | University Graduate School | Present | |
| Hossam Hussien | University Graduate School | Absent | |
| Kanayo Nomeh | University Graduate School | Absent | |
| Sarwar Minar | University Graduate School | Vacant | |
| Ashley Young | Upper Division BBC | Present | |
| Vacant | Upper Division BBC | Vacant | |



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| Keren Keys | Upper Division MMC | Absent | |
| 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 | Absent | |

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| Quorum is Established | Present | 26 |
| | Absent | 17 |
| | Vacant | 4 |

III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

A. none

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Continue speaking about last meeting's discussion.

V. Invited Speakers

A. Sim Sitzer: Online international junior student in international relations.

1. FIU wrote that tuition for international students was about 350 per credit, but when he started the bill almost doubled for his classes. When he says something to FIU, he states that they changed the information on website to almost double of what it was. He hopes that SGA can help him overcome this problem.
2. Motion for Q/A by Senator Sharma voted and passed. Senator Stone asked if he had asked for legal counsel, Mr. Sitzer said that he contacted a talk show, but no legal counsel yet. Senator Brochinsky asked if he had any proof of the old price, he stated that yes, he has a pdf of the old prices on the website. Motion to extend by 5 min passed. Senator Gibson asked what the initial amount per credit hour was. He said \$346 per credit, and then it went up to \$649 per credit. Senator Legoute asked if he contacted ISSS, he says no.

VI. Public Forum

A. Brian Levin:

1. Another forum on constitutional convention Thursday. There are links for ideas or thoughts regarding this. Set up meetings.



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2. States an administrator said rude comments regarding disabilities, says administrations need to be more knowledgeable on this subject to be more mindful of words or terms used.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Appropriations Committee:

1. Met quorum on Friday. Approved appropriation bill, another meeting today and they covered an appropriations request for meet your dean.

B. Committee on Rules and Administration:

1. Did not meet last week, this week they have three pieces of legislation assigned to them.

C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee:

1. Met on Friday and talked about alumni email legislation, planning coffee hour on engineering campus.

D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee:

1. Met last week, went over two pieces of legislation, one was voted on and passed. Passed a function as well.

E. Health and Well-Being Committee:

1. Met quorum and conducted business last week. Planning events coming up within the next month.

F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee:

1. Last meeting voted on nursing and science health and disabled student union. Both have been approved. Talked about initiatives that senators are working on.

G. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee:

1. Met last Thursday, discussed resolutions, investigated other initiatives, such as shuttle service and welcome package for international students.

VIII. Executive Board Reports

A. Student Body President Alexander P. Sutton:

1. Thanked everyone who participated in the drive. This week, merch swap on Wednesday

B. Senate President Kaily Lachapelle: not here

C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Tiara Campbell:



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1. Meet your dean event planning is going well. Thanked everyone helping. Resolution that she wrote regarding international student committee passed. Worked on program that helps undergraduate students prepare to graduate exams.
- D. Senate Floor Leader Karina Hernandez:
 1. Last Tuesday, she sent email as first warning to those who do not send excuses about meeting or office hours. Tells everyone who received the email to contact her back.
- E. Student Body Vice President Santana Way: not here
- F. Comptroller Iara Raggio: none
- G. Executive Administrator Mariana Machado: none
- H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus Grace King: none
- I. Chief of Staff Anna Meredith: none
- J. Chief Justice Mia Rodriguez: none
- IX. Vetoed Legislation
 - A.
- X. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Senator Brochinsky says that last week only one committee met quorum. Urges leaders to find a time where they can consistently meet quorum. Senator Sharma asked if we can be lenient towards quorum, President Pro Tempore Campbell says that that does not abide to constitution. Senator Brochinsky states that you can still meet without quorum, but just not vote. Senator Mancuso votes to extend discussion by 5 min second and passed. Senator Mancuso says that the new rules will help this problem, but it might take a little time. Senator Mejia says that even if you do not make it, still contribute thoughts and ideas. Senator K. Hernandez says that we need to keep an eye out for those who do not have a valid excuse.
- XI. New Business
 - A. S.B. 002 Senate Committees Act:
 1. Act was read for the second time. Motion for q/a passed. Senator Mancuso asked what vote is needed for it to pass. 2/3 voted to be put on ballot, 15% student body population that voted in last general election. 750 total votes to ratified. 2/3 of present quorum to pass.



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2. 5 min discussion by Senator bronchi sky passed. He says the concern is that adding another committee could be too much on scheduled, and quorum will lower every time. Senator Maya-Palacio states that this committee is necessary because international students do not have a strong voice right now. Motion to extend by 2 min denied.
3. Motion to vote by roll call vote passed.

| Vote on S.B. 002 Senate Committees Act | | | | |
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| Senator Name | Senator Position | Attendance | Vote | Reason for Abstention |
| Alexandra Barriga | College of Arts Sciences and Education | Absent | Absent | |
| Anastasia Legoute | College of Arts Sciences and Education | Present | Yes | |
| Chanita Jacques | College of Arts Sciences and Education | Present | No | |
| Daniel Del Riesgo | College of Arts Sciences and Education | Present | Yes | |
| Daniel Salup-Cid | College of Arts Sciences and Education | Absent | Absent | |
| 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 | Present | No | |
| Anne Martinez | College of Business | Present | No | |
| Brian Velez | College of Business | Absent | Absent | |
| David Almansa | College of Business | Present | Yes | |
| Jose Mejia | College of Business | Present | Yes | |
| Vacant | College of Business | Vacant | Vacant | |
| Vacant | College of Communication Architecture and the Arts | Vacant | Vacant | |
| Rafael Moya-Palacios | College of Communication Architecture and the Arts | Present | Yes | |
| Erika Noel | College of Engineering and Computing | Absent | Absent | |
| Liana Adaza | College of Engineering and Computing | Present | Yes | |



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| Hua Hui (formerly Samuel) Vogel | College of Engineering and Computing | Present | Abstention | has no decision on which side to vote for |
| 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 | Present | Yes | |
| Valeria Herrera | College of Public Health and Social Work | Absent | Absent | |
| Anish Sharma | Honors College | Present | Yes | |
| Jabari Baptiste | Housing- BBC | Present | Yes | |
| Alexander Stone | Housing- MMC | Present | No | |
| Ness Cruz | Housing-MMC | Absent | Absent | |
| Rhea Watkins | Housing-MMC | Absent | Absent | |
| Yamila Hernandez | Lower Division MMC | Present | Yes | |
| Dale Brochinsky | Lower Division BBC | Present | No | |
| Elizabet Ferreira | Online Student Senator | Present | Present | |
| Mikele Mancuso | School of International and Public Affairs | Present | No | |
| Zahir Mansuri | School of International and Public Affairs | Present | No | |
| Ahmed Soliman | University Graduate School | Absent | Absent | |
| Haley Dawson | University Graduate School | Present | No | |
| Hossam Hussien | University Graduate School | Absent | Absent | |
| Kanayo Nomeh | University Graduate School | Absent | Absent | |
| Sarwar Minar | University Graduate School | Vacant | Absent | |
| Ashley Young | Upper Division BBC | Present | Absent | |
| Vacant | Upper Division BBC | Vacant | Absent | |
| Keren Keys | Upper Division MMC | Absent | Absent | |
| Rocki (Raquel) Fleites | Upper Division MMC | Present | Yes | |
| Karina Hernandez | College of Engineering and Computing | Present | Yes | |
| Tiara Campbell | College of Arts Sciences and Education | Present | Yes | |
| Kaily La Chapelle | School of International and Public Affairs | Absent | Absent | |
| Vote Count | | | | |

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| Yes | No | Abstention | Vacant |
| 15 | 8 | 1 | 2 |

| | Vote | Vote Count | Archive |
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| Motion Passed | Simple Majority | 14.0 | Passed |
| | Two-Thirds | 17 | Failed |
| | Three-Fifths | 16 | Failed |

4. With a vote of 15-8-1, did not passed with a required 2/3 vote.

B. Confirmation of Elections Board Member (Jazmin Laughlin)

1. Senator Brochinsky asks what she will do in her role. She says there will be no bias, open mind to making sure everyone stays on track. Senator Mejia asks what some things are she wants to change. She says that she will try to make sure everyone follows the rules.
2. Roll call vote:

| Vote on Confirmation of Elections Board Member (Jazmin Laughlin) | | | | |
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| Senator Name | Senator Position | Attendance | Vote | Reason for Abstention |
| Alexandra Barriga | College of Arts Sciences and Education | Absent | Absent | |
| 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 | Present | Yes | |
| Daniel Salup-Cid | College of Arts Sciences and Education | Absent | Absent | |
| 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 | |



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| Olivia Gibson | College of Arts Sciences and Education | Present | Yes | |
| Anne Martinez | College of Business | Present | Abstention | not enough information |
| Brian Velez | College of Business | Absent | | |
| David Almansa | College of Business | Present | Yes | |
| Jose Mejia | College of Business | Present | No | |
| Vacant | College of Business | Vacant | Vacant | |
| Vacant | College of Communication Architecture and the Arts | Vacant | Vacant | |
| Rafael Moya-Palacios | College of Communication Architecture and the Arts | Present | Yes | |
| Erika Noel | College of Engineering and Computing | Absent | Absent | |
| Liana Adaza | College of Engineering and Computing | Present | Yes | |
| Hua Hui Vogel | College of Engineering and Computing | Present | Abstention | not enough information |
| 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 | Present | No | |
| Valeria Herrera | College of Public Health and Social Work | Absent | Absent | |
| Anish Sharma | Honors College | Present | Yes | |
| Jabari Baptiste | Housing- BBC | Present | Yes | |
| Alexander Stone | Housing- MMC | Present | Abstention | unsure of candidate ability |
| Ness Cruz | Housing-MMC | Absent | Absent | |
| Rhea Watkins | Housing-MMC | Absent | Absent | |
| Yamila Hernandez | Lower Division MMC | Present | Yes | |
| Dale Brochinsky | Lower Division BBC | Present | Abstention | because of bias |
| 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 | Absent | Absent | |
| Haley Dawson | University Graduate School | Present | Yes | |



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| Kanayo Nomeh | University Graduate School | Absent | Absent | |
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| Ashley Young | Upper Division BBC | Present | Yes | |
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| Rocki (Raquel) Fleites | Upper Division MMC | Present | Yes | |
| Karina Hernandez | College of Engineering and Computing | Present | Yes | |
| Tiara Campbell | College of Arts Sciences and Education | Present | Yes | |
| Kaily La Chapelle | School of International and Public Affairs | Absent | Absent | |
| Vote Count | | | | |
| Yes | No | Abstention | Vacant | |
| 20 | 2 | 4 | 4 | |

| | Vote | Vote Count | Archive |
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| Motion Passed | Simple Majority | 14.0 | Passed |
| | Two-Thirds | 17 | Passed |
| | Three-Fifths | 16 | Passed |

3. With a vote of 20-2-4, Jazmin Laughlin is confirmed as an Elections Board Member.

XII. Senate Forum

- A. Senator Stone says that he finished his bill. Senator Brochinsky says toasty Tuesday went very well and says a new toasty Tuesday will happen again in February.
Discussion at BBC November 7th. President Pro Tempore Campbell says that everyone needs to show up to meetings in committees and senate because nothing can happen if everyone always misses them.

XIII. Announcements

- A. Elections Info Session 11.02.2023- 3pm- Via zoom

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- B. Senate Meeting at BBC- 11.06.2023
 - C. FIU Football Watch party-11.11.2023- Tamiami & Bayview
 - D. SGA Party Applications Open-11.13.2023
 - E. Meet Your Dean- 11.16.2023- 6pm-8pm
- XIV. Advisor Reports
- A. Larissa James: Composite is Nov 20th from 1-4pm. For those planning meetings with administrators, cc Larrisa and Michelle. The Senate meeting next week is at BBC. Elections info section this Thursday. Recommended everyone to review how to write legislation.
- XV. Meeting Adjournment
- A. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.