



Student Government Association

The 40th Session of the Student Body Senate Meeting Minutes Date: November 27, 2023

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order at 4:09 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
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
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	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	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	
Brian Velez	College of Business	Present	
David Almansa	College of Business	Absent	
Jose Mejia	College of Business	Present	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	

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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	Absent	
Liana Adaza	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Hua Hui Vogel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Vacant	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant	
Ciara Jeneske	College of Law	Present	
Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Present	
Alyssa Andreus	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	
Vacant	College of Public Health and Social Work	Vacant	
Anish Sharma	Honors College	Absent	
Jabari Baptiste	Housing- BBC	Absent	
Alexander Stone	Housing- MMC	Present	
Vacant	Housing-MMC	Vacant	
Rhea Watkins	Housing-MMC	Present	
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	Absent	
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	Present	
Sarwar Minar	University Graduate School	Absent	
Ashley Young	Upper Division BBC	Present	
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant	
Keren Keys	Upper Division MMC	Present	
Rocki (Raquel) Fleites	Upper Division MMC	Present	

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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	31
	Absent	10
	Vacant	6

III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

A. none

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

A. none

V. Invited Speakers

- A. Ismael Columna Ramirez: Concern of group prejudice against Jewish and Israeli students. Says Hamas are the true genocides.
- B. Kassandra Toussaint: Junior at FIU. Supports free Palestine movement. Asks to trust them that they are fighting against oppression and wants end murder. She wants SGA to join the movement.
- C. Joncarlo Ospina: Concerned about struggle of Palestine. He wants to be heard by SGA and by all campus.
- D. Jon Warech (Executive Director FIU Hillel): Represents the Jewish community at FIU and Miami. Says non-Jewish people are always trying to tell how Jewish people should and should not feel.
- E. Tara Mahmoud: On behalf of Palestine, asks why they should die, why should she be asking to pass this resolution. Says this resolution is bare minimum. Free Palestine.
- F. Maria Franzblau: One of authors of cease fire now resolution. Says that tactics of discrimination and oppression will not work. Says over 14,000 Palestinians have been killed. Free Palestine.
- G. Neha Ahmad:
- H. Zahir Mansuri (Muslim Student Association)

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- I. Oscar Alvarez (President of FIU Young Democratic Socialists of America): Coauthor of this resolution. Says the lack of urgency about this resolution by SGA is offending. Since FIU is so international, we should demand a ceasefire. Free Palestine.

VI. Public Forum

- A. Motion to only accept six public members 13 yes, 13 nos: Motion failed. Motion to go to roll call vote or division of house. Vote was yes 6, no 23, vacant 8.

Vote on Division of the House				
Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No	
Anastasia Legoute	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No	
Chanita Jacques	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No	
Daniel Del Riesgo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No	
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	Absent	Absent	
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No	
Olivia Gibson	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Anne Martinez	College of Business	Present	No	
Brian Velez	College of Business	Present	No	
David Almansa	College of Business	Absent	Absent	
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	Absent	Absent	
Hua Hui Vogel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	No	

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Ciara Jeneske	College of Law	Present	Yes	
Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Present	No	
Alyssa Andreus	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	No	
Vacant	College of Public Health and Social Work	Vacant	Vacant	
Anish Sharma	Honors College	Absent	No	
Jabari Baptiste	Housing- BBC	Absent	Absent	
Alexander Stone	Housing- MMC	Present	No	
Vacant	Housing-MMC	Vacant	Vacant	
Rhea Watkins	Housing-MMC	Present	No	
Yamila Hernandez	Lower Division MMC	Present	Vacant	
Dale Brochinsky	Lower Division BBC	Present	Absent	
Elizabet Ferreira	Online Student Senator	Present	No	
Mikele Mancuso	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent	Absent	
Zahir Mansuri	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	No	
Ahmed Soliman	University Graduate School	Present	No	
Haley Dawson	University Graduate School	Present	No	
Hossam Hussien	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
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Keren Keys	Upper Division MMC	Present	No	
Rocki (Raquel) Fleites	Upper Division MMC	Present	Yes	
Karina Hernandez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	No	
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Vote Count				
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant	

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	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
Motion Failed	Simple Majority	16.5	Failed
	Two-Thirds	21	Failed
	Three-Fifths	19	Failed

- B. Senator Stone moved to amend the agenda to move public forum after new business agenda, 2min 15sec speaking time, until meeting is over, motion seconded: 16 aye, 6 nay, abstain 2, motion passed.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Appropriations Committee: No report, no meeting last week. maybe meeting on Friday, if not resuming meetings in spring.
- B. Committee on Rules and Administration: Piece of legislation postponed; two pieces approved. Looking to hold extra meeting this week. Vogel was elected vice chair.
- C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee: No report because there was no meeting. Meeting on Friday.
- D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee: Did not meet, there was no legislation. Next meeting is next semester.
- E. Health and Well-Being Committee. Did not meet due to quorum. Postpones meeting until spring semester.
- F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee: Met last Monday to pass two pieces of legislation. Will be meeting tomorrow and normal time.
- G. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee: Did not meet. Meeting this week to reflect on resolution.

VIII. Executive Board Reports

- A. Student Body President Alexander P. Sutton: Thanks everyone that has showed up today. Tomorrow board of trustees is meeting, voting on Baptist medical agreements.
- B. Senate President Kaily Lachapelle: Asks to be grateful we are in a place where everyone can state their political options. Invited speakers must email 72hrs before meeting. Thanks to all senators.



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- C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Tiara Campbell: Thanks, all senators that are leaving this semester. Also thanks all other senators.
- D. Senate Floor Leader Karina Hernandez: Shows appreciation to everyone that has consistently showed up. Please upload minutes.
- E. Student Body Vice President Santana Way: Says SGA is going to do its best to represent and support everyone who has any concern. Has meeting with housing tomorrow. Next Tuesday Cafe sandwiches in office.
- F. Comptroller Iara Raggio:
- 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:
- IX. Vetoed Legislation
 - A. none
- X. Unfinished Business
 - A. none
- XI. New Business
 - A. SB 04 009 Cover Page Act
 - 1. Motion of just reading title passed. Stone says that they want to add a cover page to the constitution. Sharma says that another reason to add this is to improve organization and presentability. Q/A asks if we can change the color, answer was yes.

Vote on SB 04 009 Cover Page Act

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29	1	0	7	

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2. Roll call vote passed by 29 aye, 1 nay, 0 abstention.

B. SB 04 010 DSU Bureau Petition:

1. Motion to just read title passed. Salup Cid says that this bill can benefit a lot of students. La Chapelle says that there is extreme lack of disabled student representation, and this will really help. Q/A: Campbell asks what percentage



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of budget we will give to DSU. Answer was we do not know because they have not met with budget committee yet, but around 3,000-5,000\$ to start off. Arzola asks what the specific need is. Answer: DRC is limited in ability to provide big solutions, but if DSU is present, they can help with big issues that the DRC cannot. Motion to extend Q/A by 5 min passed. Brochinsky asks, can we get examples of what DSU has done in past and how does bureau status help? Answer: DSU has only existed for one semester. They have helped make events accessible. Bureau will help advocate even farther and gain more representation/change. Way asks what the main goal is aside from advocating for disabled students? No other organization was able to mobilize students as well as DSU in one semester. Goal is to increase representation advocacy, and resources. Motion for roll call vote passed.

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28	1	2	7	

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2. Vote passed by 21 aye, 1 nay, 2 abstention.

XII. Senate Forum

- A. Stone says SGA should not be making any political statements at all. Fleites says that this resolution is not in the capacity of the senate. Salup Cid says many senators have co-sponsored the legislation. Mansuri says that no student should feel scared or threatened when speaking their option. Says that if you abstain, it is the same as saying that life is political.
- B. Motion to extend senate by 20 min passed. LaChappelle says he has been getting death threats, he says if you do not vote you are saying it is okay to do nothing.
- C. Motion to Close Senate forum passed.

XIII. Public Forum

- A. Rodoshi says that it is embarrassing SGA is not doing anything because of political reasons even though their name says government.
- B. Noah says this resolution needs to go through the proper procedures and invites Senate president to meet to discuss farther.



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- C. Valentina says: she is sorry for those who are getting death threats, she says we cannot pick and choose what we are to say is political and what is not.
 - D. Move to extend discussion period by 5 min passed.
 - E. Mijal says that having 325 votes is nothing compared to the 58,000 students at FIU. She says this is not a campus life issue therefore SGA should take no part of it.
 - F. James Hernandez says that this is not a conflict, this is brutal displacement of people from their land.
- XIV. Announcements
- A.
- XV. Advisor Reports
- A. skipped
- XVI. Meeting Adjournment
- A. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.