



**Student Government
Association**

The 40th Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 21, 2023

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order at 4:02 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	Absent	
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	Present	
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	Absent	
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	Present	
Jose Mejia	College of Business	Present	
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	Absent	
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	
Ciara Jeneske	College of Law	Present	
Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Present	
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	Present	
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	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	Present	
Sarwar Minar	University Graduate School	Present	
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant	
Jacqueline Canut	Upper Division BBC	Absent	
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	36
	Absent	8
	Vacant	3

- III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes
 - A. N/A
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
 - A. Agenda stands approved
- V. Invited Speakers
 - A. N/A
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Appropriations Committee
 - 1. Finished last meeting July 21
 - 2. Discussing when to meet next and will be discussing finance code
 - B. Committee on Rules and Administration
 - C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee
 - 1. Met Friday 21st, discussed budgeting, planning to meet on fridays, want to update online info
 - D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee
 - 1. Not able to meet, trying to start up again the following week
 - E. Health and Well-Being Committee
 - 1. Did not meet this summer, trying to find time to meet the next week
 - F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
 - 1. Met on July 18th
 - G. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee
 - 1. Last meeting in July, talked about ideas and projects, will start sessions next week
 - H. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Ad-Hoc Committee
 - 1. Want to meet biweekly
- VII. Executive Board Reports
 - A. Student Body President Alexander P. Sutton
 - B. Senate President Kaily Lachapelle
 - 1. Business senator has been appointed and conducting final interviews for CASE. Once committees meet, he will send the rules of procedure
 - C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Tiara Campbell

1. Stated that it is very important to attend meetings, and 3 office hours weekly (other than finals week).

D. Senate Floor Leader Karina Hernandez

1. Chairs/vice chairs need to get a move on, as in have set dates for meetings.

E. Student Body Vice President Santana Way

F. Comptroller Iara Raggio

G. Executive Administrator Mariana Machado

H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus Grace King

I. Chief of Staff Anna Meredith

1. Introduced herself, said she will have cabinet confirmations coming soon

J. Chief Justice Mia Rodriguez

VIII. Vetoed Legislation

A.

IX. Unfinished Business

A. Confirmation of Elections Commissioner (Melanie Montes)

1. Not present for appointment

B. Confirmation of Director of Local and State Government (Steven Ferreiro)

1. Not present for appointment

X. New Business

A. Confirmation of Business Senator (Nataly Dragoi)

1. Undergrad at FIU, main mission is to focus on recruitment and voting in public in hopes of sharing information to those who might not know a lot regarding voting. Stated she wants to do “lunch and learn”, this will consist of more informal one on one talk to answer questions and learn more information. Confirmed as business senator: votes 31,0,2

Vote on Confirmation of Business Senator (Nataly Dragoi)				
Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	Vacant	
Anastasia Legoute	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Chanita Jacques	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Daniel Del Riesgo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Abstention	
Gabriela Mendez-Ruiz	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	

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	Absent	Absent	
Olivia Gibson	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Anne Martinez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Brian Velez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
David Almansa	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Jose Mejia	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	Vacant	
Lindsey Burgos	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent	Absent	
Rafael Moya-Palacios	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Abstention	
Erika Noel	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	Absent	
Liana Adaza	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	Absent	
Samuel Vogel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Javier La Rosa	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	Yes	
Ciara Jenesse	College of Law	Present	Yes	
Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Present	Yes	
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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	Yes	
Ness Cruz	Housing- MMC	Present	Yes	
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Yamila Hernandez	Lower Division MMC	Present	Yes	
Dale Brochinsky	Lower Division BBC	Present	Yes	
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Haley Dawson	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Hossam Hussien	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
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Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant	Vacant	
Jacqueline Canut	Upper Division BBC	Absent	Absent	
Keren Keys	Upper Division MMC	Present		
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	Present	Yes
Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
31	0	2	3

	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
Motion Passed	Simple Majority	19.0	Passed
	Two-Thirds	24	Passed
	Three-Fifths	22	Passed

Confirmed as business senator: votes 31-0-2

B. Confirmation of Deputy Chief of Staff (Jonathan Smith)

1. Has personal affiliation with military, aim to be “binding clue”, wants to function cohesively. Committed to making sure the needs of students are met.
2. By Unanimous vote, Jonathan Smith was confirmed as Deputy Chief of Staff

XI. Public Forum

A.

XII. Senate Forum

- A. Next week there will be the state of student body address that will outline the goals of him, and the executive board
- B. Housing and residential life hosts events such as welcome splash, and silent disco.
Reminded everyone to do office hours. 2-4pm event on the 22nd of August.

XIII. Announcements

A. N/A

XIV. Advisor Reports

A. N/A

XV. Meeting Adjournment

A. Meeting adjourned at 4:38p.m.