

FIU**Student Government
Association**The 42nd Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2025

- I. Call to Order @4:13pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. FIU Alma Mater
- IV. Roll Call

Attendance

Senator Name	Senators Position	Attendance Status	Additional Note on Senator
Carisa Lynch	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Elizabeth Ekechi	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Ariana Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Jerilyn Davis	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Sean Remedios	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Janine Villalonga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Samantha Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Kleio "Kae" Jung	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Arianna Bencid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Ash Emmott St. Onge	College of Business	Present	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	
Connor Tafur	College of Business	Present	
Fernando Menendez	College of Business	Present	
Alejandro Madrigal	College of Business	Present	
Andrew Martinez	College of Business	Present	

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Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant	
Kirsten Maxwell	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
Bayan Abedulazis	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent	
Amelia Luque	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
Julio Bonjoch	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Jaedon Charles	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Ashley Prado	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Emilio Nieves Jr	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant	
Catherine Alison	College of Law	Absent	
Angel Guerrero	College of Medicine	Present	
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	
Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present	
Brianna Diaz	Honors College	Present	
Tanner Croddy	Housing- BBC	Present	
Trey Saunders	Housing-MMC	Present	
Isabella Sojo	Housing-MMC	Absent	
Isabella Romeo	Housing-MMC	Present	
Alison Stangl	Lower Division	Present	
Sofia Araoz	Lower Division	Present	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	
German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
AJ Seker	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	

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Selma Sena	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
David Riera	University Graduate School	Present	
Lina Peralta	University Graduate School	Present	
Julian Esquivel	University Graduate School	Present	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
Clover Cruz	Upper Division	Present	
Emma Selkowitz	Upper Division	Present	
Shameka Jean-Baptiste	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
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Marco Elizondo	Housing- MMC	Present	

Quorum is Established	Present	40
	Absent	6
	Vacant	10

V. Adoption of the Agenda

A. VP Wilkins moves to adopt the agenda, no objections, motion passes

VI. University-Wide Council Reports

A. Student Body President

i. Looking forward to hearing everything you all come up with!

B. Vice President

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- i. Happy first senate! I served in the senate last year so I'm excited to see what you all come up with this semester!

VII. New Business

A. Election of Senate Officers

i. Speaker of the Senate

1. Senator Saunders nominates German Mata, senator Rieros second.
2. Senator Brianna Romeo nominates Isabella Romeo for speaker.

Senator Elizondo seconds.

- a. Senator Mata moves to go into 5 minute q&a period, senator St. Rose seconds. Motion passes.
- b. Senator Seker moves to extend discussion by 5 minutes by unanimous consent, senator Lofton seconds. Motion passes.
- c. Senator St. Rose moves to go into 5 minute discussion period by unanimous consent, senator Gonzalez seconds. Motion fails.
- d. Senator st rose moves to go into 10 minute disucssion by placard vote, senator Cruz seconds. Motion passes.
- e. Senator Selkowitz moves to go into voting by unanimous consent, senator saunders seconds.

Vote on Speaker of the Senate

Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote
Carisa Lynch	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No
Elizabeth Ekechi	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No
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Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No
Ariana Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No
Jerilyn Davis	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No
Sean Remedios	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	

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Janine Villalonga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No
Samantha Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No
Kleio "Kae" Jung	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes
Arianna Bencid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes
Ash Emmott St. Onge	College of Business	Present	No
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	No
Connor Tafur	College of Business	Present	No
Fernando Menedez	College of Business	Present	No
Alejandro Madrigal	College of Business	Present	No
Amdrew Martinez	College of Business	Present	No
Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant	Vacant
Kirsten Maxwell	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	No
Bayan Abedulazis	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent	
Amelia Luque	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	No
Julio Bonjoch	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes
Jaedon Charles	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Ashely Prado	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes
Emilio Nieves Jr	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	No
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	Vacant
Vacant	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant	Vacant
Catherine Alison	College of Law	Present	No
Angel Guerrero	College of Medicine	Present	No
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	No
Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present	No
Brianna Diaz	Honors College	Present	No
Tanner Croddy	Housing- BBC	Present	Yes
Trey Saunders	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes
Isabella Sojo	Housing-MMC	Absent	
Isabella Romeo	Housing-MMC	Present	No

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Alison Stangl	Lower Division	Present	No
Sofia Araoz	Lower Division	Present	No
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German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes
AJ Seker	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes
Selma Sena	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	No
David Riera	University Graduate School	Present	Yes
Lina Peralta	University Graduate School	Present	Yes
Julian Equivel	University Graduate School	Present	No
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Clover Cruz	Upper Division	Present	Yes
Emma Selkowitz	Upper Division	Present	No
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Marco Elizondo	Housing- MMC	Present	No
Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant

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With a vote of 28-14, Isabella Romeo is voted as Speaker of the Senate.

ii. Speaker Pro Tempore

1. Brianna Romeo nominates Faith St. Rose for pro tempore, Senator St. Rose accepts. Senator Lofton seconds.
2. Clover Cruz nominates German Mata, Mata accepts, senator Bonjoch seconds.
3. Senator st rose moves to enter 10 minute discussion period, senator lofton seconds. Motion passes.
4. Senator St. Rose moves to go into voting by roll call. Senator Gonzalez seconds.

Vote on Senate Pro Tempore

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Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes
Ariana Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes
Jerilyn Davis	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No
Sean Remedios	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Janine Villalonga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes
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Arianna Bencid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	present	Yes
Ash Emmott St. Onge	College of Business	Present	Yes
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	Yes
Connor Tafur	College of Business	Present	Yes

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Alejandro Madrigal	College of Business	Present	Yes
Amdrew Martinez	College of Business	present	Yes
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Jaedon Charles	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Ashely Prado	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	No
Emilio Nieves Jr	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	No
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant	
Oliver Bernal	College of Law	Present	Yes
Angel Guerrero	College of Medicine	Present	Yes
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	Yes
Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present	Yes
Brianna Diaz	Honors College	Present	Yes
Tanner Croddy	Housing- BBC	Present	No
Trey Saunders	Housing-MMC	Present	No
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Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
Marco Elizondo	Housing- MMC		Yes
Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
31	10	0	1

With a vote of 31-10, Faith St. Rose is voted as Speaker Pro Tempore for the Senate.

VIII. Senator Forum

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- A. Pro Tempore: feel free to reach out if you want to work with any international students or organizations.
 - B. Senator Lofton: good afternoon to everyone! Im excited for the upcoming semester with all of you! If there are any legislations or events you would like to work on together feel free to reach out!
 - C. Senator Seker: regardless of how you voted today, it is nice to see that everyone is taking their responsibilities to their fellow students seriously. My door is always open if anyone needs help!
 - D. Senator Croddy: hello everyone! I spend most of my time at BBC so if there is anything you would like to work on at BBC i would love to collobarate with all of you!
 - E. Senator Riera: congratulations to all of you! Ive been here at FIU since 2012 and i have seen how the senate has done great work but i have also seen its flaws. It will be great to see what kind of work we can do together. Please feel free to come to me and other graduate students with any advice you have.
 - F. Senator Mata: i would like to work on legislation to help put international students at ease with all of the ICE procedures happening on campus recently. I would like to possibly hold a forum to help be of service to the these students.
 - G. Senator Saunders: congrats to senate leadership on their new roles! I look forward to working with all of you this semester!
- IX. Advisors Report
- A. Larissa James:
 - i. Please review all the documents necessary like the ROP and statutes.
 - ii. Make sure youre on the 2025-2026 senate teams
 - iii. Join SGA on pantherconnect as well as fill out the member info sheet so we can be better connected for events happening on campus
 - iv. Join the SGA whatsapp group because many events and other information will be posted there from myself and other senators to stay informed.
 - v. SGA will be tabling at all orientations this summer and I will be needing volunteers. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the new students
 - vi. SGA office is open 9-7 on Monday & 9-5 Tuesday-Friday
 - vii. Planning SGA retreat for the end of the summer
 - viii. If you have any questions or need anything please reach out.
 - B. Senator Gonzalez moves to add public forum to the agenda by unanimous consent.
Motion passes.
- X. Public Forum:

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- A. Kassandra Toussaint: congrats on everyone for being here. Id like to talk about united faculty of Florida forum on may 21st 6:30pm to address concerns international students may be having with their safety on campus.
 - B. Marc Gedeon: while i am no longer in SGA, please email me or text me and i would be happy to brainstorm with you about any kind of work you would like to do. The student body is watching you all and i would love to help you rise to the challenge.
- XI. Adjournment 5:57pm