



The 42nd Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 19th, 2025

- I. Call to Order @ 4:19pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance/FIU Alma Mater
- III. Roll Call

Attendance			
Senator Name	Senators Position	Attendance Status	Additional Note on Senator
Carisa Lynch	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
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	Absent	
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	Absent	
Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant	
Kirsten Maxwell	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	

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Bayan Abedulazis	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
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	Present	
Ashley Prado	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
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	Present	
Angel Herrero	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	Absent	
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	
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	Absent	
Emma Selkowitz	Upper Division	Present	
Shameka Jean-Baptiste	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Absent	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
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Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
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Marco Elizondo	Housing- MMC	Present	

Quorum is Established	Present	36
	Absent	10
	Vacant	10

- IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes A. May 12th, 2025
 - A. Speaker Romeo moves to adopt today's agenda. Pro temp St. Rose seconds. Motion passes.
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
 - A. Pro temp St Rose moves to move advisor reports before university wide council meetings by unanimous consent. Motion passes.
 - B. Senator Gonzalez moves to add public forum to the end of the agenda by unanimous consent. Motion passes.
- VI. Advisors Report
 - A. Larissa Adames:
 - i
- VII. University-Wide Council Reports
 - A. Student Body President
 - B. Vice President
 - C. Speaker of the Senate
 - D. Speaker Pro-Tempore



- i Lets keep the senate as positive and collaborative as we can, we all have so much to offer each other it will be exciting to see what we can accomplish together.

VIII. New Business

A. Elections of Finance Chair

- i Senator Croddy nominates senator Connor Tafur. Tafur accepts.
- ii Senator maxwell nominates senator Emma Selkowitz. Selkowitz accepts.
 - 1 Senator Lofton moves to enter 5 minute q&a. senator allen seconds. Motion passes.
 - 2 Senator Lofton moves to go into voting by placard, senator Menendez seconds. Motion passes.

Vote on Finance Chair				
Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention
Carisa Lynch	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Elizabeth Ekechi	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
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		
Janine Villalonga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Samantha Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Kleio "Kae" Jung	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Arianna Bencid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	0	Yes	
Ash Emmott St. Onge	College of Business	Present	No	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Connor Tafur	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Fernando Menedez	College of Business	Present	No	

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Alejandro Madrigal	College of Business	Absent	No	
Amdrew Martinez	College of Business	0		
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	Present	Yes	
Amelia Luque	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts		No	
Julio Bonjoch	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Jaedon Charles	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Ashely Prado	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
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	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant		
Catherine Alison	College of Law	Present		
Angel Herrera	College of Medicine	Present	Yes	
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	No	
Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present	Yes	
Brianna Diaz	Honors College	Absent		
Tanner Croddy	Housing- BBC	Present	Yes	
Trey Saunders	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	
Isabella Sojo	Housing-MMC	Absent		
Isabella Romeo	Housing-MMC	Present	No	
Alison Stangl	Lower Division	Present	No	
Sofia Araoz	Lower Division	Present	No	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant		

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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	Yes	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant		
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant		
Clover Cruz	Upper Division	Absent		
Emma Selkowitz	Upper Division	Present	No	
Shameka Jean-Baptiste	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Absent		
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant		
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Marco Elizondo	Housing- MMC		No	

Vote Count

Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
19	16	0	1



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

With a vote on 19-16, Connor Tafur is elected as Finance Chair.

B. Elections of Floor Leader

- i Senator Gonzalez moves to put all swearing in to the end of voting. Senator Allen seconds. Motion passes.
- ii Senator Allen nominated AJ seker, seker accepts. senator St onge seconds. Motion passes.
- iii Senator Romeo nominates Kirsten maxwell, maxwell accepts. senator Elizondo seconds. Motion passes.
 - 1 Senator Lofton moves to go into 5 minute q&a by placard. Pro temp st rose seconds. Motion passes.
 - 2 Senator Riera moves to extend q&a by 5 minutes, senator Lopez seconds. Motion passes.
 - 3 Senator Araoz moves to bypass discussion by placard. Senator Lofton seconds. Motion passes.
 - 4 Senator Lofton moves to go into voting by unanimous consent, pro temp St Rose seconds.

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Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No
Ariana Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No

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Jerilyn Davis	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes
Sean Remedios	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Janine Villalonga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Samantha Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes
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	Yes
Fernando Menedez	College of Business	Present	No
Alejandro Madrigal	College of Business	Absent	No
Andrew Martinez	College of Business	Absent	
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	Present	Yes
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	Present	Yes
Ashely Prado	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
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	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant	
Catherine Alison	College of Law	Present	
Angel Herrero	College of Medicine	Present	Yes
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	No
Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present	Yes
Brianna Diaz	Honors College	Absent	
Tanner Croddy	Housing- BBC	Present	Yes
Trey Saunders	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes
Isabella Sojo	Housing-MMC	Absent	
Isabella Romeo	Housing-MMC	Present	No
Alison Stangl	Lower Division	Present	No
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AJ Seker	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes
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Marco Elizondo	Housing- MMC	Present	No
Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
19	16	0	1

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	Simple Majority	19.0	Passed
	Two-Thirds	24	Failed
	Three-Fifths	22	Failed

With a vote of 19-16 AJ Seker is elected as Floor Leader.

C. Elections of Chair of Rules Committee



- i Pro temp st rose nominates kamila Gonzalez, Gonzalez accepts, senator riera seconds.
- ii Senator menendez nominates Alejandro madrigal, madrigal seconds.
- iii Senator Romeo moves to recount roll call to make sure quorum is established. Senator Menendez seconds. Motion passes. Quorum is maintained.
- iv Senator lofton moves to bypass q&a by unanimous consent, senator allen seconds. Motion fails.
- v Senator allen moves to bypass q&a by unanimous consent, pro temp st rose seconds. Motion fails.
- vi Senator lofton moves to bypass discussion period by unanimous consent, pro temp St rose seconds. Motion passes.
- vii Senator allen moves to go into roll call voting by placard, senator lopez seconds. Motion passes.

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Sean Remedios	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Janine Villalonga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		

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Samantha Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Kleio "Kae" Jung	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Arianna Bencid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
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Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	Yes	
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Fernando Menedez	College of Business	Present	No	
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Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant		
Marco Elizondo	Housing- MMC	Present		

Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
21	8	0	1

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

With a vote of 21-8, Kamila Gonzalez is voted as the chair of Rules Committee.

- viii Senator riera moves to table the rest of the agenda by unanimous consent.
 Senator Romeo seconds. Motion passes.

D. Elections of Chair of SLAC Committee

IX. Senator Forum

A. Pro temp st rose:

- i Just sent out when to meet link for international student committees
- ii For people on zoom, please turn on your cameras! It is important to get into the habit of being professional and accountable. If you wont be able to show your camera, please let senate leadership know in advance.

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- iii Feel free to reach out to us if any of you need help!
- B. Senator Lofton:
 - i Happy Monday everyone! Ill be planning a mental health event in the works, if anyone is interested in helping and being a part of it I would love to collaborate
- C. German Mata:
 - i Congrats on everyone who was appointed today!
- X. Public Forum
 - A. Kassandra Toussaint:
 - i Forum on Wednesday for students to talk to chief casasa about the agreement with ICE as far as safety and clarification are concerned.
- XI. Adjournment @ 6:03pm