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The 41st Session of the Student Body Senate
Meeting Agenda
October 14, 2024

- I. Call to Order 4:05 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. FIU Alma Mater
- IV. Roll Call
- V. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes
 - A. October 7, 2024

Sen. Brochinsky moves to approve the minutes by unanimous consent, with no objections motion passes.
- VI. Adoption of the Agenda

With no motions on the floor the agenda is approved.
- VII. Invited Speakers
 - A. Amanda Manuel
 1. Summarized the Stop Haitian Hate resolution, the Haitian Student Union believes the resolution is important and reflects diversity and being a scholar, scholars should pursue truth in all its forms, any questions or clarification requests can be raised
 2. 5 min Q&A: Sen. Marrerroo asks about scholar's support, A. Manuel: it is important to pursue the truth being a scholar, no matter for support for specific political figures

Sen. Fineberg: asks about any incidents of harassment or discrimination incidents against Haitians at FIU, A. Manuel: certain sentiments and behaviors on campus are a consequence of the political rhetoric

Sen. Jayo-Acuna: would like to know more about the Haitian Student Union goals and advocacy, A. Manuel: the goal is to encourage FIU support for students to be more open-minded, to ensure that what is being said is true and prevent escalation of the matter

Sen. Anish Sharma moves to extend the Q&A by 5 more min, motion passes.

Sen. Sharma: asks to further elaborate on Clause 3 and its potential exclusion, A. Manuel: the goal could be accomplished with Clause 3 exclusion, but the specific political announcement led to raise of stigma and rumors on campus

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Sen. Mata: asks whether the resolution will benefit the students without Clause 3, A. Manuel: yes, but the resolution benefits not only Haitian but all students, might be more difficult to appeal to students without Clause 3

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Finance Committee
Did not meet due to weather, meeting planned for this week
- B. Internal Affairs
Office hours cancelled last week due to weather, met last week, communicated with some Senators regarding presence; minutes for meetings to be uploaded to Teams
- C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee
Will meet tonight
- D. Rules Committee
Met last week, work is ongoing
- E. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
Did not meet last week due to weather
- F. Biscayne Bay Campus Legislative Council
Did not meet last week due to weather, I-75 tabling postponed, next meeting will address survey results
- G. Student Unity and Fellowship Ad-Hoc Committee
Did not meet last week, work ongoing on budget requests, Senate retreat is this weekend
- H. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee
Did not meet last week, will meet this week
- I. Student Health and Wellness Ad-Hoc Committee
Did not meet last week

IX. University-Wide Council Reports

- A. Student Body President: Franchesca Cassanova
- B. Speaker of the Senate: Alexander Stone
Glad to see the Senators at BBC and online
- C. Speaker Pro-Tempore: Alexandra Barriga
Meat Your Dean event is being planned
- D. Vice President: David Almanza
- E. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus: Jabari Baptiste
Work on MMC campus transportation solution is ongoing, announced an event at BBC


 The logo for the Florida International University Student Government Association. It features the letters "FIU" in a large, bold, yellow font with a blue outline, set against a dark blue background. Below "FIU" is a thin yellow horizontal line. Underneath the line, the words "Student Government Association" are written in a white, sans-serif font. The entire logo is contained within a dark blue banner that has a pointed bottom edge.
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- F. Lieutenant Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus: Amaya Harrison
- G. Comptroller: Anayre Martinez
- H. Floor Leader: Marc Gedeon
 - Made a comment on attendance
- X. Vetoed Legislation
 - A. N/A
- XI. Unfinished Business
 - A. N/A
- XII. New Business
 - A. Discharge of S.R. 5.004: Stop Haitian Hate
 1. Sen. Stone read the rules for discharge of legislation
 2. Roll call vote on the full reading of the bill: with simple majority the full reading passes
 3. Sen. Touissant read the bill
 4. Sen. Mata: stated the reason for the SLACK Committee rejection of the legislation due to the language in the legislation clause, no objection against the legislation itself
 5. Sen. Stone moves for a debate, motion passes
 6. Debate: Sen. Fineberg: considers standing up for marginalized students important, first got the information on the matter from the public speaker but not from the resolution, incidents of harassment need to be addressed in the resolution and the resolution needs to outline the response to rumors and harassment; however, will vote to discharge
 - Sen. Touissant: made a comment about the purpose of the resolution
 - Sen. Barriga: some aspects can be incorporated regarding FIU being anti-bully zone and supporting students
 - Sen. Lyons: makes a comment on the resolution and support for it, support for the Haitian community
 - Sen. Jayo-Acuna: politics must be set aside when it comes to harassment, it's the priority of SGA to ensure safety of students and politics is not a concern in the matter, will be voting in favor
 - Sen. Mata: the legislation can still be helpful without the Clause 3, SGA's duty is to ensure safety and stand against harassment, proposes an amendment regarding unacceptability of harassment and bullying and removal of Clause 3

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Sen. Brochinsky: did not know a lot about Haitian culture and community before coming to FIU, makes a comment of the purpose of the legislation and reasons for sponsoring, amendments can be proposed

Sen. Salup-Cid moves for a 5-min extension, motion passes.

Sen. Salup-Cid: makes a comment regarding Clause 3 and purpose of the legislation to support students

Sen. Caseres: is in favor of anti-bullying message, makes a comment about a general SGA position on the matter

Sen. Mata: expressed the opinion and concern about Clause 3 and proposed amendments, the matter is national-level; proposed amendments were rejected

Sen. St. Rose: considers that FIU as an international school has not made a statement yet being shameful

Sen. Brochinsky asks about amendment process, Sen. Stone: amendments can take place after the discharge

Motion to extend the debate by 5 min brought up, motion passes.

Sen. Salup-Cid: makes a point about the SLACK Committee meeting and disagreement with the approach

Sen. Boyo: makes a point about the resolution and Clause 3

Sen. Krause: clauses serve the purpose of providing a background for the matter, including Clause 3, Haitian students want SGA to support the legislation

Sen. Fineberg: agrees with the previous statement, legislation is not calling for a specific action but condemns discrimination, should not be obstructed by a clause

7. Sen. Brochinsky moves for a vote to discharge the legislation in a placard vote.
8. The motion to discharge passes in a placard vote
9. Sen. Brochinsky: moves to add the legislation to the agenda for a reading and amendments, motion passes.
10. Sen. Brochinsky read the title of the legislation
11. 5 min Q&A: motion to elapse the Q&A by unanimous consent passes with no objections
12. Sen. Stone read the proposed amendment to remove Clause 3 and add a statement against bullying and harassment

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13. Sen. Mata explained the proposed amendment to remove Clause 3, the goal is to strengthen the legislation for the purpose of helping students
14. Sen. Mata moves for a discussion on a proposed removal of the Clause 3, motion fails.
15. Roll call vote on the removal of Clause 3: the amendment fails
16. Sen. Stone introduced the amendment brought by Sen. Barriga against bullying
17. Amendments are added; Sen. Stone announces a 3-min recess at 5:40 pm
18. Meeting called to order at 5:44 pm
19. Roll call vote
20. Sen. Brochinsky moves for bypassing the second reading and going into a roll call vote on the legislation, motion passes
21. Roll call vote: the legislation passes with 32 yes and 3 no

XIII. Senator Forum

1. Sen. Brochinsky: makes a point about transportation that was provided to students at BBC
2. Sen. Gowie: requested to be added to the chat
3. Sen. Jayo-Acuna: thanks Senators for the work on legislation, encourages sponsorship on the resolution for BBC-MMC transportation
4. Sen. Mareroo: makes an announcement about an event
5. Sen. Gedeon: makes a point about office hours
6. Sen. Stone: appreciates students for coming, will propose a legislation on abstentions
7. Sen. Brochinsky moves to extend the Senate by 5 min, motion passes
8. Sen. Gedeon: thanks Senators joining at BBC
9. Sen. Gudipati: makes a point about adding a member to the Committee
10. Sen. Krause: announced an event on Friday

XIV. Public Forum

A. (List name & title)

XV. Advisors Report:

1. Larissa Adames: announced an event, tabling, volunteering is encouraged; those who have not completed HR paperwork should complete it

XVI. Adjournment at 6:07 pm