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The 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Student Body Senate  
Meeting Minutes  
October 21, 2024

- I. Call to Order 4:05 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance / FIU Alma Mater
- III. Roll Call

## Attendance

Senator Name	Senators Position	Attendance Status	Additional Note on Senator
Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Efrain Gonzalez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Shreeya Gudipati	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Nicholas Sutton	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
Alie Francois	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	
Callista Peterson	College of Business	Present	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	
Fernando Menendez	College of Business	Present	

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Sarahi Perez	College of Business	Present	
E.M. Krause	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
Rashard Gowie	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
Olivia Derechin	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent	
Rayhan Marreroo	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Chloe McGuire	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Lucas Menendez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Angela Banov	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	
Hailey Menendez	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	
Noah Fineberg	College of Law	Present	
Daniel Cambron	College of Medicine	Present	
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Absent	
Vacant	College of Public Health and Social Work	Vacant	
Anish Sharma	Honors College	Present	
Vacant	Housing- BBC	Vacant	
Alex Wagenman	Housing- MMC	Present	
Martavius Lyons	Housing- MMC	Present	
Davari Demps	Lower Division	Present	
Vacant	Lower Division	Vacant	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	
James Hernandez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	

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German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Liz_angela Tillias	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Mahmoud Abdelrahman	University Graduate School	Absent	
Oghoritsewarami Boyo	University Graduate School	Present	
Patraillia Davis Bryant	University Graduate School	Present	
Hossam Hussein	University Graduate School	Absent	
Anurag Sharma	University Graduate School	Present	Joined after the start of the meeting
Gabriel Diaz- Gonzalez	Upper Division	Present	
Kassandra Toussaint	Upper Division	Absent	
Dale Brochinsky	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	
Shilat Jayo-Acuna	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	
Aidana Kubatbekova	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
Gianlucas Lemoine	FIU at I-75 Senator	Absent	
Marc Gedeon	Housing- MMC	Present	
Wilkin Caseres	College of Business	Present	
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Alexander Stone	Housing-MMC	Present	

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<b>Quorum is Established</b>	Present	38
	Absent	9
	Vacant	9

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

A. October 14, 2024

Sen. Fineberg moves to approve the minutes by unanimous consent, with no objections motion passes

V. Adoption of the Agenda

Sen. Sharma moves for a 5-min recess in the middle of the meeting, no second.

Sen. Fineberg moves to adopt the agenda by unanimous consent, motion passes.

VI. Invited Speakers

VII. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

Thanks Senators who joined the retreat, any questions or requests can be received

B. Internal Affairs

Met last week, voted on Senators not in attendance, were removed. Senators should do office hours and clock in and out properly, Chairs to upload forms to Teams folders

C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee

Will meet tonight, work on appeals and funding ongoing, emergency meeting held to resolve an appeal

D. Rules

Met last week, voted on legislation

E. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee

Met last week to vote on and approve a legislative proposal

F. Biscayne Bay Campus Legislative Council

Survey results for BBC were reviewed, meeting with Parking department planned, work continues on transportation, several events are planned

G. Student Unity and Fellowship Ad-Hoc Committee

Senate retreat took place at BBC, more events are planned for Spring

H. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee

Met last week to discuss resolutions, request for a giveaway is approved

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- I. Student Health and Wellness Ad-Hoc Committee
  - Meeting is planned for today
- VIII. University-Wide Council Reports
  - A. Student Body President: Franchesca Cassanova
  - B. Speaker of the Senate: Alexander Stone
    - Thanks those who joined the retreat
  - C. Speaker Pro-Tempore: Alexandra Barriga
    - The retreat took place, more events are planned
  - D. Vice President: David Almanza
  - E. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus: Jabari Baptiste
  - F. Lieutenant Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus: Amaya Harrison
  - G. Comptroller: Anayre Martinez
  - H. Floor Leader: Marc Gedeon
    - Almost all Senators are doing office hours, those who have not should do office hours;
    - Senators not in attendance were removed from office, committee meetings should be attended and minutes uploaded
- IX. Vetoed Legislation
  - A. None
- X. Unfinished Business
- XI. New Business
  - A. Election of Finance Committee member
    - 1. Sen. Stone read the rules and the procedure for the election
    - 2. Sen. Mata nominates Sen. Fernando Menendez, accepted. Sen. Gedeon nominates Sen. Perez, accepted. Sen. Gudipati nominates Sen. Lyons, not accepted. Sen. Tillias nominates Sen. Jayo-Acuna, accepted. Sen. Sutton nominates Sen. Francois, accepted.
    - 3. Sen. Fernando Menendez gave a speech, presented his background and experience for the position, has had a working relationship with Sen. Caseres; involved in organizations in the College of Business
      - Sen. Perez gave a speech, presented her background, experiences, and qualifications for the position
      - Sen. Jayo-Acuna gave a speech, presented an outline of her experiences and qualifications for the positions, budget management experiences; would like to ensure SGA works to the best of its capacity


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Sen. Francois gave a speech, presented her relevant experiences and motivation to get the position

4. 5 min Q&A: Sen. Brochinsky asks what Committees the candidates are on, candidates stated the Committees served

Sen. Lyons asks about the duration of the of financial responsibilities and budget management for the candidates to date, the candidates presented their relevant experiences

Sen. Wagenman moves to extend the Q&A by 2 min, motion passes.

Sen. Wagenman asks about priorities for distribution of funds, Sen. Stone makes a point information to clarify the matter, suggests changing the question to priorities for the candidates in office; candidates presented their priorities for serving the Student Body in the office

5. Sen. Brochinsky moves to go into a placard vote, motion passes

Sen. Fernando Menendez: 20 votes

Sen. Perez: 3 votes

Sen. Jayo-Acuna: 2 votes

Sen. Francois: 9 votes

With 20 votes, Sen. Fernando Menendez is elected to the Finance Committee.

B. S.R. 5.005 The Sunshine Plan Act: Senator M. Lyons

1. Sen. Lyons read the bill
2. Sen. Lyons made a statement on the purpose of the bill to showcase the work of SGA through social media
3. 5 min Q&A: Sen. Francois asks about video creation individually or as a group, Sen. Lyons: Senators can record in a group, such as CASE/CARTA  
Sen. Stone clarifies the process of making content for social media  
Sen. Gudipati: asks whether social media is Instagram, will propose an amendment  
Sen. Gowie: asks how the SGA member of the week will be chosen, Sen. Lyons explains the process  
Sen. Perez: asks whether it would be beneficial to provide information on Committees, Sen. Stone: clarifies the matter  
Sen. Tillias: asks about the process to select SGA members for social media presentation, Sen. Lyons: has been with SGA social media staff, Senators can be contacted when legislation is passed


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Sen. Tillias moves to extend the Q&A by 2 min 30 sec, motion passes.

Sen. Tillias: asks about the process to work with SGA social media staff, Sen. Lyons clarifies

Sen. Anish Sharma: moves to elapse Q&A and move to voting, Sen. Stone: clarifies the process for voting

4. Sen. St. Rose moves for a 5 min discussion, motion passes

Sen. St. Rose: agrees with the purpose of the resolution, asks for more details on the process

Sen. Jayo-Acuna: appreciates the bill, would like more clarity as well, would be happy to support the resolution after clarification

Sen. Perez: considers the bill important, agrees with the need for more information on the process, events for different branches of SGA to get together could be helpful, Sen. Lyons: would not like the bill to be too strict

Sen. Brochinsky: submitted some amendments with Sen. Gudipati, second reading has not taken place and the bill can be discussed further

Sen. Krause: agrees with the resolution but makes a point about broad statements included in the bill, the text could be more particular, procedures should be clarified

5. Sen. Stone: outlines the options for proceeding, including bypassing the second reading; considers it not being appropriate at this time. Suggests further clarification before passing the bill

6. Sen. Fineberg asks for clarification on the process, Sen. Stone clarifies

7. Sen. Brochinsky clarifies the process to work on amendments

8. Sen. Brochinsky moves to continue with the agenda, motion passes.

9. Sen. Lyons thanks the Senators, is open to more discussion and revision of the bill

## XII. Senator Forum

1. Sen. Brochinsky: announces events for the Wine Harvest Week, food donation event ongoing; applications to work in the Wine and Food festival are being accepted, BBC Basketball event is on Friday. Day on the Bay is on Saturday

2. Sen. Fineberg: makes a point about early voting and announces an election-related event

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3. Sen. Jayo-Acuna thanks the organizers of the Senate retreat, makes a point about MMC-BBC transportation; work on the resolution on transportation is ongoing, those interested in collaboration are welcome to join
4. Sen. Stone makes a point of information on the transportation resolution; Sen. Brochinsky: meeting with Parking and Transportation is pending
5. Sen. St. Rose: FIU Business student survey is ongoing
6. Sen. Gudipati: asks to send the survey to the chat
7. Sen. Perez: makes a point about early voting event, suggests an SGA newsletter
8. Sen. Marrero: asks about an event and voting on campus being from a different county, makes a point about an EC event
9. Sen. Boyo: makes a point about SGA retreat
10. Sen. Wagenman: announces an event
11. Sen. Lyons: thanks Senators who attended the retreat, open to collaboration on the bill
12. Sen. Brochinsky: answers the question from Sen. Marrero on an event; thanks those who joined the retreat
13. Sen. Gedeon: absences from the meeting should be communicated in advance
14. Sen. Sutton: thanks for the attendance of the retreat, those who do not attend should give a notice in advance in the future
15. Sen. Brochinsky: Chairs of the committees should send a report to the Senate leadership
16. Sen. Gedeon: makes a point about committee meeting minutes
17. Sen. Stone announces a poll for the SGA members

XIII. Public Forum

A. None

XIV. Advisors Report:

1. Larissa Adames: announces upcoming events, assistance is appreciated; Day on the Bay event is on Saturday, those who are missing the HR paperwork should complete it

XV. Adjournment at 5:38 pm