

**FIU****Student Government  
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The 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Student Body Senate  
Meeting Minutes  
October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- I. Call to Order 4:04 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	Present	
Efrain Gonzalez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
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	Present	
Nicholas Sutton	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Emma Wolff	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Alie Francois	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Kai Palomino	College of Business	Absent	
Callista Peterson	College of Business	Absent	
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	Present	
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	Present	
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	Present	
Vacant	College of Public Health and Social Work	Vacant	
Anish Sharma	Honors College	Absent	
Vacant	Housing- BBC	Vacant	
Alex Wagenman	Housing-MMC	Present	
Martavius Lyons	Housing-MMC	Present	
Davari Demps	Lower Division	Present	
Vacant	Lower Division	Vacant	

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Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	
James Hernandez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Liz_angela Tillias	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Mahmoud Abdelrahman	University Graduate School	Present	
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	
Gabriel Diaz- Gonzalez	Upper Division	Present	
Kassandra Toussaint	Upper Division	Present	
Dale Brochinsky	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	
Shilat Jayo-Acuna	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
Gianlucas Lemoine	FIU at I-75 Senator	Present	
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	42
	Absent	6
	Vacant	8

- IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes
- A. September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- With no objections the minutes are approved by unanimous consent.
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
- Sen. Caseres moves to have the reports after adoption of the agenda, motion passes.
- VI. Invited Speakers
- A. N/A
- VII. Vetoed Legislation
- A. N/A
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- A. N/A
- IX. New Business
- A. Appointment of Secretary of Governmental Relations: Alyssa Mederos
1. Sen. Stone read the role description
  2. Candidate gave a speech, presented her background and goals for serving in the position
  3. 5 min Q&A: Sen. Jayo-Acuna asks about plans for time management, Candidate: outlined her plans to manage the time and activities  
Sen. Lyons: asks about plans for serving in the position, Candidate: plans to learn and have an open mind  
Sen. Touissant: asks about lobbying and advocacy experience, Candidate: not yet, plans to gain experience, including from being Pre-Law student  
Sen. Fineberg: asks about plans to ensure SGA priorities are addressed through the end of session, Candidate: plans to ensure advocacy  
Sen. Brochinsky: asks about plans to work with the government to ensure communication, Candidate: gave an outline, plans to prioritize Student Body
  4. Sen. Lyons moves for a roll call vote, motion passes

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5. With 36 yes, 4 no, 1 abstention the Candidate is confirmed

**Vote on: Appointment of Secretary of Governmental Relations: Alyssa Mederos**

<b>Senator Name</b>	<b>Senator Position</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>Reason for Abstention</b>
Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Efrain Gonzalez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Shreeya Gudipati	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Nicholas Sutton	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Emma Wolff	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Alie Francois	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Kai Palomino	College of Business	Absent	Absent	
Callista Peterson	College of Business	Absent	Absent	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Fernando Menedez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Sarahi Perez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
E.M. Krause	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	No	
Rashard Gowie	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	

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Olivia Derechin	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	
Rayhan Marreroo	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Chloe McGuire	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Lucas Menendez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Angela Banov	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Absent	
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	Vacant	
Hailey Menendez	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	Yes	
Noah Fineberg	College of Law	Present	Yes	
Daniel Cambron	College of Medicine	Present	Yes	
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Public Health and Social Work	Vacant	Vacant	
Anish Sharma	Honors College	Absent	Absent	
Vacant	Housing- BBC	Vacant	Vacant	
Alex Wagenman	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	
Martavius Lyons	Housing-MMC	Present	No	
Davari Demps	Lower Division	Present	Yes	
Vacant	Lower Division	Vacant	Vacant	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
James Hernandez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	No	
Liz_angela Tillias	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	No	



Mahmoud Abdelrahman	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Oghoritsewarami Boyo	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Patraillia Davis Bryant	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Hossam Hussein	University Graduate School	Absent	Absent	
Anurag Sharma	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Gabriel Diaz-Gonzalez	Upper Division	Present	Yes	
Kassandra Toussaint	Upper Division	Present	Yes	
Dale Brochinsky	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	Yes	
Shilat Jayo-Acuna	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	Yes	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
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Gianlucas Lemoine	FIU at I-75 Senator	Present	Abstention	
Marc Gedeon	Housing- MMC	Present	Yes	
Wilkin Caseres	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Alexander Stone	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	

**Vote Count**

Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
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36	4	1	8

B. Appointment of Deputy Elections Commissioner: Sofia Gonzalez-Orbegoso

1. Sen. Stone read the role description
2. Candidate gave a speech, gave her background and experience at FIU, would like to help students get involved, work with the Student Body
3. 5 min Q&A: Sen. Brochinsky: asks about BBC election qualification and plans to work on it, Candidate: will look more into it  
 Sen. Fineberg: asks about affiliation with FIU political parties, Candidate: no  
 Sen. Touissant: asks about plans to ensure full explanations for issues, Candidate: will look into it in more detail  
 Sen. Boyo: asks about plans to approach current election rules, Candidate: wants to ensure student engagement, will look into the matter  
 Sen. Mata: asks about plans to work with candidates, Candidate: plans to ensure unbiased process  
 Sen. Jayo-Acuna: asks about the Candidate’s motivation to join, Candidate: would like to be involved, ensure students; voices are heard  
 Sen. Brochinsky: asks about the Election Code, Candidate: will get familiar with it  
 Sen. Lyons: asks about relationships with the Elections officials, Candidate: gave an answer
4. Sen. Fineberg moves to approve the Candidate by unanimous consent, motion objected.
5. Sen. Fineberg moves for a roll call vote, motion passes.
6. With 40 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions the Candidate is confirmed.

<b>Vote on: Appointment of Deputy Elections Commissioner: Sofia Gonzalez-Orbegoso</b>				
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Efrain Gonzalez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Shreeya Gudipati	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Absent	
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Nicholas Sutton	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Emma Wolff	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Alie Francois	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Kai Palomino	College of Business	Absent	Absent	
Callista Peterson	College of Business	Absent	Absent	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Fernando Menedez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Sarahi Perez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
E.M. Krause	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	
Rashard Gowie	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	
Olivia Derechin	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	

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Rayhan Marrero	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Chloe McGuire	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Lucas Menendez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Angela Banov	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	Vacant	
Hailey Menendez	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	Yes	
Noah Fineberg	College of Law	Present	Yes	
Daniel Cambron	College of Medicine	Present	Yes	
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Public Health and Social Work	Vacant	Vacant	
Anish Sharma	Honors College	Absent	Absent	
Vacant	Housing- BBC	Vacant	Vacant	
Alex Wagenman	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	
Martavius Lyons	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	
Davari Demps	Lower Division	Present	Yes	
Vacant	Lower Division	Vacant	Vacant	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
James Hernandez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	No	

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

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Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
40	1	0	8

C. Appointment of BBC at Large Senator: Aidana Kubatbekova.

1. Sen. Stone read the role description
2. Candidate gave a speech, presented her background and experiences, including leadership experiences, would like to advocate for BBC students, enhance resources and engagement
3. 5 min Q&A: Sen. Brochinsky asks how often the candidate is at BBC and engagement at BBC, Candidate: gave an outline of engagement, knows students at BBC and would like to get engaged more  
Sen. St. Rose: asks about times for plans for time management, Candidate: presented her plans to manage the time and schedule  
Sen. Jayo-Acuna: asks about experiences best aligned with the role, Candidate: gave an outline of previous leadership experiences related to the role, would like to make contributions seeing the impact of previous activities  
Sen. Lyons: asks about specific initiatives to enact, Candidate: would like to learn more about issues, address the disconnect between BBC and MMC
4. Sen. Fineberg moves to approve the Candidate by unanimous consent, with no objections the Candidate is confirmed.
5. The Candidate is sworn in.

D. S.B. 5002: Streamlined Agenda Act

1. Sen. Fineberg read the bill
2. 5 min Q&A: Sen. Cambron: makes a point on the purpose of the bill  
Sen. Tillias: asks about the particular purpose: Sen. Stone: explained the purpose to streamline the meeting order

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3. Sen. Lyons moves to bypass the second reading and adopt the bill by unanimous consent. Sen. Brochinsky: legislation requires roll call vote. Motion to bypass the second reading by unanimous consent objected. Placard vote: motion to bypass the second reading passes.
4. Sen. Fineberg moves to suspend the rules and approve the legislation by unanimous consent; rescinded.
5. Sen. Jayo-Acuna: moves to suspend the rules and approve the bill by placard vote.
6. Sen. Fineberg: moves to go into roll call vote.
7. Sen. Boyo: moves for a discussion, motion fails.
8. Previous motions rescinded. Sen. Fineberg moves for unanimous consent for a roll call vote, motion passes. With 39 yes, 3 no, 0 abstentions the bill passes.

**Vote on: S.B. 5002: Streamlined Agenda Act**

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Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Efrain Gonzalez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Shreeya Gudipati	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No	
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Nicholas Sutton	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	

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Emma Wolff	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Alie Francois	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Kai Palomino	College of Business	Absent	Absent	
Callista Peterson	College of Business	Absent	Absent	
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Chloe McGuire	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Lucas Menendez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Angela Banov	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	Vacant	
Hailey Menendez	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	Yes	

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Marc Gedeon	Housing- MMC	Present	Yes	
Wilkin Caseres	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Alexander Stone	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	

**Vote Count**

Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
38	3	0	8

Sen. Kubatbekova: yes

X. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

Met last week, meeting this week will be rescheduled due to an event

B. Internal Affairs



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Some Senators did not complete office hours last week, need to clock in and out when in the office.

- C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee  
Will meet tonight, funding is available
  - D. Rules  
Work on the legislation ongoing, meeting planned for tonight
  - E. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee  
Work on a bill ongoing, meeting will be rescheduled
  - F. Biscayne Bay Campus Legislative Council  
Met last week, tabling at I-75 postponed due to weather, survey is available for BBC
  - G. Student Unity and Fellowship Ad-Hoc Committee  
Retreat moved to Oct 19, poll is in the chat, those who have not filled it out should complete it
  - H. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee  
Did not meet last week, work on legislation ongoing, will be brought to the floor
  - I. Student Health and Wellness Ad-Hoc Committee  
No report this week
- XI. University-Wide Council Reports
- A. Student Body President: Franchesca Cassanova  
Panthers Night Out event has been postponed due to weather
  - B. Speaker of the Senate: Alexander Stone  
Those attending on Zoom should inform the leadership
  - C. Speaker Pro-Tempore: Alexandra Barriga  
Event planning is ongoing, those who would like to provide input can reach out
  - D. Vice President: David Almanza
  - E. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus: Jabari Baptiste
  - F. Lieutenant Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus: N/A
  - G. Comptroller: Anayre Martinez
  - H. Floor Leader: Marc Gedeon  
No report
- XII. Senator Forum
1. Sen. Brochinsky: makes a point about safety due to weather, Senators who take classes at BBC should take the survey, congratulated the newly appointed BBC Senator
  2. Sen. Stone: next meeting is at BBC

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3. Sen. Sutton: Senators to respond to the poll on the Senate retreat
4. Sen. Caseres: thanks those who attended an event, encourages future attendance
5. Sen. Gowie: asks about committee appointments for newly appointed Senators, Sen. Stone: yes, will be addressed
6. Sen. Lyons: work ongoing on the social media day, Housing Senators to attend a meeting
7. Sen. Fineberg: makes a point about a Jewish festival
8. Sen. Touissant: suggests a fundraising initiative for hurricane recovery, to reach out to organizations, those who would like to collaborate can reach out
9. Sen. Fernando Menendez: career information session next week, those interested can reach out
10. Sen. Jayo-Acuna: the Resolution on BBC transportation is prepared in the first draft, those who would like to sponsor can reach out
11. Sen. Marrero: visited UCF, some initiatives will be proposed for the EC
12. Marc Gedeon: Tue afternoon, Wednesday the office will be closed due to weather.

### XIII. Public Forum

#### A. (List name & title)

Brian Levine: today is the voter registration deadline, encourages Senators to register online or through a post office. The new Constitution allows first semester students to join SGA, some first semester students were appointed. Encourages public forum before legislation vote

### XIV. Advisors Report:

1. Larissa Adames: the office will close tomorrow at 5, a number of events are planned, assistance is encouraged. Day on the Bay registration is at capacity, could potentially be expanded. HR paperwork should be submitted by those who have not completed it. Those who can do office hours at BBC can have office hours at BBC location

### XV. Adjournment at 5:28 pm.