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The 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Student Body Senate  
Meeting Minutes  
September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.

- I. Call to Order 4:03 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	Absent	
Nicholas Sutton	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
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 Menedez	College of Business	Present	
Sarahi Perez	College of Business	Present	

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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	Absent	
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	
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	Present	
Anurag Sharma	University Graduate School	Present	
Gabriel Diaz-Gonzalez	Upper Division	Absent	
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	
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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	

<b>Quorum is Established</b>	Present	38
	Absent	10

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- IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes
- A. September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Sen. Brochinsky asks to approve by unanimous consent, motion passes with no objections.
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
1. Sen. Brochinsky moves to have the reports after invited speakers, motion objected.
- VI. Invited Speakers
- A. Michelle Castro
- Presented the outline of the programs at FIU in DC and student opportunities, DC internships
  - 5 min Q&A: Sen. Lyons asks about Hamilton Scholars, Michelle Castro: anyone can apply; asks about the congressional internships, Michelle Castro: explained the opportunity  
Sen. Jayo-Acuna: thanks for the information, asks about climate technology seminar experience; Michelle Castro: explained the details of the activity, the schedule and the structure
- VII. Vetoed Legislation
- A. N/A
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- A. N/A
- IX. New Business
- A. Appointment of Secretary of Student Affairs: John Casso
- Sen. Stone read the role description
  - Candidate gave a speech, gave an outline of his goals in the position, would like to focus on mental health, wellness, housing, dining, commuter student experiences
  - 5 min Q&A: Sen. Tillias asks about improvement of the current housing and advocating for students living on campus, candidate: understands the issue, plans to work with administration  
Sen. Gudipati: asks about the plans for commuter students, candidate: plans to do a poll to collect opinions, help students express their needs

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Sen. Francois: asks about cooperation with other senators, candidate: considers collaboration to be the most important, open to collaborate

Sen. Mata: asks about events the candidate plans to have, candidate: will look into that, main focus for the moment is transparency

Sen. Jayo-Acuna moves to extend Q&A by 2 min 30 sec, Sen. Fineberg: according to Rules, extension is only possible through suspension of the Rules. Sen. Stone: point is valid, motion will not be recognized.

Sen. Brochinsky: moves to enter a 10-min discussion, motion fails.

4. Sen. Fineberg moves to approve the Candidate by unanimous consent. With no objections, the Candidate is confirmed.

#### B. Appointment of Attorney General: Nina Tejera

1. Sen. Stone read the role description
2. Candidate gave a speech, presented her background and experience, prepared to protect the rights of the Student Body, ensure that the actions are in accordance with the law and uphold transparency
3. 5 min Q&A: Sen. Brochinsky asks about a time in the past when the candidate put aside personal matters to ensure justice, the candidate gave an example

Sen. Jayo-Acuna: asks about the specific plans in the position, the candidate plans to maintain order and ensure office hours are held, responsibilities according to the Statutes

Sen. Gedeon: asks about the responsibilities according to the Statutes, candidate: plans to represent the student voices, provide justice

Sen. Touissant: asks about conflict resolution within SGA, candidate: goal to find a resolution, considers it her job to hold officials accountable

Sen. Anish Sharma moves to approve the Candidate with unanimous consent, with no objections the Candidate is confirmed.

#### X. Committee Reports

##### A. Finance Committee

Plans to meet this week, any questions can be received beforehand

##### B. Internal Affairs

Met last week, some SGA members have not met the performance expectations, excused absences to be communicated, sanctions may be applied to those not meeting the requirements

##### C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee

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Meeting planned for today, one piece of legislation to be discussed, FIU has achieved a high Bar passage rate

- D. Rules
  - Met last week, will meet today after the Senate meeting
- E. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
  - Met last week, worked on legislation draft for supplies
- F. Biscayne Bay Campus Legislative Council
  - Announced a BBC event, those who can assist can reach out, tabling at I-75 on Oct 8
- G. Student Unity and Fellowship Ad-Hoc Committee
  - Met last week, planning for the retreat is ongoing, form has been created for the Senators to fill out
- H. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee
  - Had a joint meeting with SLACK and SHW Committees, will send the request to the Finance Committee
- I. Student Health and Wellness Ad-Hoc Committee
  - Pointed out the absence policy, meeting attendance is required
- XI. University-Wide Council Reports
  - A. Student Body President: Franchesca Cassanova
    - Announced upcoming events, attendance is encouraged
  - B. Speaker of the Senate: Alexander Stone
    - Sent a link for Committee assignments for new Senators, all Senators should gather by 4 pm, encourages the Senators to work on legislation
  - C. Speaker Pro-Tempore: Alexandra Barriga
    - Legislative ideas or requests for assistance are encouraged
  - 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
    - Announced an event, attendance is encouraged; some SGA members have not maintained attendance, Senators on Zoom should have cameras on, absences should be communicated in advance. Attendance is required for Committee meetings; Senators should be on site for the meeting at 4 pm.
- XII. Senator Forum

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1. Sen. Lyons: congratulated the confirmed candidates, SGA members should be in the community
2. Sen. Touissant: asks about the agenda order and public forum being at the end of the agenda, Sen. Stone: will look into it
3. Sen. Brochinsky: survey of BBC will be launched at the time of the event tomorrow. RSO and SGA have disagreements on the policy regarding student clubs, SGA should work together with RSO to ensure clarity
4. Sen. St. Rose: work on a resolution regarding tutoring is ongoing, those who want to participate can reach out
5. Sen. Caseres: Honors Club Fair is this week, SGA can collaborate
6. Sen. Jayo-Acuna: working on the resolution on BBC transportation, SGA members are encouraged to collaborate, Hispanic Heritage Month upcoming, more events are necessary, will start work on the resolution
7. Sen. Sutton: shared a form in the chat for the Senators to fill out
8. Sen. Touissant: asks about promotion of the initiatives and tabling, Sen. Stone: yes, tabling is possible
9. Sen. Tillias: anti-immigrant sentiment should be addressed, resources should be provided, started working with Sen. Touissant on the matter
10. Sen. Anish Sharma: can provide copies of previously shared materials
11. Sen. Marrero: announced an event for CS and Engineering students the upcoming weekend
12. Sen. Gedeon: announces an event for tomorrow
13. Sen. Gudipati: asks about Honors College Club Fair timing, Sen. Caseres clarified

XIII. Public Forum

A. (List name & title)

XIV. Advisors Report:

1. Larissa Adames: thanks Senators for assistance with hat delivery, BBC cleanup event registration has opened. Senate application closes at 7 pm

XV. Adjournment 5:22 pm