

The 42nd Session of the Student Body Senate
Meeting Agenda
Date: January 26th, 2026

- 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
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
Elizabeth Ekechi	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
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Ariana Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
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	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
Arianna Bencid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	
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Alejandro Madrigal	College of Business	Absent	
Andrew Martinez	College of Business	Absent	
Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant	
Kirsten Maxwell	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent	

Bayan Abedulazis	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
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Julio Bonjoch	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Jaedon Charles	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Ashley Prado	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Alonso Ochoa	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Trevor See	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Niska Lavaud	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	
Natalie Jusino	College of Law	Present	
Angel Herrero	College of Medicine	Present	
Vacant	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Vacant	
Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Absent	
Vacant	Honors College	Vacant	
Tanner Croddy	Housing- BBC	Present	
Vacant	Housing-MMC	Vacant	
Zayi Brown	Housing-MMC	Present	
Daijah O'neal	Housing- MMC	Present	
Alison Stangl	Lower Division	Absent	
Sofia Araoz	Lower Division	Absent	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	
German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Selma Sena	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent	
Manuel E. Fernandez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
David Riera	University Graduate School	Present	

Mateo Suarez	University Graduate School	Present	
Julian Esquivel	University Graduate School	Absent	
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Ronyde Pontheiux	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	
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Connor Tafur	College of Business	Absent	
Isabella Romeo	Housing-MMC	Present	

Quorum is Established	Present	24
	Absent	18
	Vacant	13

- IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – January 12th, 2026
 - A. With no objections, last meetings minutes are approved.
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
 - A. Senator Riera moves to add secretary for African graduate studies to make a quick presentation before committee reports by unanimous consent. Motion passes.
- VI. Guest Speaker
 - A. General Secretary for African Graduate Studies: Kybiri Awale speaking on presentation conference seeking support from student government.

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- VII. Committee Reports
- A. Finance Chair – Connor Tafur
 - 1 No report
 - B. Floor Leader – Internal Affairs Committee – Emma Zelkowitz
 - 1 Meeting this week and electing new vice chair. We will also be doing vote offs of people who have not been active in senate.
 - C. Rules Committee – Kamila Gonzalez
 - 1 Meeting times on Friday at 4pm.
 - 2 New legislation will be on the senate floor soon.
 - 3 Finalized ROP
 - D. SLAC Committee – [Vacant]
 - E. BBC LC Committee – Tanner Croddy
 - 1 We’ll be meeting soon. Hopefully every Friday.
 - F. GPSC Committee – David Riera
 - 1 We’ll be meeting at 6pm after we finish senate in preparation for GSAW.
 - G. International Student Ad Hoc – [Vacant]
 - H. Pre-Professional Ad Hoc – German Mata
 - 1 Finalized legislation, we’ll be taking a vote as a committee soon to send it to senate leadership.
 - I. Meet Your Dean Ad-Hoc – Jerilyn Davis
 - 1 We’ll be meeting tomorrow.
 - 2 Feb 5th in GC 243.
- VIII. University-Wide Council Reports
- A. Student Body President – Francesca Casanova
 - B. Vice President – Wilkin Caseres
 - C. Speaker of the Senate – Izzy Romeo
 - i No report, will have more to share from Tallahassee on next week.
 - D. Speaker Pro-Tempore – [Vacant]
 - E. BBC Governor – Hailey Menendez
- IX. Advisor’s Report – Larissa, Patty & Blanca
- A. Larissa: Budget hearings were last week. Everyone will have an opportunity to review the hearings on the teams folder titled “Budget”
 - B. Applications are due on Thursday, so if you know anyone who wants to join let them know before Thursday!
- X. New Business

A. Appointment of the Senate Pro Tempore

1 Senator Croddy nominates German Mata, senator riera seconds. Mata accepts.

2 Senator Zelkowitz nominates Ronyde Ponthieux, Senator Croddy seconds. Ponthieux accepts.

3 Senator Croddy moves to elapse Q&A period by unanimous consent, motion passes.

Vote on Speaker Pro Tempore				
Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention
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Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
22	1	0	14

Motion Passed	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
	Simple Majority	13.0	Passed
	Two-Thirds	16	Passed
	Three-Fifths	14	Passed

B. Appointment of the SLAC Committee Chair

- 1 Senator Croddy nominates Manuel Fernandez, senator mata seconds. Fernandez accepts.
- 2 Senator Gonzalez moves to elapse q&a by unanimous consent. Motion passes.
- 3 Senator Gonzalez moves to elapse remainder of discussion by unanimous consent, motion passes.

C. Appointment of the International Ad Hoc Committee Chair

- 1 Senator Gonzalez nominates Ashley Prado, Senator Cruz seconds. Prado accepts.
- 2 Pro Temp Ponthieux moves to elapse q&a period by unanimous consent. Motion passes.
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XI. Senate Forum

- A. David Riera:
 - i We're facing a lot of international issues both at home and abroad. Some Iranian students have come to me to ask for support in keeping information relevant to issues doing on internationally. If anyone has any thoughts of how to help their association please reach out to me to help them.
- B. Tanner Croddy:
 - i Some legislation is still being checked. Some will be discharged as some will be voted by title.
 - ii Finance codes also being read next week.
- C. Isabella Romeo:
 - i Thank you all for your patience today as there was limited senate leadership in tpdays

XII. Public Forum

- A. None.

XIII. Adjournment @ 5:16pm

