

The 42nd Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 25th, 2025

- I. Call to Order @ 4:14pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance/FIU Alma Mater
- III. Roll Call

Attendance			
Senator Name	Senators Position	Attendance Status	Additional Note on Senator
Carisa Lynch	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Elizabeth Ekechi	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
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Quorum is Established	Present	33
	Absent	13
	Vacant	10

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

- A. July 28th, 2025. With no objections, the minutes are approved.

V. Adoption of the Agenda

- A. August 25th, 2025. With no objections, todays agenda is adopted
- B. Senator Gonzalez moves to review todays agenda by placard vote.
Senator Mata seconds. Motion passes.
- C. Senator Riera moves to add floor leader election to first item of new business by placard vote. Senator Esquivel seconds. Motion fails with 11 yes and 14 no.
- D. Speaker Romeo moves to adopt todays agenda, motion fails.
- E. Senator Abedulazis moves to add the floor leader election to the end of new business, motion fails.
- F. Speaker Romeo moves to adopt todays agenda. Motion passes.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Finance Chair – Connor Tafur
1 No report but have a great first week!
- B. Floor Leader – Internal Affairs Committee – AJ Seker
1 No updates from IA committee but this week or next week we will
- C. Rules Committee – Kamila Gonzalez
1 Happy Monday! No report at this time but rules members please keep an eye on the chat so we can lock down a meeting time.
- D. SLAC Committee – Trey Saunders
1 Looking to set up meeting times.



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- E. GPSC Committee – Julian Esquivel
 - 1 No report, happy first day of the semester!
 - F. International Student Ad Hoc – Bayan Abedulazis
 - 1 No report, we will be scheduling meetings soon.
- VII. University-Wide Council Reports
 - A. Student Body President – Francesca Casanova
 - B. Vice President – Wilkin Caseres
 - C. Speaker of the Senate – Izzy Romeo
 - i New senators have been added to the email chain. If there is anyone I missed please reach out to me.
 - ii We have a pre professional ad hoc committee and if you would like to join
 - iii Office hours will not be enforced this week. We will begin office hours next week.
 - iv When referring to ROP questions, please utilize the ROP from 2024.
 - D. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Faith St.Rose
 - i Thank you to senator Saunders and Abedulazis! We did tabling for orientations introducing international students to SGA and FIU.
 - E. BBC Governor – Hailey Menendez
- VIII. Advisor's Report – Larissa Adames
 - A. Now that were back to fall semester, if you bring a guest during your office hours. Please have them sign in to the tablet at the front desk. We have the senate workroom at your disposal as well as three conference rooms for you to use. Just go to the student assistants at the front desk and they can schedule you.
 - B. August 28th I need assistance with tabling from 3-5pm.
 - C. If you haven't picked up your polo, please do so at the office and introduce yourself to our front desk staff as we have two new members.
 - D. I'm hiring a senior coordinator for the office with a student panel. If you're able to attend please do so because I am looking for student feedback.
- IX. Old Business
 - A. The Violent Threat Response and Residential Student Protection Protocol Resolution – Trey Saunders
 - i Senator Croddy moves to read by title only, senator Gonzalez seconds. Motion passes.
 - ii Senator Saunders moves to bypass second reading by unanimous consent, with no objections motion passes.

- iii Senator Gonzalez moves to bypass q&a by unanimous consent, motion passes.
- iv Pro temp St. rose moves to bypass discussion by unanimous consent.

Vote on (The Violent Threat Response and Residential Student Protection Protocol Resolution)				
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Motion Passed	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
	Simple Majority	17.5	Passed
	Two-Thirds	22	Passed
	Three-Fifths	20	Passed

B. Getting BBC Started in here Bill – Tanner Croddy

- i Senator Croddy moves to bypass second reading by placard vote. Motion passes.
- ii Senator Selkowitz moves to bypass q&a by placard vote. Motion passes.
- iii Pro temp St. Rose moves to bypass remainder of discussion by unanimous consent

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X. New Business

A. Guide on how to submit office hours on Panther Connect

- i Senator Mata moves to enter 3 minute q&a period by unanimous consent. Motion passes.

B. Extra Announcements

- i Pro temp St. Rose: please review the ROP on zoom and attendance, this summer we were lenient about having your cameras off but now in the fall we are practicing good habits and if your camera is off without a response you will be taken out of the meeting and marked as an unexcused absence.

XI. Senate Forum

A. Senator Mata:

- i if anyone wants to join the new ad hoc committee please reach out to me

B. Senator Croddy:

- i thank you all for your votes today! If you want to make suggestions on legislation please look at the teams and we can see all recommendations made.

C. Senator Saunders:

- i I made a finance request for an event.

- 1 Finance chair Tafur: due to there being no classes we need to re-meet to vote on those.

XII. Public Forum

XIII. Adjournment 5:45pm