

The 42nd Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 14th, 2025

- I. Call to Order @4:13pm
- 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	Absent	
Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
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	
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Samantha Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Kleio "Kae" Jung	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Arianna Bencid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
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Fernando Menendez	College of Business	Present	
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Emilio Nieves Jr	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
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Trey Saunders	Housing-MMC	Present	
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Marco Elizondo	Housing- MMC	Absent	
Alison Stangl	Lower Division	Absent	
Sofia Araoz	Lower Division	Present	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	
German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Selma Sena	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent	
David Riera	University Graduate School	Present	
Lina Peralta	University Graduate School	Present	
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Clover Cruz	Upper Division	Present	
Emma Selkowitz	Upper Division	Present	
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AJ Seker	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Connor Tafur	College of Business	Absent	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	
Isabella Romeo	Housing-MMC	Present	

Quorum is Established	Present	26
	Absent	18
	Vacant	12

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

- A. July 7th, 2025
- B. Senator Madrigal: last meetings minutes omit a discrimination within article 2 section 2 for the associate justice.
- C. Senator madrigal moves to go into senator forum by unanimous consent, motion fails.
- D. Senator madrigal moves to go into senator forum by placard vote, senator Araoz seconds. Motion passes.
- E. Pro temp moves to table approving July 7th minutes until next meeting by placard vote. Senator Riera seconds. Motion passes.

V. Adoption of the Agenda

- A. July 14th, 2025
 - i Speaker Romeo adopts today's agenda by unanimous consent.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Finance Chair – Connor Tafur
- B. Floor Leader – Internal Affairs Committee – AJ Seker
 - 1 Thursday at 6pm agendas for certain senators will be sent out.
- C. Rules Committee – Kamila Gonzalez
 - 1 Senator clover Cruz was elected as vice chair!
- D. SLAC Committee – Trey Saunders
 - 1 Met on Tuesday of last week, elected our vice chair senator Kae Jung!
 - 2 Talked about senator initiatives, next meeting is tomorrow (Tuesday)

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- E. GPSC Committee – Julian Esquivel
 - 1 No report.
 - F. International Student Ad Hoc – Bayan Abedulazis
 - 1 Will be meeting this week so stay tuned for the date and time!
- VII. University-Wide Council Reports
 - A. Student Body President – Francesca Casanova
 - B. Vice President – Wilkin Caseres
 - i Programming SGA meet and greet, this is a great opportunity to meet with administrators. Come with empty stomachs!
 - C. Speaker of the Senate – Izzy Romeo
 - i Ad Hoc Committee ideas, if you have a plan please reach out so we can talk logistics about it. Previous Ad hocs like Student Health and Wellness can always be a useful addition for the student body.
 - D. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Faith St.Rose
 - i Its great to see our senate practicing decorum in large and small ways, its so important to build healthy habits going into the next semester.
 - E. BBC Governor – Hailey Menendez
- VIII. Advisor's Report
 - A. Larissa Adames
 - i Some of you still need to fill out your welcome forms.
 - ii Senators should be receiving emails from Elizabeth about HR paperwork. Please respond in a timely manner
 - iii Orientation is on Friday, anyone who can table it would be greatly appreciated.
 - iv I'm in a conference in Vegas right now so it may take me a second to get back to you but I will respond as soon as I can
- IX. New Business
 - A. Updates on the Interviews & Timeline
 - i We received more applications and interviews than we initially anticipated but we are finishing up the interviews this week. Any questions you have please feel free to reach out.
 - B. Retreat and Bonding Ideas
 - i Floor leader Seker: a kayaking trip around key Biscayne is always fun and a great way to bond and spend time together.
 - ii Senator Riera: perhaps an escape room where we have to work together then get some food together.
 - C. Appointment of the **Comptroller** – Richard Philips
 - i Pro temp st rose moves to elapse rest of q&a and go into discussion period by unanimous consent, motion passes.
 - ii Pro temp st rose moves to elapse rest of discussion and go into voting, with no objections, motion passes.

Vote on (Comptroller)

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Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
22	1	0	10

	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
Motion Passed	Simple Majority	14.0	Passed
	Two-Thirds	17	Passed
	Three-Fifths	16	Passed

- D. Appointment of the **Online Senator** – Johnpaul Lopez-Burgos, Gilbert Rodriguez and Sophia Dias Peixoto
- i Senator Seker moves to extend q&a by 5 minutes by unanimous consent. Motion passes.
 - ii Senator Riera moves to go into discussion period, senator croddy seconds. Motion passes.
 - 1 Senator Riera: I think it is a good idea to have another online senator position because it has been a breath of fresh air to hear from many online senators with as much passion as you three.
 - iii Pro Temp St. Rose moves to elapse discussion period and go into voting by unanimous consent.
 - iv Pro temp moves to table voting until next meeting by unanimous consent.
 - v Pro temp moves to extend senate by 10 minutes to allow for public forum to have adequate time to speak by unanimous consent. Motion passes.

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Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
11	1	11	10

Motion Failed	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
	Simple Majority	14.0	Failed
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	Three-Fifths	16	Failed

X. Senate Forum

A. Senator Croddy:

- i Update to finance code bill is in group chat, if anyone has any opinions on changes please feel free to reach out so we can work on it.

B. Speaker Romeo:

- i I've wanted to be as transparent as possible about the associate justice. So with that being said, floor leader Seker and the IA committee can assist by Friday.

C. Pro temp St. Rose

- i Motion to bypass remainder of senate forum and go into public forum by unanimous consent, motion passes.

XI. Public Forum

A. We would like to give our proposal next week when my partners are present so please remain present for next week senators.

B. Joshua Espinoza:

- i Good afternoon senators, every now and then I come with issues and this one is affecting many students. I received a phone call saying that I owed tuition and the lady on the phone said I needed to call student financials and ask them what is happening. This is because our PELL grants were reduced, when I show up to onestop they said its because I dropped a class 7 weeks ago. When I get home I see that I am unenrolled in classes with a 100 dollar late fee on top of my \$924 payment because of my original PELL grant issue. I was never informed that if I don't pay by a certain date I would get dropped from classes. There are probably hundreds if not thousands of students who can relate. I am writing a legislation that I hope the senate will entertain.

XII. Adjournment

A. Meeting Adjourned @ 6:09pm