

The 42nd Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 28th, 2025

- I. Call to Order @ 4:06pm
- 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	Absent	
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	Present	
Ariana Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Jerilyn Davis	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Sean Remedios	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Janine Villalonga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
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	Present	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	
Fernando Menendez	College of Business	Present	
Alejandro Madrigal	College of Business	Present	
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	

Amelia Luque	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
Julio Bonjoch	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Jaedon Charles	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Ashley Prado	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Emilio Nieves Jr	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Trevor See	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Vacant	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Law	Vacant	
Angel Herrero	College of Medicine	Absent	
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Absent	
Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present	
Brianna Diaz	Honors College	Absent	
Tanner Croddy	Housing- BBC	Present	
Trey Saunders	Housing-MMC	Present	
Isabella Sojo	Housing-MMC	Absent	
Marco Elizondo	Housing- MMC	Present	
Alison Stangl	Lower Division	Absent	
Sofia Araoz	Lower Division	Present	
Sohpia Dias Peixoto	Online Student Senator	Present	
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	
Julian Esquivel	University Graduate School	Present	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
Clover Cruz	Upper Division	Present	
Emma Selkowitz	Upper Division	Present	
Shameka Jean-Baptiste	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Absent	

Marville Marcelin	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	
Ronyde Pontheiux	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	
Tiffany Lindsay	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
AJ Seker	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Connor Tafur	College of Business	Present	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	
Isabella Romeo	Housing-MMC	Present	

Quorum is Established	Present	34
	Absent	15
	Vacant	7

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

A. July 21st, 2025

- i With no objections, last meeting minutes are approved.

V. Adoption of the Agenda

A. July 28th, 2025

- i Senator Romeo moves to adopt today's agenda by placard vote. Pro temp St. Rose seconds. Motion fails.
- ii Senator Croddy moves to add getting BBC LLC started legislation to 5th point of new business by placard vote. Senator Gonzalez seconds. Motion passes.
- iii Pro Temp St. Rose moves to strike business senator nomination Raja Bowen from today's agenda because his seat was not fully vacated when he ran for position. Speaker Romeo does not recognize due to redundancy.
- iv Senator Mata moves to appeal the chair's decision. Senator Croddy seconds. Motion passes.
- v Pro temp St. Rose moves to strike from agenda the appointment of the engineering senator by placard vote, senator Riera seconds. Motion passes.



vi Senator Mata moves to add ICE legislation to the first item in new business by placard vote. Senator Croddy seconds. Motion passes.

vii With no objections, today's agenda is approved.

VI. Invited Speaker - Katia Opar

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VII. Committee Reports

A. Finance Chair – Connor Tafur

1 No report.

B. Floor Leader – Internal Affairs Committee – AJ Seker

1 Videos have been uploaded to teams

C. Rules Committee – Kamila Gonzalez

1 No report

D. SLAC Committee – Trey Saunders

1 Met last week and talked about mental health event names.

2 Also passed resolution by unanimous consent.

3 Reddit account for SLAC is still pending.

E. GPSC Committee – Julian Esquivel

1 No report

F. International Student Ad Hoc – Bayan Abedulazis

1 Second meeting for committee, spoke about initiatives like the upcoming proposal to increase out of state tuition that will be discussed at the board of trustees meeting soon. This 10% increase will affect out of state undergrad and graduate students by fall 2025.

a Some credibility concerns are with international students who might not get benefits based on new pricing. We have drafted a letter addressing concerns and taking action like postponing this proposal and setting precedent for talking to students first before major proposals are made. A portion of the letter was read to the senate.

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.
 - D. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Faith St.Rose
 - E. BBC Governor – Hailey Menendez
- IX. Advisor’s Report – Larissa Adames
- A. Training for committee Part 2 is august 7th at 4:30pm.
 - B. August 13th is SGA meet and greet, all who are in town I highly recommend you attend this meet and greet because university leadership will be there and it is a great time to network and further initiatives.
 - C. Please register for fall classes as you need to maintain a certain credit amount and GPA in order to stay in SGA.
 - D. I’ll be back in the office on Monday.
- X. Old Business
- A. Swear in our appointees from last Senate meeting - Sophia Dias Peixoto, Daniela Gonzalez, Marville Marcelin, Ronyde Ponthieux, Tiffany Lindsay and Trevor See
 - B. Appointment of the **Business Senator** – Sophia Gonzales and Davari Demps
 - i Senator Dias moves to extend q&a by unanimous consent by placard vote. Motion fails.
 - ii Senator Riera moves to bypass discussion and go into voting by placard vote. Senator Esquivel seconds. Motion passes.

Vote on (Business Senator)				
Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention
Carisa Lynch	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Elizabeth Ekechi	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No	
Ariana Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Jerilyn Davis	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Sean Remedios	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Janine Villalonga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No	
Samantha Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No	

Kleio "Kae" Jung	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Arianna Bencid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Ash Emmott St. Onge	College of Business	Vacant		
Fernando Menendez	College of Business	Present	No	
Alejandro Madrigal	College of Business	Present		
Andrew Martinez	College of Business	Absent		
Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
Kirsten Maxwell	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent		
Bayan Abedulazis	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	
Amelia Luque	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	No	
Julio Bonjoch	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	No	
Jaedon Charles	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	No	
Ashley Prado	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Emilio Nieves Jr	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant	Vacant	
Catherine Alison	College of Law	Vacant		
Angel Herrero	College of Medicine	Absent		
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Absent		
Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present		
Brianna Diaz	Honors College	Absent		
Tanner Croddy	Housing- BBC	Present	Yes	
Trey Saunders	Housing-MMC	Present	No	
Isabella Sojo	Housing-MMC	Absent		
Marco Elizondo	Housing- MMC	Present	No	
Alison Stangl	Lower Division	Absent		
Sofia Araoz	Lower Division	Present	Yes	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Present	Yes	
German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	

Selma Sena	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent	No	
David Riera	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Lina Peralta	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Julian Esquivel	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	Vacant	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	Vacant	
Clover Cruz	Upper Division	Present	Yes	
Emma Selkowitz	Upper Division	Present	No	
Shameka Jean-Baptiste	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Absent		
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	Vacant	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	No	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	No	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
AJ Seker	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Connor Tafur	College of Business	Present	No	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Isabella Romeo	Housing-MMC	Present	No	

Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
17	15	0	6

XI. New Business

A. Resolution to End FIU's Voluntary Partnership with ICE - AJ Seker

- i Senator Riera moves to bypass second reading by placard vote, senator mata seconds. Motion passes.
- ii Floor leader Seker moves to extend senate by 10 minutes by placard vote. Senator See seconds. Motion passes.

- iii Pro temp st rose move to bypass q&a and go into discussion. By unanimous consent, motion fails.
- iv German Mata requests friendly amendment to be co-sponsor of this resolution. Floor leader Seker approves.
- v Senator Gonzalez moves to bypass discussion period by unanimous consent, motion passes .

Vote on (Resolution to End FIU's Voluntary Partnership with ICE)				
Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention
Carisa Lynch	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Elizabeth Ekechi	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Ariana Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Jerilyn Davis	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Sean Remedios	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Janine Villalonga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Samantha Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Kleio "Kae" Jung	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Arianna Bencid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Ash Emmott St. Onge	College of Business	Vacant		
Fernando Menendez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Alejandro Madrigal	College of Business	Present		
Andrew Martinez	College of Business	Absent		
Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
Kirsten Maxwell	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent		
Bayan Abedulazis	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	
Amelia Luque	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present		
Julio Bonjoch	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	

Jaedon Charles	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Ashley Prado	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Emilio Nieves Jr	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Abstention	Conflict of interest
Vacant	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant	Vacant	
Catherine Alison	College of Law	Vacant		
Angel Herrero	College of Medicine	Absent		
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Absent		
Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present		
Brianna Diaz	Honors College	Absent		
Tanner Croddy	Housing- BBC	Present	Yes	
Trey Saunders	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	
Isabella Sojo	Housing-MMC	Absent		
Marco Elizondo	Housing- MMC	Present		
Alison Stangl	Lower Division	Absent		
Sofia Araoz	Lower Division	Present	Yes	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Present	Yes	
German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Selma Sena	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent	Yes	
David Riera	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Lina Peralta	University Graduate School	Present	Abstention	Conflict of interest
Julian Esquivel	University Graduate School	Present	Abstention	Conflict of interest
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	Vacant	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	Vacant	
Clover Cruz	Upper Division	Present	Yes	
Emma Selkowitz	Upper Division	Present	No	
Shameka Jean-Baptiste	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Absent		
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	Vacant	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	Yes	
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Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
AJ Seker	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Connor Tafur	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	Yes	

Isabella Romeo	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	

Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
26	1	3	6

	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
Motion Passed	Simple Majority	18.0	Passed
	Two-Thirds	23	Passed
	Three-Fifths	20	Passed

- B. Appointment of the **Secretary of Sustainability and Innovation** – Juan Villa
- i Senator Mata moves to elapse remainder of q&a period. Senator Riera seconds. Motion passes.
 - ii Floor leader seker moves to extend senate by 5 minutes, senator mata seconds. Motion passes.
 - iii Senator mata moves to bypass discussion period, senator gonzalez seconds. Motion passes.

Vote on (Secretary of Sustainability and Innovation)				
Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention
Carisa Lynch	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Elizabeth Ekechi	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
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	Absent		
Sean Remedios	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Janine Villalonga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		
Samantha Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Kleio "Kae" Jung	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	

Arianna Bencid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Ash Emmott St. Onge	College of Business	Vacant		
Fernando Menendez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Alejandro Madrigal	College of Business	Present	Absent	
Andrew Martinez	College of Business	Absent	Yes	
Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
Kirsten Maxwell	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent		
Bayan Abedulazis	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	
Amelia Luque	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present		
Julio Bonjoch	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Jaedon Charles	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Ashley Prado	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Emilio Nieves Jr	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Trevor See	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant	Vacant	
Catherine Alison	College of Law	Vacant		
Angel Herrero	College of Medicine	Absent		
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Absent		
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Tanner Croddy	Housing- BBC	Present	Yes	
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Isabella Sojo	Housing-MMC	Absent		
Marco Elizondo	Housing- MMC	Present		
Alison Stangl	Lower Division	Absent		
Sofia Araoz	Lower Division	Present	Yes	
Sophia Dias	Online Student Senator	Present	Yes	
German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Abstention	conflict of interest
Selma Sena	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent		

David Riera	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Lina Peralta	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Julian Esquivel	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	Vacant	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	Vacant	
Clover Cruz	Upper Division	Present		
Emma Selkowitz	Upper Division	Present		
Shameka Jean-Baptiste	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Absent		
marville Marcellin	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	Vacant	
Ronyde Pontheiux	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	Yes	
Tiffany Lindsay	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	Yes	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
AJ Seker	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Connor Tafur	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Isabella Romeo	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	

Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
25	0	1	6

Motion Passed	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
	Simple Majority	18.0	Passed
	Two-Thirds	23	Passed
	Three-Fifths	20	Passed

C. The Violent Threat Response and Residential Student Protection Protocol Resolution
– Trey Saunders

D. Getting BBC LLC started legislation.

XII. Senate Forum

XIII. Public Forum

XIV. Adjournment @ 6:15pm