

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Student Body Senate

## Meeting Minutes

Date: June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

- I. Call to Order @4:02pm
- 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	
Janine Villalonga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Samantha Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
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Fernando Menendez	College of Business	Absent	
Alejandro Madrigal	College of Business	Absent	
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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	Absent	
Emilio Nieves Jr	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant	
Catherine Alison	College of Law	Present	
Angel Herrero	College of Medicine	Absent	
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	
Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present	
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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	
Julian Esquivel	University Graduate School	Present	

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Clover Cruz	Upper Division	Present	
Emma Selkowitz	Upper Division	Absent	
Shameka Jean-Baptiste	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Absent	
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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	

<b>Quorum is Established</b>	Present	28
	Absent	18
	Vacant	10

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

- A. June 9th, 2025: Speaker Romeo moves to approve last meetings minutes, with no objections minutes are approved.

V. Adoption of the Agenda

- A. June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Speaker Romeo moves to approve today's minutes, with no objections minutes are approved.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Finance Chair

- B. Floor Leader

1 No report

- C. Rules Committee

1 No report

D. GPSC Committee

1 No report

E. SLAC Committee

1 No report

VII. University-Wide Council Reports

A. Student Body President

B. Vice President

C. Speaker of the Senate

i Congratulations to our new chair and vice chair of GPSC!

D. Speaker Pro-Tempore

i Just reiterating what the floor leader has mentioned, if you are going to be on zoom, we want to get into the best practice of accountability so please have your cameras on.

VIII. Advisor's Report

A. Larissa Adames: If you haven't picked up your polos, the front desk student assistants will help you get one in the office.

B. SGA meet and greet July 22<sup>nd</sup>

C. Orientations are coming up so if you can help with tabling please let me know

D. If you want a copy of roberts rules you can pick one up in the office from me.

E. Any SGA emails or correspondence you send please CC me so i can help you as best i can and stay up to date on your initiatives.

IX. New Business

A. Appointment of Secretary of Athletics and Affinity

i Speaker pro temp St. Rose moves to extend Q&A for 2 minutes by unanimous consent. Motion passes.

ii Pro temp St. Rose moves to elapse remaining time of discussion by unanimous consent, motion passes.

**Vote on (Appointment of Secretary of Athletics and Affinity)**

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Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
25	0	0	10

Motion Passed	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
	Simple Majority	15.0	Passed
	Two-Thirds	19	Passed
	Three-Fifths	17	Passed

B. Vacancies Election (Special Election v. Appointments)

- i Senator Riera moves to extend discussion by 5 minutes by unanimous consent, motion fails.
- ii Senator Romeo moves to extend discussion by 5 minutes by placard vote. Senator riera seconds. Motion passes.
- iii Pro temp St rose moves to extend discussion by 2 minutes by unanimous consent. Motion passes.

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Motion Failed	Simple Majority	15.0	Failed
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- C. Committee Preferences
- D. SGA Legislation Training
- X. Senate Forum
  - A. Senator Riera: been getting correspondence from students on what the schools response is to what is happening overseas. Historically we have seen conflicts happen and students who are heavily

affected by these conflicts. A vigil has been a historical answer. How come students have not been able to have a vigil? It is not a political statement, but a showing of mourning. I believe it is in our best interest to show support and acknowledgement of mourning without the need to pick a side.

XI. Public Forum

A. None

XII. Adjournment @ 5:56pm