

The 42nd Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 2nd, 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	Present	
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	
Kleio "Kae" Jung	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Arianna Bencid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Ash Emmott St. Onge	College of Business	Absent	
Fernando Menendez	College of Business	Present	
Alejandro Madrigal	College of Business	Present	
Andrew Martinez	College of Business	Absent	

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Kirsten Maxwell	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
Bayan Abedulazis	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent	
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Jaedon Charles	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Ashley Prado	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Emilio Nieves Jr	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant	
Catherine Alison	College of Law	Present	
Angel Herrera	College of Medicine	Present	
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	
Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Absent	
Brianna Diaz	Honors College	Present	
Tanner Croddy	Housing- BBC	Present	
Trey Saunders	Housing-MMC	Present	
Isabella Sojo	Housing-MMC	Absent	
Marco Elizondo	Housing- MMC	Present	
Alison Stangl	Lower Division	Present	
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	Present	
David Riera	University Graduate School	Present	
Lina Peralta	University Graduate School	Absent	
Julian Esquivel	University Graduate School	Present	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
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Clover Cruz	Upper Division	Present	

Emma Selkowitz	Upper Division	Present	
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Connor Tafur	College of Business	Present	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	
Isabella Romeo	Housing-MMC	Present	

Quorum is Established	Present	33
	Absent	13
	Vacant	10

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

- A. May 19th, 2025
- B. Speaker Romeo approves of the last meeting's minutes. With no objections, motion passes.

V. Adoption of the Agenda

- A. Speaker Romeo adopts today's agenda with no objection

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Finance Chair
 - 1 No report
- B. Floor Leader
 - 1 Senators please have your camera on, members of the public can view this meeting so we should look and behave as professional as possible.
- C. Rules Committee

VII. University-Wide Council Reports

- A. Student Body President

i This morning FIU BOT voted Jenette Nunez as FIUS 7th president.

B. Vice President

C. Speaker of the Senate

i Thank you all for coming despite the weather!

D. Speaker Pro-Tempore

i If you guys wont be able to join senate, please email senate leadership as soon as possible. As well if you have to be on zoom. Should you be on zoom, please get into the habit of keeping your cameras on as the floor leader said.

VIII. Advisor's Report

A. Larissa Adames:

i Orientation is tomorrow as well as Wednesday, any and all help would be appreciated! Its a great opportunity to meet new students and have them meet you.

ii If you need an SGA polo, stop by the office anytime from 8:30-5pm during the summer.

iii SGA meet and greet information will be sent out soon

IX. Old Business

A. Elections of SLAC Chair

i Senator Mata nominated Trey Saunders for SLAC chair, Saunders accepts, senator Riera seconds.

ii As there are no more nominations, floor is closed to nominations.

iii Pro temp rose moves to bypass Q&A by unanimous consent, . Motion passes.

iv Senator Romeo moves to bypass discussion period by unanimous consent. Motion passes.

Vote on Trey Saunders for SLAC Chair				
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Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
30	0	0	10

Motion Passed	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
	Simple Majority	17.5	Passed
	Two-Thirds	22	Passed
	Three-Fifths	20	Passed

Trey Saunders is voted as Chair of SLAC committee.

X. New Business

A. Elections of Chief of Staff

- i Pro temp St. Rose moves to go into 5 minute Q&A, senator Mata seconds. Motion passes.
- ii Pro temp st rose moves extend q&a by 5 minutes by unanimous consent, motion fails.
- iii Senator Mata moves to extend q&a by placard vote, senator Riera seconds. Motion fails. Moving into 5 minute discussion period.
- iv Senator Selkowitz moves to elapse discussion period by placard vote, senator Romeo seconds. Motion passes.

B. Elections of the Finance Committee

- i Senator Romeo nominated Fernando Menendez, pro temp St. Rose seconds.
- ii Senator Elizondo nominates Alejandro Madrigal, senator Seker seconds.
- iii Senator Saunders nominates themselves
- iv Tanner Croddy nominates themselves
- v German Mata nominates themselves
- vi Emma Selkowitz nominates themselves
- vii Senator Tafur nominates Jaedon Charles, pro temp st rose seconds.
- viii Senator Riera moves to enter 5 minute Q&A by unanimous consent, senator esquivel seconds, motion fails
- ix Pro temp st rose moves to enter 5 minute Q&A by placard vote, senator riera seconds. Motion fails.
- x Senator selkowitz moves to bypass discussion, senator seker seconds. Motion passes.
- xi Senators Menedez, Madrigal, Selkowitz and Charles were appointed onto the finance committee.
- xii Pro temp st rose moves to go into discussion about how to go address senate vacancies, senator Riera seconds. Motion passes.
- xiii Pro temp st rose moves to close discussion by unanimous consent, motion passes.

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XI. Senate Forum

A. Senator Riera: We need to be careful when we say that we will hear from other candidates in the future because it is possible to be expeditious and in turn accidentally can hinder our knowledge of who we have as a candidate. Just because something is easier does not make it better.

B. Pro Temp St. Rose: if you all have any questions please dont hesitate to reach out to senate leadership!

C. Speaker Romeo: Echoing the sentiments of Pro Temp St. Rose, I'm open to hearing any ideas you all have so please feel free to reach out.

D. Senator Croddy: we have 7 positions in BBC still vacant as well as the executive committee.

E. Senator Saunders: join SLAC committee! If you would like to please reach out to me!

XII. Public Forum

XIII. Adjournment @ 6:01pm