

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

## Meeting Minutes

Date: June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

**Attendance**

Senator Name	Senators Position	Attendance Status
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	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	Present
Arianna Bencid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present
Ash Emmott St. Onge	College of Business	Absent
Fernando Menendez	College of Business	Absent
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	Present
Bayan Abedulazis	College of Communication	Present

	Architecture and the Arts	
Amelia Luque	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present
Julio Bonjoch	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent
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	Present
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	Present
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	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	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	31
	Absent	15
	Vacant	10

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

- A. June 2nd, 2025; with no objections, the minutes are approved.

V. Adoption of the Agenda

- A. June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025; with no objections, the agenda is approved.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. A. Finance Chair

i No report

- B. Internal Affairs Committee
  - i If you haven't messages about having your camera off, please do so. Its ok to have it off as long as you message someone in senate leadership.
- C. Rules Committee
  - i No report, happy monday!
- D. SLAC Committee
  - i No reports, happy monday as well!

VII. University-Wide Council Reports

- E. Student Body President
- F. Vice President
- G. Speaker of the Senate
  - i Thank you all for coming! I know some of us were present for the international student event. If anyone would like to know what was said, reach out to Pro Temp St. Rose
  - ii Graduate students will receive an email about best available times for GPSC planning as well as picking a chair for the graduate student committee.
  - iii Echoing the floor leaders sentiments, keeping our cameras on or at least communicating that they will be off will help us maintain professionalism and decorum.
- H. Speaker Pro-Tempore
  - i We do have a lot of powerful and interesting discussions mentioned at the international student event.
  - ii Once more emphasizing good zoom practices and keeping things as professional and good as possible.

VIII. Advisor's Report

- A. No report.

IX. New Business

- A. Discussion on Vacancies

i Speaker pro tempore: I hope concerned members of senate were able to review the ROP and talk to senate leadership about their concerns. We strive to be as transparent as possible. If anything was not addressed or there is new information now is the time to address it.

ii Senator mata moves to extend discussion by 7 minutes by placard vote, pro temp St. Rose seconds. Motion passes.

iii Senator Romeo moves to extend by 5 minutes by unanimous consent, motion passes.

B. SGA Overview Training

i Advisor Larissa James gives training presentation for new and returning SGA members.

C. SGA Committee Training

X. Senate Forum

A. Pro Temp St. Rose:

i Thank you again to all who came to the ISSS meeting! Feel free to send me a text if you would like to know what was discussed.

ii If you're planning any events or legislation with administration, it would be a great time to foster connections with deans and university administration since it is summertime and campus is a little less crowded than how it will be in the fall. It will be great to start brainstorming early so you have plenty of time to plan.

B. Floor leader Seker:

i I ask you senators to remember that we are Florida International University and join me in signing a petition to have FIU police not go through with their agreement with ICE to protect our vulnerable students.

C. Senator Riera:

i We must maintain equity and responsibility. We have rules of order not to obstruct, but to allow the truest and fairest process. Unless we are prepared to discard these principles for the sake of expediency, i suggest we allow the rules of order to be utilized so we can continue to be great and have great things happen.

XI. Public Forum

A. Joshua Espinoza:

i I would like to express concerns about the students who are under extreme fear of being displaced due to the agreement made by FIU Police. I give all my support to floor leader sekers resolution and I encourage you al to follow suit because this is a matter of liberty versus tyranny.

XII. Adjournment @ 5:57pm