

The 42nd Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Agenda

Date: March 9th, 2026

- I. Call to Order @ 4:20pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance/FIU Alma Mater
- III. Roll Call

Attendance			
Senator Name	Senators Position	Attendance Status	Additional Note on Senator
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
Elizabeth Ekechi	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
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	Absent	
Samantha Lopez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
Arianna Bencid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	
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Alejandro Madrigal	College of Business	Absent	
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	
Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Vacant	
Julio Bonjoch	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Jaedon Charles	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Ashley Prado	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Alonso Ochoa	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Trevor See	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Niska Lavaud	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	
Natalie Jusino	College of Law	Absent	
Angel Herrero	College of Medicine	Present	
Vacant	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Vacant	
Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Absent	
Vacant	Honors College	Vacant	
Tanner Croddy	Housing- BBC	Present	
Vacant	Housing-MMC	Vacant	
Zayi Brown	Housing-MMC	Present	
Daijah O'neal	Housing- MMC	Present	
Alison Stangl	Lower Division	Absent	
Sofia Araoz	Lower Division	Absent	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	
German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent	
Selma Sena	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent	
Manuel E. Fernandez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	

David Riera	University Graduate School	Present	
Mateo Suarez	University Graduate School	Present	
Julian Esquivel	University Graduate School	Absent	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
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Clover Cruz	Upper Division	Present	
Shameka Jean-Baptiste	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Absent	
Marville Marcelin	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Absent	
Tiffany Lindsay	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Absent	
Eric Slater	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Absent	
Emma Zelkowitz	Upper Division	Present	
Connor Tafur	College of Business	Present	
Ronyde Ponthieux	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator/Pro-Tempore	Present	
Isabella Romeo	Housing-MMC	Present	

Quorum is Established	Present	22
	Absent	20
	Vacant	13

- IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – March 2nd, 2026
 - A. With no objections, last meetings minutes are approved.
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
 - A. With no objections, today's agenda is adopted.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance Chair – Connor Tafur

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Association**

- 1 On Friday we went over the biomedical research request for them to go to new york
- B. Floor Leader – Internal Affairs Committee – Emma Zelkowitz
 - 1 Meeting on Wednesday at normal time.
 - 2 Please keep cameras on during zoom.
- C. Rules Committee – Kamila Gonzalez
 - 1 No report, unable to meet quorum last week.
- D. SLAC Committee – Manuel Fernandez
 - 1 No report, unable to meet quorum on Friday.
- E. BBC LC Committee – Tanner Croddy
 - 1 Toasty Tuesday is coming up on march 17th! This is also the day that priority registration begins @ 8am to keep an eye on your schedules.
- F. GPSC Committee – David Riera
 - 1 Finalized Thursday at engineering campus for GSAW April 9th 4-6pm.
 - 2 FIU @ I-75 April 11th quesadilla and quizzes event.
 - 3 Working on april 10th salsa by the sea event.
 - 4 Moved event from ball rooms to rec center.
- G. International Student Ad Hoc – Ashley Prado
 - 1 Last week we were able to meet and schedule our times for international student meetings happening in GC 355 focusing on resources available to international students. another one on march 20th, april 10th & 17th.
- H. Pre-Professional Ad Hoc – Vice Chair David Riera.
 - 1 Submitted legislation so hopefully we will be able to vote on designation legislature. We appreciate the finance committee for their help. This is exactly why we are funding projects like this to bridge students to better resources.

2 Walking through the darkness event with senator Allen and Prado was great. Lots of steps involved in this and the turnout was impressive to see.

I. Meet Your Dean Ad-Hoc – Jerilyn Davis

1 No reports, happy Monday!

VII. University-Wide Council Reports

A. Student Body President – Francesca Casanova

B. Vice President – Wilkin Caseres

C. Speaker of the Senate – Izzy Romeo

D. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Rondye Ponthieux

i Floor leader Zelkowitz stated most of what I wanted to say, but just want to reiterate to keep your cameras on during the meeting.

E. BBC Governor – Hailey Menendez

VIII. Advisor’s Report – Larissa, Patty & Blanca

A. Larissa:

i Tomorrow is elections, opens at 9am closes at 7pm on Wednesday. If there are any problems please inform Carlos and myself so we can address it in a timely manner.

ii Friday at noon is the elections announcements in the GC pit

iii As tanner mentioned earlier, you all should have priority registration

B. Blanca:

i I will be tabling this weekend at BBC if anyone needs to volunteer.

ii March 16 is composite picture. So please wear this years SGA polo.

iii March 17th pickleball event.

IX. New Business

A. N/A

X. Senate Forum

A. David Riera:

i Is it still viable to have more students request research funds?

1 Tafur: we have some to spare, I'll get back to you on that.

XI. Public Forum

A. N/A.

XII. Adjournment @ 4:37pm