

The 42nd Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 6th, 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	Present	
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	
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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	Absent	
Kleio "Kae" Jung	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Arianna Bencid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Sophia Gonzalez	College of Business	Present	
Fernando Menendez	College of Business	Present	
Alejandro Madrigal	College of Business	Absent	

Andrew Martinez	College of Business	Absent	
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Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Trevor See	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Vacant	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant	
Natalie Jusino	College of Law	Present	
Angel Herrero	College of Medicine	Present	
Vacant	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Vacant	
Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Absent	
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Sohpia Dias Peixoto	Online Student Senator	Absent	
German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent	

Selma Sena	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
David Riera	University Graduate School	Present	
Lina Peralta	University Graduate School	Present	
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Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	
Isabella Romeo	Housing-MMC	Present	

Quorum is Established	Present	29
	Absent	17
	Vacant	10

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – September 29th, 2025

- A. With no objections, last meetings minutes are approved.

V. Adoption of the Agenda

- A. Senator Croddy moves to add to the end of new business the option to vote to discharge further consideration of the appeals from the finance committee by placard vote. Pro temp St Rose Seconds. Motion fails.
- B. With no objections, today's agenda is adopted.

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- VI. Invited Speaker – Holmer Radden – FIU Student & Founder of CollegeKey
- VII. Committee Reports
- A. Finance Chair – Connor Tafur
 - 1 Met last Wednesday @ 8:30am, anyone who wants to sit in on a finance committee meeting please feel free to join us.
 - B. Floor Leader – Internal Affairs Committee – Emma Zelkowitz
 - 1 Meeting on Thursday at 2pm, going over office hours and anything else the committee brings up.
 - 2 If anyone needs anything from me please feel free to reach out!
 - C. Rules Committee – Kamila Gonzalez
 - 1 Met last week and reached quorum. Began reviewing ROP and will meet again this week on Friday at 4pm
 - D. SLAC Committee – Trey Saunders
 - 1 Met last Monday, passed some legislation. We plan to meet today as well to discuss low supply in food pantry and how we can help.
 - 2 We want to look over trustees plan for the school too.
 - 3 Planning legislation workshop.
 - E. BBC LC Committee – Tanner Croddy
 - 1 Day on the bay is coming up! Its on the 25th and it is one of our best events
 - 2 We will meet this week to discuss planning for toasty Tuesday
 - F. GPSC Committee – Julian Esquivel
 - 1 GPSC will be meeting today after senate.
 - G. International Student Ad Hoc – Bayan Abedulazis
 - 1 Met last week and discussed events we would like to organize for this month and November. We would like to host networking event on November 4th. We think it will be a great opportunity for international students to tell their stories and connect with others.
 - 2 Hispanic heritage event will be this month. Reach out to me for more information.
 - 3 We have online event on October 15th discussing what it means to be Hispanic/latino.
 - H. Pre-Professional Ad Hoc – German Mata
 - 1 Designing event planning career mentorship and career readiness.
 - 2 Cosponsoring Hispanic heritage event. Looking to doing a video on how we make Hispanic food. We want to work with the SLAC committee to show what foods we can make with the items in the food pantry which will hopefully bring more donations to the pantry.
 - I. Meet Your Dean Ad-Hoc – Jerilyn Davis
 - 1 Met officially last week for the first time.

- 2 Since our finance proposal got rejected, we are looking to see whether to hold the event.
- J. Pro temp st rose moves to allow Dr. Barenco to give his faculty senate deliberation.
 - 1 Faculty is really excited to see your feedback.
 - 2 We had board of trustees meeting two weeks ago and we spoke about things we talked about last time I spoke with you all like graham center renovations.
 - 3 Innovation 2 building near engineering building has received additional funding to keep building.
 - 4 Resolution being discussed with faculty. We are discussing alternate methods for keeping an open line of communication. If todays three-week final exam notice is approved, the faculty senate will be able to see it at the next meeting and a motion to whether we endorse it or not. If it isn't endorsed it doesn't mean faculty is not with you, it just might mean faculty has other ideas about potentially better methods of achieving our shared goals.

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 reports, if anyone emailed me this weekend I apologize I had wisdom teeth surgery this weekend.
- D. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Faith St.Rose
 - i I've received a few emails and messages this weekend which I will be responding to. If anything is urgent please talk to me after senate.
 - ii I wanted to speak about zoom etiquette, if you would like to speak while on zoom please raise your hand so Izzy or myself can see. Any messages in chat will not be acknowledged.
 - iii In person decorum as well, lets not have side conversations when people are presenting or talking.
- E. BBC Governor – Hailey Menendez

IX. Advisor's Report – Larissa Adames

- A. Priority registration is November 4th, I highly recommend you take advantage of this privilege.
- B. Please CC me on any SGA correspondence so I can be in the loop and help you all out where I can
- C. Day on the bay registration has hit capacity but the wait list is still open so please put your name down if you'd like to participate. We will have transportation to and from BBC.

X. New Business

- A. Three-Week Final Exam Notice and Communication Reform Resolution – Trey Saunders

- i Senator croddy moves to bypass q&a period by placard vote, senator Gonzalez seconds. Motion passes.
- ii Senator croddy moves to extend discussion by 5 minutes, motion passes.
- iii Senator croddy moves to extend discussion by 2 minutes, motion passes.

Vote on Three-Week Final Exam Notice and Communication Reform Resolution				
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Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
29	0	0	10

Motion Passed	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
	Simple Majority	16.0	Passed
	Two-Thirds	20	Passed
	Three-Fifths	18	Passed

- B. Reconsideration of the Meet Your Dean Event Funds – Faith St. Rose
- i Senator Saunders moves to extend q&a period by 3 minutes by unanimous consent. Motion passes.
 - ii Senator Ponthieux moves to extend q&a period by 2 minutes by unanimous consent. Motion passes.
 - iii Senator croddy moves to go into voting, motion passes.

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24	4	0	11

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C. Reconsideration of the Milk & Cookies Event Funds – Trey Saunders

- i Senator Croddy moves to extend senate by 5 minutes by unanimous consent. Motion passes.

D. Reconsideration of the RA & DA Event Funds – Trey Saunders

- XI. Senate Forum
- XII. Public Forum
- XIII. Adjournment @ 6:08pm

