

The 42nd Session of the Student Body Senate
Meeting Minutes
Date: September 15th, 2025

- I. Call to Order @ 4:09pm
- 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	Absent	
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	Absent	
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	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	Present	
Amelia Luque	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent	
Julio Bonjoch	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Jaedon Charles	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Ashley Prado	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
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Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Trevor See	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
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Natalie Jusino	College of Law	Present	
Angel Herrero	College of Medicine	Absent	
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Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present	
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Tanner Croddy	Housing- BBC	Present	
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Alison Stangl	Lower Division	Present	
Sofia Araoz	Lower Division	Present	
Sohpia Dias Peixoto	Online Student Senator	Present	
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	Absent	
Emma Selkowitz	Upper Division	Present	
Shameka Jean-Baptiste	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	
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Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	
Isabella Romeo	Housing-MMC	Present	

Quorum is Established	Present	31
	Absent	15
	Vacant	10

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

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

V. Adoption of the Agenda

- A. With no objections, todays agenda is approved.

VI. Invited Speaker

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- A. Noel Barengo (Faculty Senate Chair)
 - 1 Update on faculty senate meeting.
 - a We will select a new chair and vice chair
 - b We brought in president nunez and she had a 45 minute presentation then answered some questions from the senators. it was nice to bridge the gap.
 - c The presidents questions were centered around infrastructure and parking.
 - d Faculty discussions were about the core curriculum. We were working with the faculty in sociology and psychology about certain courses being in the core curriculum and the guidelines needed for those classes to remain core curriculum.
 - e Board of trustees meeting is this Thursday, we are looking to expand the graham center. Instead of the aquatics center the graham center will be expanded which is great news.
 - f I spoke with senator Saunders about the resolution you all posted so if you'd like to make a report for the faculty senate
- B. Patrick Cornejo (E-sports)
 - 1 Esports day is this Wednesday the 17th! We have a bunch of special announcements at the event. As well as a video I would like to show you highlighting last year's accomplishments.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Finance Chair – Connor Tafur
- B. Floor Leader – Internal Affairs Committee – Emma Zelkowitz
 - 1 No reports
- C. Rules Committee – Kamila Gonzalez
 - 1 We'll be meeting every Friday at 4pm
- D. SLAC Committee – Trey Saunders
 - 1 We'll be meeting soon
- E. GPSC Committee – Julian Esquivel
 - 1 Postponed last weeks meeting but we will meet every Tuesday at 6pm
- F. International Student Ad Hoc – Bayan Abedulazis
 - 1 No report, we'll be meeting Wednesday at 6pm

- G. Pre-Professional Ad Hoc – German Mata
 - 1 If you're interested in a committee feel free to stick around senate if you'd like to know when we have our meeting times.
- VIII. University-Wide Council Reports
 - A. Student Body President – Francesca Casanova
 - B. Vice President – Wilkin Caseres
 - C. Speaker of the Senate – Izzy Romeo
 - i Congrats to our football team on the victory over FAU!
 - ii Our vacancies are open, so if you know anyone who wants to join have them check panther connect.
 - D. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Faith St. Rose
 - i I'll be getting back to everyone who texted me this weekend
 - ii I sent out a form to our committee chairs it's a brief questionnaire
 - iii Meet your dean event is coming soon! If anything changes I'll keep you all updated.
 - iv If anyone wants a 1 on 1 meeting with me feel free to reach out.
 - E. BBC Governor – Hailey Menendez
- IX. Advisor's Report – Larissa Adames
 - A. 1 more interview for senior program coordinator
 - B. I'll be at BBC tomorrow, if you're available at 1pm at BBC come to the town hall meeting it will be very informative.
 - C. Senate retreat is next Saturday. We'll send an RSVP to confirm who is going.
 - D. If you're emailing administration, be sure to CC me so I can stay in contact and help in any way I can.
- X. New Business
 - A. Appointment of the Associate Justice -Sabrina Prado
 - i Senator Mata moves to extend q&a by 1 minute by unanimous consent. Motion passes.
 - ii Pro temp St. Rose moves to elapse discussion period by unanimous consent. Motion passes.
 - iii With a vote of 29 yes- 0 no, Sabrina Prado is appointed as an associate justice.
 - iv Pro Temp St. Rose moves to redo roll call to confirm attendance by unanimous consent. Motion passes.

Vote on appointment of Associate Justice

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Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
29	0	0	10

	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
Motion Passed	Simple Majority	16.5	Passed
	Two-Thirds	21	Passed
	Three-Fifths	19	Passed

B. Senator Requirements for Fall – Emma Zelkowitz (Floor Leader)

C. Meet Your Dean Ad Hoc Info – Faith St.Rose (Pro-Tempore)

XI. Senate Forum

A. Senator Croddy:

- i Wondering if we could schedule a meeting for senate to all be together soon at BBC since we need two meetings at BBC every semester.
- ii If anyone is able to table at I-75 they would be very grateful.

B. Senator Saunders:

- i Talking about our RA & DA appreciation event, I wanted to promote the event happening October 10th from 6-10pm celebrating these student leaders who help make our housing community feel at home.
- ii Hope to see you guys at the SLAC event on September 24th!

C. Pro Temp St. Rose:

- i Working on resolution for confetti on campus
- ii I encourage everyone going to Senator Saunders RA & DA event because it is a truly thoughtful event.

D. Senator Mata:

- i Pre law fair will be coming up soon. Either 20th or 23rd of October. Since its midterms week we will try to schedule around everyone's study time.

E. Senator Riera:

- i I've seen what violence leaves behind. We have no enemies but circumstance. Let us be the drop of peace, not bitterness. Let it start with us. Let us build peace along side and with each other. I am establishing a resolution, a nonviolence pact. Restorative dialogue, creating an ad hoc senate task force to draft a peace building framework inviting FIU peers to opt into this collective commitment. b

XII. Public Forum

- A. Joshua Espinoza:
 - i I've come here to support senator Riera's resolution. we find it prudent to deescalate and set the standard for peace and progress.
- B. Shilat Jayo Acuna:
 - i Working with prelaw and public speaking community to bring you Panther Speech and debate 3:30-4:40 DM 432. It's a great way to connect with people who want to get better at a skill that everyone needs no matter what your major is.
- C. Dale Brochinsky:
 - i Various hospitality guilds are having meetings if anyone wants to get involved.
 - ii We had FIFA on campus talking about the world cup!

XIII. Adjournment @ 5:28pm