

The 42nd Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Agenda

Date: September 22nd, 2025

- I. Call to Order @4:16pm
- 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	
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	
Sophia Gonzalez	College of Business	Present	
Fernando Menendez	College of Business	Present	
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	
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	Present	
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Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Trevor See	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Vacant	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant	
Natalie Jusino	College of Law	Present	
Angel Herrero	College of Medicine	Absent	
Vacant	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Vacant	
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	
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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	Absent	
Marville Marcelin	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	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	35
	Absent	11
	Vacant	10

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

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

V. Adoption of the Agenda

- A. Senator Croddy moves to add BBC LCs report to after SLAC report. Motion passes.
- B. Pro temp St. Rose moves to add Ms. Bridgeda to the invited speakers. Motion passes.

VI. Invited Speaker

- A. Gita Montodo: Global reach student summit presentation Friday October 24th 12-5pm. Summit is designed to network and learn from peers/alumni who share their experiences and tips.

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- B. Director Auguste – Program Director of the Veteran and Military Affairs
- i September is suicide prevention month; it is the 22nd of September. The number 22 has become a symbol of veteran suicides due to a study that 22 veterans commit suicide every day. Less than 10% of the population of Florida are veterans, but veterans make up 20% of the suicide population in Florida.

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VII. Committee Reports

- A. Finance Chair – Connor Tafur
 - 1 No committee reports, we will be meeting on Wednesday at 11am
- B. Floor Leader – Internal Affairs Committee – Emma Zelkowitz
 - 1 No committee reports, we will be meeting next week.
- C. Rules Committee – Kamila Gonzalez
 - 1 No reports but we will be meeting Friday @4pm
- D. SLAC Committee – Trey Saunders
 - 1 SLAC will be meeting today after senate to go over Senator Rieras resolution.
 - 2 SLAC will also discuss mental health event previously discussed in the summer.
 - 3 Working with students to balance academic and social lives.
- E. BBC Legislative Committee
 - 1 Senator Croddy is chair and senator Ponthieux is Vice chair
 - 2 Governor wants to bring more farmers markets to BBC due to the popularity.
 - 3 Focusing on CAPS walk in hours for BBC so students have access to mental health services at a moments notice.
- F. GPSC Committee – Julian Esquivel
 - 1 GPSC will be meeting after senate today.
- G. International Student Ad Hoc – Bayan Abedulazis
 - 1 Will be meting this Wednesday
- H. Pre-Professional Ad Hoc – German Mata
 - 1 Had a long meeting going over a few things
 - 2 Senator Riera is vice chair
 - 3 Pre law fair confirmed October 23rd. there will be 10+ organizations there so it should be a great event. We are open to anyone joining and lending a hand.

VIII. University-Wide Council Reports

- A. Student Body President – Francesca Casanova
- B. Vice President – Wilkin Caseres

- C. Speaker of the Senate – Izzy Romeo
 - i Senate retreat on the 27th @10:30am.
 - ii BBC senate meetings November 10th and 17th.
 - iii If anyone is working on legislation, please feel free to come to us directly if you'd like to discuss plans and receive proper feedback.
- D. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Faith St.Rose
 - i Meet your dean October 9th 6-8:30pm. A formal invitation will be sent out soon.
- E. BBC Governor – Hailey Menendez
- IX. Advisor's Report – Larissa Adames
 - A. If you are planning any events, please have a conversation with me so we can have everything prepared for you with ample time.
 - B. Reminder that senator saunders has his cookies and milk forum. Tell your friends so students can network and meet their student representatives.
 - C. Day on the bay event will be soon
 - D. Reminder, senate retreat is September 27th @10:30am.
 - E. Last senior coordinator interview will be this week, we can provide a zoom link if you cannot attend in person.
- X. New Business
 - A. Meet Your Dean Ad Hoc Chair Elections – Faith St. Rose (Pro-Tempore)
 - i Pro temp St. Rose nominates senator Riera, senator Riera politely declines.
 - ii Pro temp St. Rose nominates Jerilyn Davis, senator Davis accepts. Floor leader Zelkowitz.
 - iii Pro temp moves to bypass q&a period by unanimous consent, motion passes.
 - iv Floor leader Zelkowitz moves to bypass discussion and go into voting, motion passes.

Vote on Meet Your Dean Ad Hoc Chair				
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Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
32	0	0	10

	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
Motion Passed	Simple Majority	18.5	Passed
	Two-Thirds	23	Passed
	Three-Fifths	21	Passed

- B. The Suicide and Veteran Suicide Awareness and Prevention Resolution Info – David Riera
- XI. Senate Forum
 - A. Senator Saunders:
 - i In the last SGA session I did an event called big back Tuesday, I submitted the request 3 weeks in advance and when the event happened some of the requested items weren't there. In the cookies and milk event I will also have to supply materials from my own funds. Id like to be able to use the SGA budget for my events without having to take funds out of my own account. I just wanted to bring it up to the senate.
 - B. Senator Dias
 - i I was able to get a head count for online and hybrid students. About 25% of the student population is online. Ill be creating a survey to see how we can best serve these students.
 - ii AI in marketing event we are super excited about our guest speaker! Ill be sending over information in the group chat
 - iii Psychology symposium will be next week speaking about various subjects about AI and online safety. This information will also be on the group chat. Ill send an email as well to the speaker of the senate.
- XII. Public Forum
- XIII. Adjournment @5:32pm