

The 42nd Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Agenda

Date: September 8th, 2025

- I. Call to Order @ 4:08pm
- 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	Present	
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	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	Present	
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Sofia Araoz	Lower Division	Absent	
Sohpia Dias Peixoto	Online Student Senator	Present	
German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
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David Riera	University Graduate School	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	40
	Absent	6
	Vacant	10

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

- With no objections, the minutes are approved.

V. Adoption of the Agenda

- With no objections, today's agenda is adopted.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Finance Chair – Connor Tafur
- B. Floor Leader – Internal Affairs Committee – AJ Seker
- C. Rules Committee – Kamila Gonzalez
 - a No reports, but members of the committee please be on the lookout for a message about meeting times.
- D. SLAC Committee – Trey Saunders
 - a Coordinating our meeting times so we can meet as soon as possible.
- E. GPSC Committee – Julian Esquivel
 - a GPSC met last week and have established the role within our committee.
- F. International Student Ad Hoc – Bayan Abedulazis
 - a No reports, just for everyone in the committee to be on the lookout for messages

- b Town hall meeting about ICE on campus tomorrow at 6pm in the college of business. Hosted by the university faculty union as well as other community organizations

VII. University-Wide Council Reports

A. Student Body President – Francesca Casanova

B. Vice President – Wilkin Caseres

C. Speaker of the Senate – Izzy Romeo

- 1 Applications are open now. If there is anyone you know who would like to be a part of senate bring them over to the office and they can scan the QR code at the front desk.
- 2 The new senators have been given their committees, if you would like a change or do not feel that you can handle 2 committees at once feel free to reach out.

D. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Faith St.Rose

- 1 Just wanted to remind everyone that if you're going to be on zoom during senate please give senate leadership a heads up preferably more than 24 hours in advance.
- 2 I also want to remind ever
- 3 Meet your dean event is October 9th! It's a great opportunity to get involved and network with university leadership.

E. BBC Governor – Hailey Menendez

VIII. Advisor's Report – Larissa Adames

- SGA BBC office is moving to the student experience office, we may ask for assistance bringing some things down from the third floor to the first floor. the office is closed on Tuesdays because there is no coverage at the front desk. If you are a BBC senator who needs to do their office hours on that day reach out to me and we will get you set up on the first floor.
- Vice provost is hosting a BBC town hall and has requested SGA to be there, if you will be at BBC at 1pm please attend because the vice provost loves getting feedback from the students.

- If you are bringing a guest to the office, which you are more than welcome to do, please have them sign into the office using the QR code at the front desk.
- Pig roast is this Saturday! Please attend if you can and give our football team as much support as we can! The ticket will be through EventBrite and we will post links on the chat.

IX. New Business

A. Appointment of the Floor Leader

- 1 Senator Saunders nominated clover Cruz, Cruz accepts.
- 2 Senator Tafur nominates Emma Selkowitz, Selkowitz accepts.
- 3 Senator Gonzalez moves to extend q&a by 2 minutes, senator Riera seconds. Motion passes.
- 4 Pro temp St. Rose moves to elapse discussion by unanimous consent, motion fails.
- 5 Senator mata moves to elapse disussion by unaminous consent, motion passes.

Vote on Appointment of Floor Leader				
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Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
21	25	0	10

	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
Motion Passed	Simple Majority	21.0	Passed
	Two-Thirds	27	Failed
	Three-Fifths	24	Failed

- 6 With a 21-25 vote, Emma Selkowitz is voted as the new floor leader

B. Appointment of the Pre-Professional Chair

- 1 Senator Croddy nominates senator Mata, Mata accepts.

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C. Upcoming Senate Events

- 9/24 - Cookies & Milk Forum
- 9/27 - Senate Retreat (Tamiami Hall MPR)
- 10/9 - Meet Your Dean
- 10/22 - Cookies & Milk Forum
- 11/20 - Cookies & Milk Forum
- 12/1- Last Senate Meeting for Fall

X. Senate Forum

- Senator Saunders: October 10th is a housing event celebrating RAs and DAs!
- Senator Croddy: unofficial finance codes will be submitted as a bill on Monday
 - Working on Rainy Day bill addressing severe flooding in BBC.
 - I invite you all to the BBC town hall, it's a great way to get involved.
- Pro Temp St. Rose: I just want to clarify how the meet your dean event will work and emphasize it is a truly great way to get to know university leadership in a casual setting where you have their attention.
 - Planning international student forum, it will be online because it was considered to be the most comfortable way for our international students to attend.
- Senator Riera: how many people have met their dean in person? You have this amazing opportunity to meet them. Wherever you want to go next, getting a letter of recommendation from your

dean can go a long way. its still not too late to help faith and everyone who is helping with the event.

- Looking forward to seeing some of my legislation come to the senate floor soon.

XI. Public Forum

- Martavius Lyons: good afternoon everyone! We are hosting a black educational panel. Professionals from all walks of life coming to speak to students about how they got to where they are today. It will be in GC 150 at 7:15 on October 10th.

XII. Adjournment @ 5:45pm