

The 43rd Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 27th, 2026

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Call to order at 4:12 P.M.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance & FIU Alma Mater
- III. Roll Call

Attendance

Senator Name	Senators Position	Attendance Status	Additional Note on Senator
Renzo Brown	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Valentina Dominguez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Emily Garcia	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Lucas Gomez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Jazmine Harris	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
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Michael Porras	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Janine Villalonga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Daniela Alvarez	College of Business	Present	
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Bruna Azevedo	College of Law	Absent	
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Shilat Jayo Acuna	Honors College	Present	
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Cesar Cabrera	Lower Division	Absent	
Natalie Nunez	Lower Division	Present	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	

Alicia Bolton	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Manuel Fernandez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Naomy Suarez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Ana Luiza Ferreria	University Graduate School	Present	
Mateo Suarez	University Graduate School	Absent	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
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Emily Diaz	Upper Division	Present	
Joshua Espinoza	Upper Division	Present	
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Alejandro Madrigal	Finance Chair	Present	
Kaitlyn Castro	Floor Leader	Present	
Ana Cebollero	Senate Pro Tempore	Present	
Sharon Polo	Senate President	Present	
			26
Quorum is Established	Present		17
	Absent		15
	Vacant		

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – July 20th, 2026

- A. With no objections, last meeting minutes have been approved

V. Adoption of the Agenda

- A. With no objections, last meeting minutes have been approved.
- i. Joshua Espinoza motion to bypass committee report, seconded by senator Fernandez, although, motion fails with only 3 votes.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Finance Chair – Alejandro Madrigal
 - i. Hi everyone happy Monday, no report but wishes a great August for everyone.
- B. Floor Leader - Internal Affairs Committee – Kaitlyn Castro
 - i. Happy Monday everyone, excited to announce on August 31 Cafecito with senate, it starts at 2 P.M. until 3:30 P.M. All of vice chair and chair required to be there. If cannot attend reach out to Castro or Sharon.
- C. Rules Committee – Manuel Fernandez
 - i. Rules committee met last week, did not meet quorum, only 2 attended and was not able to appoint a vice chair.
- D. SLAC Committee – Naomi Suarez
 - i. Slack committee met last week and nominated senator Shilat as vice Chair.
- E. GPSC Committee – Ana Luiza Ferreira
 - i. No report
- VII. University-Wide Council Reports
 - A. Student Body President – Alyssa Mederos
 - i. Chief staff and Mederos has been working on applications for executive positions and cabinet. Meeting to discuss late night food proposal discussed in WhatsApp group chat.
 - ii. Will be meeting tomorrow with students and will be sending an update
 - iii. Reminder door is always open in case anyone needs anyone.
 - iv. Late night food proposal is that the housing students are concerned there isn't a 24-hour food services for them. More than 650 petitions have been signed.
 - B. Student Body Vice President – Izzy Romeo
 - i.
 - C. Speaker of the Senate – Sharon Polo
 - i. Today is our last meeting for the summer. Will be then starting meetings August 24 at 4 P.M. for fall semester as always.
 - ii. Cafecito with senate August 21st from 2:30 to 3:30.
 - iii. Please all vice chair and committee chair to be there and try to arrive at 2 P.M.
 - D. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Ana Cebollero
 - i. Great opportunity on Cafecito with senate to show students that we are there for them.
 - E. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus – Sarah Mayorca
 - i.
- VIII. Advisor's Report – Larissa, Patty & Blanca

- A. Blanca:
 - i. Happy Monday, very excited today is our last meeting for the summer and happy to reach quorum.
 - ii. Thank Ashley Prado and Manny for successful event.
- B. Larissa:
 - i. First night, first day of classes, hope everyone can support there and be there. It is open to all students, freshman and on. SGA will be Tabeling and it's a great opportunity to showcase SGA to the student body.
 - ii. August 27th Thursday, Matcha with SGA, another opportunity at 12 P.M. for SGA members to help connect with the new coming students.
 - iii. Housing is hosting a move in and is looking for volunteers to help the newcomers feel welcomed. If do sign up, please let SGA know so that you can wear your SGA shirt.
 - iv. FIU is hosting a event to send items to Venezuela, will get volunteering hours.
 - v. SGA scholarship, SGA can apply and other students can apply, please share the word so that other students can know. SGA close on August 15 and are to be awarded for Fall and Spring semester.
 - vi. Last but not least congratulations on finishing summer semester and fall is around the corner so make sure to enroll to the upcoming fall semester classes.
 - vii. SGA is Tabeling at the Coca-Cola party on the week of welcome. Wednesday.
- C. Patty:
 - i.

IX. Old Business

- A. Consideration and voting of method to fill Senate vacancies
 - i. Alicia Bolton: Motions to start on new business and motions to push old business to last on the meeting. Senator Fernandez seconds motion. Speaker Ana objects.

X. New Business

- A. Appointment of International Students Ad-Hoc Committee Chair
 - i. Senator Espinoza nominates Ashley Prado and Senator Bolton seconds nomination.
 - ii. Senator Ashley has a point of interesting. Senator Ashley has an internship for the fall and would have to decline.
 - iii. Blanca: Says Ashley will not be able to be nominated for the position.
 - iv. Sharon: With no nominations, this will be tabled for next meeting.
- B. Confirmation of Secretary of Content Creation
 - i. Heidi Rivera
 - 1. Ana Cebollero motions to move into voting and bypass Q&A period and discussion. With no objections, motion passes.

Vote on Secretary of Content Creation

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Vote Count			
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22	0	0	0

	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
Motion Passed	Simple Majority	14.0	Passed
	Two-Thirds	17	Passed
	Three-Fifths	16	Passed

- C. Confirmation of Secretary of Governmental Relations
- i. Emma Vega

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	Simple Majority	14.0	Passed
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XI. Senate Forum

- A. Senator Castro:
 - i. If anyone needs to be on zoom that is perfectly ok just, please email me to inform me of this, and everyone's camera must be on. In the email specify the reason for not coming.
- B. Sharon Polo:
 - i. Must have 2 BBC meetings
 - ii. October 5th is the first meeting and November 2nd is the second BBC meeting. We do have shuttle busses to take you to the other campus, or you can drive there. Both are Mondays at 4 P.M.
- C. Shilat Jayo-Acuna:
 - i. Very excited to be closing the summer well. When we have meetings in BBC please use the Shuttle, they are amazing and we are paying for them.
 - ii. Advisor Larissa: If we want to have a committee meeting it would have to be this week because it is the last week this will be possible until the Fall semester.

XII. Public Forum

- A. No public forum.

XIII. Adjournment @ 5:11 P.M.