The 43rd Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 16th, 2026

I. Call to Order
   a. Meeting called to order at 4:07 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	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
Jazmine Harris	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Gennai Lewis	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Brayan Fernandez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Taylor Peralta	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
Daniela Alvarez	College of Business	Present	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	
Jazmine Murray	College of Business	Present	
Edward Ng	College of Business	Present	
Melanie Telleria	College of Business	Present	

Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant	
Isabella Zambrano	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
Melissa Sosa	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent	
Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	
Trevor See	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	
Maximilian Vargas	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Remberto Silva Tejada	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Ricardo Garcia	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Vacant	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant	
Bruna Azevedo	College of Law	Present	
Kevin Radcliffe	College of Medicine	Present	
Michaela Alphonse	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	
Jenisha Doll	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present	
Shilat Jayo Acuna	Honors College	Present	
Vacant	Housing- BBC	Vacant	
Samuel Fernandez	Housing-MMC	Present	
August Osani	Housing-MMC	Present	
Jasmine Slocum	Housing-MMC	Present	
Vacant	Housing-MMC	Vacant	
Anna Heinz	Lower Division	Present	
Natalie Nunez	Lower Division	Present	
Sarah Currea	Online Student Senator	Absent	
Alicia Bolton	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent	
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	Present	

Dominick Jeffrey	University Graduate School	Present	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
Emily Diaz	Upper Division	Absent	
Joshua Espinoza	Upper Division	Present	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
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Alejandro Madrigal	Finance Chair	Present	
Kaitlyn Castro	Floor Leader	Present	
Andrea Millan	Senate Pro Tempore	Present	
Sharon Polo	Senate President	Present	

Quorum is Established	Present	34
	Absent	7
	Vacant	18

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – November 9th, 2026

a. With no objections, the minutes have been approved.

V. Adoption of the Agenda

a. With no objections, the agenda is adopted.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Finance Chair – Alejandro Madrigal

I. No report from Finance Chair

B. Floor Leader - Internal Affairs Committee – Kaitlyn Castro

i. Today my committee met, and we currently have two senators up for removal, we have 5 days to respond to that removal and work on it. Other than that I will keep everyone updated on what happens next week. The Senator with the most office hours is Senator Shilat so congratulations to her.

C. Rules Committee – Manuel Fernandez

i. Good afternoon everyone, the Rules committee met before the Senate meeting today, we voted to approve final draft of our rules bill, I will be sending that to the Senate leadership later this afternoon to proceed with that work.

D. SLAC Committee – Naomy Suarez
    i. Happy Monday everyone, I do not have a report
E. GPSC Committee – Ana Luiza Ferreira
    i. Happy Monday everyone, our committee met today, it was an amazing meeting with the UGS committee to plan the Gsaw week, happening during spring. Tomorrow event med school, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. happening at the AHC lawns.
F. BBCLC Committee – N/A
G. Meet the Deans Committee – Jazmine Murray
H. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee – Edward Ng
    i. Our event went great. ISS tabling still working on it, we also don't have this confirmed but we are trying to plan an event with the art club.

VII. University-Wide Council Reports

A. Student Body President – Alyssa Mederos
    i. Hello everyone happy Monday, thank you to those who attended student body address. Will not be here next Monday due to thanksgiving. If you need anything door's always open.
B. Student Body Vice President – Izzy Romeo
    i. Good afternoon, everyone, and happy Monday! I wanted to provide some updates regarding Recharge Week. The overall theme this semester will focus on wellness, mental health, and well-being, especially with finals week approaching. We want to create events that allow students to relax, take a break, and recharge. We have several activities planned throughout the week. On Tuesday, there will be Chick-fil-A lunches in the SGA office. On Wednesday, we are planning a collaboration with the Women's Society at FIU and a few other departments. We are also working with City Experiences to organize a yoga event, although some details and confirmations are still pending. Additionally, we are hoping to bring puppies to campus for a puppy event, which I am particularly excited about. On Thursday, we will have a snack event at the GC Library, similar to last semester's setup, with a lo-fi lounge atmosphere, relaxing music, and a coffee cart. We are still finalizing some details and will share additional information about the events soon. I wanted to give everyone an early update, and if anyone is interested in volunteering or helping with any of the events throughout the week, please let me know. The more help, the better. Thank you!
C. Speaker of the Senate – Sharon Polo
    i. On November 30th Senate town hall forum at 5:30 P.M. Similar to a senate panel, all chair and vice chair must be present unless you are able to send an excuse for it. We want student to come in so they can hear what you have done this semester and what you are working on.
D. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Andrea Millan

i. Happy Monday everyone, on Wednesday, I have a meeting with all chairs and vice chairs to discuss everything that has been done through the semester. Also we will be doing this to see how I can improve the help I can give you all for next semester. Also for most of the minutes your committees have been great with posting everything on time, although, please try to make sure that the dates and information and attendance in it are up to date. There have been some discrepancies and we just want to make sure that this information is as accurate as possible because this is public information that then gets posted on the SGA website.

E. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus – Sarah Mayorca

VIII. Advisor's Report – Larissa, Patty & Blanca

A. Blanca: Happy Monday, everyone! GPSC, we're proud of you all. I hope everything goes well with your event tomorrow, and I encourage everyone to stop by and support GPSC at the their amazing event. Please remember that composites are scheduled for December 1st. I will be adding a calendar entry, and for the senators I may have missed, I will provide that information separately. To my senate leadership, you are all doing amazing. We only have two Senate meetings left, and I'm excited to finish the year strong. A couple of reminders: when closing the office, please set an alarm for 10 minutes beforehand so the student assistants are not left waiting for you. Also, if you plan on using the conference room, please make sure to notify the student assistants and ask them to reserve it for your requested date. I've been informed that some senators have been entering and using the conference room without making a reservation, even when other people are already there. These rooms are available for a reason, so please make sure to follow the proper procedure. Lastly, please remember that friends are not permitted to enter the Senate office when you are not present. They are welcome to wait in the front until you arrive, and they must check in as guests. I just wanted to make sure everyone was aware of these reminders. I believe that's everything from me

B. Larissa: I want to thank everyone who volunteered to assist last week. I really appreciate everyone who took the time to help. I will be sending out another volunteer opportunity for the University Associate Children's Holiday events and party, as they are currently in need of volunteers. I will share that information with everyone, so if you are available, please consider signing up. Additionally, as Izzy mentioned, we will need assistance with the Recharge events. I will send out that volunteer opportunity as well. If you are interested in helping or simply attending, your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

IX. New Business

A. MMC Housing Senator Vacancy

i. Nina Krans

ii. ii. Kaylee Andrew

i. Due to unexpected conflicts, the MMC Housing Senator vote has been postponed.

X. Senate Forum

i. Samuel Fernandez: I am drafting a bill to regulate scooter usage on campus. The proposed bill would enforce a 7 mph speed limit, prohibit scooters from entering libraries and breezeways, and require scooter users to yield to pedestrians. Scooters should not be speeding around pedestrians or unnecessarily ringing their bells.

ii. Kevin Radcliffe: Another reminder that GPSC will be tabling at the Medical School from 6:00–8:00 P.M. There will be several cultural organizations from the medical school serving foods from their respective cultures, along with activities such as salsa lessons.

iii. Jenisha Doll: I visited the University of Miami's campus yesterday. They have scooters, skateboards, and similar forms of transportation banned, and the campus was very peaceful.

iv. August Osani: I am in favor of a complete ban on scooters on campus.

v. Joshua Espinoza: Today at 6:30 P.M., I will be hosting a general body meeting for Powerful Political Engaged Active Youth, the number one political organization in Florida. If anyone is interested in discussing state-level advocacy against Flock cameras, feel free to speak with me. There will also be a town hall meeting on Thursday at 3:00 P.M. to provide an overview of the clubs and organizations on campus.

vi. Jasmine Murray: We are almost done with the semester, and it has been great. Continue talking to the people who elected you instead of only seeing them during Senate meetings. I don't think everyone knows enough about SGA, and it is important to get students involved. I encourage everyone to plan at least one event or work on a resolution or bill that will help the students who elected us.

XI. Public Forum

i. I personally support what Senator Fernando is speaking about regarding scooters, as I believe they are a significant safety issue on campus. I have spoken with senators about this issue several times, and I genuinely believe it is worth addressing. In my opinion, we do not see the same problems with traditional bicycles because scooters move faster and require less effort to operate, which can make them more dangerous. I also want to point out that the University of Miami has a complete ban on micromobility vehicles, including scooters and e-bikes. They do not allow these vehicles on campus and will confiscate them if they are brought onto university property. I think this is an excellent idea that FIU should consider implementing as well. We could still allow traditional bicycles while prohibiting scooters and e-bikes. However, this is just my personal opinion, and I am open to hearing what everyone else thinks

XII. Adjournment

i. Meeting adjourned at 4:38 P.M.