The 43rd Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 9th, 2026

I. Call to Order

i. Meeting called to order at 4:05 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	
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August Osani	Housing-MMC	Present	
Jasmine Slocum	Housing-MMC	Present	
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Vacant	Lower Division	Vacant	
Natalie Nunez	Lower Division	Absent	
Sarah Currea	Online Student Senator	Absent	
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	Present	
Dominick Jeffrey	University Graduate School	Absent	
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Emily Diaz	Upper Division	Absent	

Joshua Espinoza	Upper Division	Absent	
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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	30
	Absent	10
	Vacant	19

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – November 2nd, 2026

i. With no objections, last meeting minutes have been approved.

V. Adoption of the Agenda

i. With no objections, the agenda is adopted.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Finance Chair – Alejandro Madrigal

i. No report from finance committee.

B. Floor Leader - Internal Affairs Committee – Kaitlyn Castro

i. Internal Affairs committee did not meet quorum, but we selected December 7th recharge at MMC and 8th at BBC for our tabling.

ii. Congratulations to senator Shilat for having the most office hours for this week.

iii. If your committee is having trouble meeting quorum, please let me know, floor leader, so that we can fix that with appropriate measures.

C. Rules Committee – Manuel Fernandez

D. SLAC Committee – Naomy Suarez

i. No much to say but last week we did remove one of our members from our committee.

E. GPSC Committee – Ana Luiza Ferreira

i. Happy Monday yes I have a report about the upcoming event about the 305 night market at the med school AHC first and second room. November 17th from 6 – 8 P.M. Thank you and that is it for our committee.

F. BBCLC Committee – N/A

G. Meet the Deans Committee – Jazmine Murray

i.

H. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee – Edward Ng

i. No report but to remind you we are collaborating with the ISU November 17 for the upcoming event.

VII. University-Wide Council Reports

A. Student Body President – Alyssa Mederos

i. Honor to go to veteran military affairs breakfast this morning with my secretary of veteran affairs. We had Melanie and Patty and Larissa present supporting us.

ii. We also have a midterm overview coming up that Melanie and I have been working on to see what SGA has been up to.

iii. Doing my student body address next Monday at 3:30 right here before the SGA Senate Meeting.

B. Student Body Vice President – Izzy Romeo

C. Speaker of the Senate – Sharon Polo

i. Not doing roar for a cause, hoping to reschedule for next semester.

ii. Sent flier and email, donation drive for nonperishable items.

iii. Another senate town hall November 30th after senate meeting 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Opportunity for senators to tell students what we have done this past semester any legislation or resolution.

iv. Keep filling out google form about future retreat or event so we can have a bonding activity.

D. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Andrea Millan

i. End of semester Senate November 30th panel 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. Committee chairs and vice chairs are required to be here, anyone else it is open to everyone, staff, students, senators.

ii. To ask us what we have been up to and what legislation.

iii. Any conflicts if you are a vice chair or committee chair that you can't be here let me know so that we can fix that in advance.

E. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus – Sarah Mayorca

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

i. Blanca: Proud of Senator Edward Ng for having a tabling coming up, Kevin in GPSC. Proud of all the committee putting your things in team. Al thank you for meeting quorum and the requests that you have put in.

ii. Shout out to everyone that went to BBC and we met quorum thanks to them.

iii. Lot of people in the WhatsApp saying they're going to be late and messaging me that they won't make it to the meeting, but please let senate leadership know instead of texting me, let Speaker, Speaker pro tempore, and Floor leader they are there for your help. They are very responsive to the email. .

iv. Office hours: Proud of doing office hours but when office closes at 7 pm or 5 pm, and someone comes and tells you that you need to pack up, please put a 15 minute timer before so that you aren't leaving at 7 or after closing hours, they also have a job of cleaning up and want to go home so please be mindful of this instead of leaving at a time after closing hours.

v. You can bring friends and be with other people, but we don't want to create a bad habit of letting the public think that this is a chill area for them to relax and come in whenever they want. Please let your friends know that it isn't that simple and it is a space for senators. The SGA office is not a spot where the public can come in without you as a senator..

vi. Also if you want to use and reserve the rooms, the student assistant are there for your disposal and you need to ask and let them know of what you will be doing. The room isn't just open indefinitely and a reservation is required for its use.

i. Larissa: Reminder University close Wednesday and therefore the office also close on that day.

ii. Thank you for all you who supported all homecoming events last week and showed support

iii. Few updates when it comes to recharge, when we finalize all the dates we will ask you all if you have some time.

iv. If interested in tabling or have any group interested in tabling right before the breakfast let us know.

IX. New Business

A. Appointment of Lower Division Senator

i. Anna Heinz

ii. Alexander Garrido

iii. Finance Chair Al motion bypass to move Q&A by unanimous consent.

iv. Speaker Pro Tempore Milan motions to bypass discussion period unanimous consent.

Appointment of Lower Division Senator				
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Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
19	11	0	19

	Vote	Yes needed	Result
Simple majority: Passed	Simple Majority	16	Passed
	Two-Thirds	20	Failed
	Three-Fifths	18	Passed

B. Appointment of SGA Banquet Ad Hoc Committee Chair

i. Senator Murray nominates Senator Gennai Lewis, Senators Naomy, Osani, Samuel Fernandez, Bolton, and Radcliffe second the nominator, Gennai accepts.
ii. Genai Lewis nominates Ana Heinz, Senator Ng and Samuel Fernandez second, Senator Heinz accepts.
iii. Samuel Fernandez nominates Osani, but Osani declines.

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Senator Gennai Lewis wins and becomes the SGA Ad Hoc Banquet Committee Chair

X. Senate Forum

i. Senator Murray: I encourage everyone to become more involved in creating bills, resolutions, and initiatives that directly benefit students and demonstrate the impact of Student Government. People think that SGA is just a resume filler which it really isn't and I just hope we all get involved into that and start building more legislations and such.

ii. We now have folders on Microsoft Teams where legislation can be submitted as drafts, received, passed etc, and tracked throughout the approval process.

iii. Senator Zambrano: Me and Melissa the other CARTA senator created a student feedback survey to gather student opinions and concerns, which we hope to use for future initiatives.

iv. Senator Samuel Fernandez: The Military Museum will be hosting a Family Day on Saturday, with free admission and transportation available.

v. Floor leader Castro: We are hosting a Relay for Life fundraising event, and I encourage everyone to participate.

vi. Senator Bolton: My internship organization will be hosting a 5K and festival on November 15 to support victims of human trafficking. We are also looking for local artists interested in participating in a Give Miami Day event.

XI. Public Forum

XII. Adjournment

At 5:00 P.M.