The 43rd Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 19th, 2026

I. Call to Order

i. 4:19 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	
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Jazmine Harris	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
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Jasmine Slocum	Housing-MMC	Present	
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Natalie Nunez	Lower Division	Absent	
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Manuel Fernandez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Naomy Suarez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
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Mateo Suarez	University Graduate School	Present	
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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	9
	Vacant	20

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes –October 12th, 2026

i. With no objections the meetings are approved.

V. Adoption of the Agenda

i. With no objections, the agenda has been adopted.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Finance Chair – Alejandro Madrigal

i. We have another Finance meeting this week as we have another request. Football game tomorrow please be present to show support.

B. Floor Leader - Internal Affairs Committee – Kaitlyn Castro

i. Happy Monday, there were six senators for removal in our agenda and we followed through, these are Senators Cabrera, Villalonga, Porras, Lavaud, Gomez, and Naeni.

ii. Continue to work on your hours please remember three hours per week that can be in the SGA office or things like tabling. If you can't complete them just please email me to keep that on record

Congratulations to Senator Shilat for the most hours again.

C. Rules Committee – Manuel Fernandez

i. Good afternoon, I would like to happily report that the rules committee finally met quorum last week. We elected Gennai unanimously to elect as vice chair.

Remove member that was not attending our meeting, overall great meeting.

D. SLAC Committee – Naomy Suarez

i. Has been working with the homecoming committee, excited to say our committee will be tabling at a release event October 28th from 12-2 P.M.

E. GPSC Committee – Ana Luiza Ferreira
    i. Tomorrow tabling at FIU common area, from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M. if available come support us.
F. BBCLC Committee – N/A
G. Meet the Deans Committee – Jazmine Murray
    i. The event went really well and a lot of students went, business showed out so that was great. We changed the time from last year from 6-8 to now 12-2 so that a lot of other students could come and have more time availability.
H. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee – Edward Ng
    i. No report, we are meeting Wednesday to discuss our goals and see what we can do in the future.

VII. University-Wide Council Reports

A. Student Body President – Alyssa Mederos
    i. On my end I got an update from business directors that it is now open until 2 A.M. Have a great week.
B. Student Body Vice President – Izzy Romeo
C. Speaker of the Senate – Sharon Polo
    i. Thank you everyone who came to meet the dean, deans had a lot of knowledge, for the next event please more senators.
    ii. Thank you for coming to today's senate forum it was very fun.
    iii. Roar for a cause November 10 at 8:45 AM. Go visit elderly day care. We will just do some crafts for them it will be 3 hours. We have a bus that will take us to and from.
    iv. Kaitlyn and internal affairs committee removed senators, I updated panther connect with vacancies, so people are now applying more to these positions.
D. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Andrea Millan
    i. Happy Monday, Committee agenda need to be added to the teams and minutes by the vice chair of that committee.
    ii. Send survey in the WhatsApp now about meet your deans to see if there is anything you really liked and any improvements for the future.
E. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus – Sarah Mayorca

VIII. Invited Speakers

A. Noel Barengo – Faculty Senate Report
    i. The Faculty Senate reported that on October 13, it approved a resolution supporting FIU student media, including Panther NOW and student radio, recognizing their contributions to student engagement, independent journalism, and professional development. The resolution encourages SGA and university administration to reconsider previous funding reductions and establish a sustainable funding model. The Senate also announced plans to webcast meetings to improve transparency and accessibility. Additionally, concerns were raised about administrative delays affecting

international graduate students, particularly those awaiting foreign influence screening for graduate assistantship appointments. The Senate is working with university officials to address these issues and improve processing times. Finally, the Senate approved a statement recommending that the interim Dean of the College of Law be placed on administrative leave following a federal court's findings of professional misconduct, pending the outcome of an appeal. During the discussion, questions were raised about when student media funding was reduced, the amount of funding lost, and what actions SGA should take in response to the resolution

B. Health and Wellness

i. Mia Rabina, Program Manager for FIU's Paws Up for Safety program, presented an overview of the university's prevention and safety training initiatives, including sexual assault prevention, hazing prevention, and active shooter awareness and preparedness. The presentation focused primarily on defining hazing, explaining FIU's hazing policies, and discussing bystander intervention and reporting procedures. Hazing was described as any activity that places individuals at risk of physical or psychological harm, discomfort, or humiliation, regardless of consent, intent, location, or tradition. Examples included sleep deprivation, forced alcohol consumption, humiliating activities, verbal abuse, and controlling individuals' personal relationships or schedules. Rabina emphasized that FIU prohibits hazing both on and off campus when individuals are affiliated with the university and that violations may result in disciplinary consequences under the Student Code of Conduct. The presentation also introduced the importance of understanding amnesty protections and reporting hazing incidents to promote student safety and accountability.

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

i. Blanca: BBC meeting didn't mee quorum, we sent emails, calendar entry, and on WhatsApp. Next BBC meeting please no excuses, try to be present November 2nd at 4 P.M. Today was a great event, meet your dean chair round of applause. Excited for GPSC event tomorrow. November 10 10:45 event senate ONLY, will get community service out of it and you get to give back to the community. You cannot drive in a car you will have to be in the bus. Tomorrow football game SGA will be having a tailgate please go by and support. Manny proud to get a vice chair and meet quorum. Shilat thank you for being the senator of the month another round of applause.

ii. Larissa: SGA tailgate tomorrow, Tiago's tacos for first 200 students that join the tailgate, we will have a few games for you to be entertained, Coca Cola will be present and have activation so a lot of free drinks. Day of the Bay Saturday, over 150 people who have registered. Will have a bus leaving at MMC, transfer 50 students be here by 8AM and be back at MMC no later than 1 PM.

X. Old Business A. Vote to Discharge S.R. 07 001 *Reaffirming the Student Body Senate's Opposition to the 287(g) Agreement between the FIU Police Department and US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Condemning Abuses Associated with Federal Immigration Enforcement, and Requiring Documentation and Dissemination of the Senate's Position*

B. Voted down from Internal Affairs Committee

Vote on discharge S.R. 07 001				
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Sharon Polo	Senate President	Present	No	

Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	**Vacant**

20	9	1	**20**

	Vote	Yes needed	Result
Simple majority: Passed	Simple Majority	15	Passed
	Two-Thirds	20	Passed
	Three-Fifths	18	Passed

XI. New Business

MMC housing senator confirmation

A. Nina Krans (On Excel Sheet = No)

B. Samuel Fernandez (on Excel Sheet = Yes)

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XII. Senate Forum

i. Murray: thank you for making quorum, October 19 first day of early voting federal issues that impact our school, if not registered please register FIU is an early voting school. November 3rd is the actual day for midterm voting so go out and please vote

ii. Senator Espinoza invites all of you a debate I'm holding, on Thursday, we will show up to the Miami Dade County and put up a tent there, we the youth are still civically engaged. Across turnpike across AMC theater.

iii. Senator Bolton: Expanding public transportation on campus, and expand freebees, if you are available to signa. Petition for this please see me after. Internship quest of freedom is holding a 5k towards presentation of human trafficking.

iv. Senator Samuel Fernandez: Thank you all for voting me in, I also wanted to say that I'm open to getting involved into what people are doing.

v. Senator Jayo-Acuna: good afternoon, wanted to emphasize that transportation is something that we need to work on, I think freebee is an amazing opportunity. I am continuing to collaborate with administration for this to extend the shuttles towards the weakened.

XIII. Public Forum

i. 2 months into academic year now, Biscayne bay campus is without representation, they're all vacant. When would BBC appointments get on the agenda. Other thing is I believe it would be very important for SGA to restore funding to panther now media.

XIV. Adjournment

i. Adjourned at 5:23 P.M.