The 43rd Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 5th, 2026

I. Call to Order

At 4:15 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	Absent	
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	
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	Absent	
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	
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August Osani	Housing-MMC	Present	
Jasmine Slocum	Housing-MMC	Present	
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Sarah Currea	Online Student Senator	Present	

Alicia Bolton	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
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Emily Diaz	Upper Division	Absent	
Joshua Espinoza	Upper Division	Present	
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Sharon Polo	Senate President	Present	

Quorum is Established	Present	26
	Absent	19
	Vacant	14

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes –September 28th, 2026

i. With no objections, last meeting minutes are approved.

V. Adoption of the Agenda

i. Speaker pro tempore Andrea Millan motions to vote to discharge S.R. 07 001 from the Internal Affairs Committee by Unanimous Consent to move it into new business.

ii. No objections motion is passed, moved to first item of new business to speak about it

iii. Senator Osani: motion to move public comment to the beginning of the agenda after committee reports by unanimous consent. No objections

VI. Committee Reports

A. Finance Chair – Alejandro Madrigal

i. No report, FIU game Wednesday, go out support the team.

B. Floor Leader - Internal Affairs Committee – Kaitlyn Castro

i. Hi everyone happy Monday. I don't have too long of a report today, I just want to give a shout to Naomy, Jenisha, for tabling today.
ii. As well, the senator with the most hours Shilat again, round of applause.

C. Rules Committee – Manuel Fernandez

i. Good afternoon no report from rules

D. SLAC Committee – Naomy Suarez

i. Good afternoon no report

E. GPSC Committee – Ana Luiza Ferreira

F. BBCLC Committee – N/A

G. Meet the Deans Committee – Jazmine Murray

i. I am currently finishing up PowerPoint for meet the deans presentation. By today if no more of the deans have said anything, then tomorrow I will start filling it in. Wednesday October 7th from 12 P.M. – 2 P.M. meet the deans.

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

VII. University-Wide Council Reports

A. Student Body President – Alyssa Mederos

B. Student Body Vice President – Izzy Romeo

i. I met again with deputy chief of staff looking into financial breakdown for recharge, door always open as always, time sensitive text me or call me

C. Speaker of the Senate – Sharon Polo

i. Again as most of us have said if any of you guys have questions please email me I will answer.
ii. Today speaker pro tempore and I will leave at 4:55 P.M. so I will leave the chair to Floor Leader Castro

D. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Andrea Millan

i. Meet your dean again Wednesday 12-2 GC 243., working very hard to make this event as successful as possible.
ii. Emailed what I believe were all committee chair, if you have not received an email from me please let me know, or also text me on my phone number as well through WhatsApp. I will start dropping in on these meetings to just see how things are going.

E. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus – Sarah Mayorca

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

i. Blanca:

a. Senators thank you for tabling; meet your dean lot of senators this is your opportunity to stand out and speak with the deans. Thank you Remberto for helping all day in the AI 305 conference you were there all day showing up for SGA.
b. October 19 senate leadership forum, give out treats candy, our president will be there as well.
c. GPSC event October 20th at the law building.

ii. Larissa:

a. BBC townhall Thursday 1 PM, if you are at BBC and would like to voice any issues then Thursday is your day.
b. Next Monday BBC meeting, I encourage you all to take the shuttle, latest 2:30 PM leave to make it there.

d. Public Forum

i. Speaker 1: I urge the Senate to support the resolution opposing 287(g). I believe passing it would represent the wishes of the student body, help unite students around the issue, and reduce conflict and pressure on campus. Senators have the power to create change, and supporting this resolution would be an important step.
ii. Speaker 2: I support the resolution from a moral and emotional standpoint because I believe we should have empathy for students who feel unsafe or uncomfortable because of 287(g). I believe senators should represent the concerns of the student body, and passing this resolution could help reduce tension and make students feel safer on campus
iii. Speaker 3: As a co president of the ACLU, I have worked with organizations across different political perspectives. Because of that, I believe the 287 (g) agreement is a nonpartisan issue and should not be treated as something politically divisive.
iv. Speaker 4: I support opposing 287 (g) because I have seen how it has made some students at FIU feel uncomfortable and unsafe. FIU is an extremely diverse university, and I do not believe immigration enforcement should fall within the role of a university police department.

e. New Business

i. Senator Fernandez motions to read the entire resolution by placard vote.
ii. The majority of senate approves to read the resolution, motion passes.
iii. Unanimous consent to enter discussion period, motion passes, no objections.
iv. IA committee chair Kaitlyn Castro disapproves of the resolution because it is not what the Student Government Association stands for. It oversteps its limits and boundaries in its roles of local law, and therefore it was voted down.
v. During the discussion period, Senator Osani, Bolton, and Doll give speeches in approval of Senator Fernandez's resolution and back him up

Due to Senators leaving the Senate Chambers, attendance was retaken

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b. Appointment of Engineering & Computing Senator
   i. Alp Azder
   ii. Did not meet quorum

c. Appointment of MMC Housing Senator
   i. Samuel Fernandez Alvarez
   ii. Kaylee Andrew
   iii. Did not meet quorum

f. Senate Forum
   i. Did no meet quorum

g. Adjournment
   h. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 P.M. because quorum was not met.