The 43rd Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 28th, 2026

I. Call to Order
   a. At 4:17 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	
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Andrea Millan	Senate Pro Tempore	Present	
Sharon Polo	Senate President	Present	

Quorum is Established	Present	25
	Absent	18
	Vacant	16

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes –September 21st, 2026

a. With no objections, the meeting minutes for last week have been approved.

V. Adoption of the Agenda

a. Senator Espinoza has a motion to move public forum to the beginning of senate for this week. With no objections the motion has passed.

VI. Invited Speaker – Russel Kizior – Sigma Pi

i. Sigma pi frat is a men's social association founded in 1897. We have never been in this university, so we wanted to come because we are looking to establish our founding class at FIU. We are looking for men with leadership experiences, if you know anyone who would like to come, please let me know. We do have a referral open that if you win you will get a 300-dollar open tab from Starbucks or café Bustelo. Just let just know you are from FIU. Send them to our Instagram please.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Finance Chair – Alejandro Madrigal

i. Finance chair Madrigal: Happy Monday everybody. Very glad to see that FIU won this weakened for football hopefully we keep our winning streak. Met last week and talked about meet the dean event, we were able to lower the original budget to 1580 dollars to save resources, and we were able to get everything needed regardless. I hope everyone can make it and we will have a great event.

B. Floor Leader - Internal Affairs Committee – Kaitlyn Castro

i. Happy Monday, we haven't been able to meet for IA committee. Let's please keep up the hours for senators, there are some discrepancies between the hours, remember all senators are to complete 3 hours every week. Other than that, I've been helping on working on meet your dean.

C. Rules Committee – Manuel Fernandez

i. Good afternoon, everybody, there is no report for Rules Committee.

D. SLAC Committee – Naomy Suarez

i. SLAC Committee chair Suarez was not able to make it to Senate, so Vice Chair Shilat takes over. Did not meet quorum so we unfortunately did not have meeting.

E. GPSC Committee – Ana Luiza Ferreira

i. On October 20th, there will be a GPSC tabling event for law school. I hope everyone can spare some time and show up!

F. BBCLC Committee – N/A

G. Meet the Deans Committee – Jazmine Murray

i. Meet your dean is October 7, next week Wednesday from 12-2. Only have 2 confirmed deans currently from the schools but we are working to getting every one of the deans.

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

i. No report so far. Still working on gather everyone's phone number to set up council.

VIII. University-Wide Council Reports

A. Student Body President – Alyssa Mederos

i. I have some appointments for today; they are great candidates.

ii. Food for fines starts tomorrow so go to the SGA office to have those citations forgiven.

B. Student Body Vice President – Izzy Romeo

i. My deputy chief of staff and I have been meeting for recharge. No spoilers yet but I know you will like it. Board of directors meeting in 2 weeks so I will have a report for that soon. Email me or come knock at my door whatever I'm always here to help.

C. Speaker of the Senate – Sharon Polo

i. BBC Monday meeting moved to October 12. It will no longer be help on October 5. Original day for November 2nd stays the same to go to BBC. So once again, next week there will be regular senate meetings here at MMC at 4 P.M.

ii. Meet your dean event again next week as we have been talking about so try to show up.

iii. October 19, at 2:30 P.M. fun trivia here at the senate chambers will have candy, please show up.

D. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Andrea Millan

i. I have been reaching out to the deans so that they can show up. The committees are doing awesome. Thank you, Blanca, for helping us with the decorations and such.

E. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus – Sarah Mayorca

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

i. Blanca: Thank you to Alicia for tabling round of applause. SGA tailgate October 20th try to stop by to see the football game. Meet your dean, share it with your friends to get the most people we can. We are trying to do it at an optimal time so that it is at the perfect time, not too late where people have already gone to their homes and not too early where people have class.

ii. Larissa: No update

X. New Business

A. Confirmation of Secretary of Veteran Affairs

i. Gabriel Moreno

a. Senator Bolton motions to bypass discussion period by unanimous consent.

b. Senator Espinoza and Murray disagree. Motion fails.

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Vote Count

Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
15	7	0	15

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B. Confirmation of Deputy Attorney General

i. Sara Callardo

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C. Appointment of CARTA Senator

i. Mariangel Flores NO

ii. Isabella Zambrano this week YES

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D. Appointment of MMC Housing Senator
   i. Samuel Fernandez Alvarez
   ii. Kaylee Andrew
   iii. Appointment moved to next week as a candidate cancelled.

E. Appointment of Online Senator

i. Sarah Currea

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F. Legislation Workshop

i. Joshua: do we have to use whereas format, YES have to use whereas format, Larrisa says to yes use whereas format

ii. Jasmine Murray: Why does the legislation have to be sent to a committee first and not the senators. Larissa says: It is all in the statue and it must be sent to one committee so that they can review it, confirm it, and pass it on.

iii. Senator Jayo-Acuna: For clarification, it would only be one committee that we have to send the legislation to correct. Larissa: Yes only 1 committee

iv. From the public: How can a student not part of SGA get involved in creating legislation. How should we go about that.

Larissa: You can reach out to any of the senators to see if they are interested in sponsoring your bill and then you can work up on it from there.

XI. Senate Forum

i. Speaker Sharon: Everyone single senator must cosponsor at least 1 legislation every semester.

ii. Senator Fernandez, Next week Monday deadline to register to vote. Early voting October 19. Last day to request a ballot by mail is October 24.

iii. Jasmine Murray: Same thing, these midterms are super consequential. It affects our school and everyone around us. Tell your friends, FIU is an early voting polling location.

iv. Senator Radcliffe: My Alma mater won pig roast last Saturday. Medical school just had cool events with Paul, we had it on Instagram. Deans cup on Sunday, law students vs medical students battling it out.

XII. Public Forum

Abraham from public forum: I want to address a practical concern about ICE activity and campus safety at FIU. When students, particularly students from immigrant families, believe that seeking assistance from campus security could potentially expose themselves or their families to immigration enforcement, they may hesitate to report crimes, harassment, threats, or other emergencies. That hesitation has consequences beyond the individual

student. Campus security depends on students coming forward and providing information when something happens. If students become afraid to interact with security or other authorities, incidents can go unreported, witnesses may remain silent, and security personnel have less information to respond effectively.

FIU is a large and diverse university, and maintaining trust between students and campus security is essential. Students should feel that they can report a safety concern and ask for help without worrying that doing so could create immigration consequences for themselves or their families. Whatever one's views on federal immigration policy, preserving that trust is directly relevant to the safety and functioning of our campus.

XIII. Adjournment

At 5:55 P.M.