

FIU**Student Government
Association**The 43rd Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 18th, 2026

- I. Call to Order @ 4:05pm
- 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	Present	
Valentina Dominguez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Emily Garcia	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
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	
Andrea Millan	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	
Daniela Alvarez	College of Business	Present	
Kaitlyn Castro	College of Business	Present	
Alejandro Madrigal	College of Business	Present	
Jazmine Murray	College of Business	Present	
Edward Ng	College of Business	Absent	
Melanie Telleria	College of Business	Present	
Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant	
Sharon Polo	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
Melissa Sosa	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent	

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Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Vacant	
Ashley Prado	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Trevor See	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Bryan Gargurevich	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Maximilian Vargas	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Remberto Silva Tejada	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Ricardo Garcia	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Niska Lavaud	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	
Nathalie Jusino	College of Law	Absent	
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	
Ana Cebollero	Housing-MMC	Present	
August Osani	Housing-MMC	Absent	
Jasmine Slocum	Housing-MMC	Present	
Nicole Naeini	Housing-MMC	Absent	
Cesar Cabrera	Lower Division	Absent	
Natalie Nunez	Lower Division	Present	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	
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	Absent	
Ana Luiza Ferreria	University Graduate School	Present	
Mateo Suarez	University Graduate School	Absent	
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Emily Diaz	Upper Division	Present	
Joshua Espinoza	Upper Division	Present	
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			28
Quorum is Established	Present		16
	Absent		11
	Vacant		

- IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – May 11th, 2026
 - A. With no objections, last meetings minutes are approved.
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
 - A. With no objections, today’s agenda is adopted.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance Committee – Alejandro Madrigal
 - i. No report.
 - B. Rules Committee Chair – N/A
 - C. SLAC Committee Chair – N/A
 - D. BBC LC Committee Chair – N/A
 - E. GPSC Committee Chair – N/A
- VII. University-Wide Council Reports
 - A. Student Body President – Alyssa Mederos
 - i. Applications are open for chief of staff and clerk of the senate! The rest of the cabinet positions will be opening up soon so make sure to
 - B. Student Body Vice President – Izzy Romeo
 - i. No report, happy Monday!
 - C. Speaker of the Senate – Sharon Polo
 - i. No meeting next week

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- ii. Mark your calendars for June 10th-11th for senate retreat.
- D. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Ana Cebollero
 - i. No report.
- E. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus – Sarah Mayorca
- VIII. Advisor’s Report – Larissa, Patty & Blanca
 - A. Blanca: I sent an email to the link for the Senate retreat chat, if you haven’t seen it please check your email.
 - B. Larissa: Orientations are this summer, tomorrow and Wednesday we have first year orientation so if you would like to connect with first year students let me know
 - C. Patty: thank you to all those senators who already completed the FIU develop course, this is for both returning and new senators.
- IX. Unfinished Business
 - A. Appointment of the Floor Leader
 - i. Senator Lewis nominated Kaitlyn Castro, Castro accepts, Senator Dominguez seconds.
 - ii. Senator Murray nominated Joshua Espinoza, Espinoza accepts. Senator Fernandez seconds.
 - iii. Senator Fernandez moves to elapse q&a by unanimous consent, senator Murray seconds. Motion passes.
 - iv. Senator Fernandez moves to elapse discussion period by unanimous consent, Senator Lewis seconds. Motion passes.
 - v. With a vote of 15-9, Kaitlyn Castro wins Floor Leader.

Vote on Floor Leader

Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention
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Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
15	9	0	1

	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
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Motion Passed	Simple Majority	15.0	Passed
	Two-Thirds	19	Failed
	Three-Fifths	17	Failed

- X. New Business
 - A. Appointment [Clerical Error]
 - i. Senator Espinoza moves to appeal ruling and add appointments for committee chairs, senator Fernandez seconds. Motion fails.
 - ii. Senator Fernandez moves to adjourn by unanimous consent. Motion passes.
- XI. Senate Forum
- XII. Public Forum
- XIII. Adjournment @ 4:44pm