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The 41st Session of the Student Body Senate
Meeting Minutes
January 13th, 2025

- I. Call to Order: 4:05
- II. Pledge of Allegiance / FIU Alma Mater
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes
 - A. January 6th 2025
Motion to approve by unanioum consent, passed.
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
Motion to move by unanimous consent
- VI. Invited Speakers
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance Committee: met last week
 - B. Internal Affairs: met last week, will meet on Friday at 4:30. Discussed tabling bill. Please do office hours.
 - C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee: Meeting today
 - D. Rules: Didnt meet this week, will meet after
 - E. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee: Didnt meet, will meet this Thursday
 - F. Biscayne Bay Campus Legislative Council: Build a better campus forum coming up
 - G. Student Unity and Fellowship Ad-Hoc Committee: Didn't meet last week
 - H. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee: Didn't meet last week
 - I. Student Health and Wellness Ad-Hoc Committee: Hasn't met
- VIII. University-Wide Council Reports
 - A. Student Body President: Franchesca Cassanova
 - B. Speaker of the Senate: Alexandra Barriga: Potential new senators could be joining us, a lot of events coming up in January
 - C. Speaker Pro-Tempore:
 - D. Vice President: David Almanza
 - E. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus: Jabari Baptiste: Acknowledged the work students in BBC have been doing to make experience better. First, they ave created Biscayne bay basketball, day on the bay, coffee on the bay, and many more events. In addition, there are now shuttles all weekend. Other organizations have also helped make this happen. There is a bright future to look foward, panther dining has opened


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in BBC with expended options. Also, there is a campus forum and volleyball coming up. In addition, the food and wine festival.

F. Lieutenant Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus: N/A

G. Comptroller: Anayre Martinez

H. Floor Leader: Marc Gedeon: Do your office hours and attend council meetings.

IX. Vetoed Legislation

A. N/A

X. Unfinished Business

A. S.B. 05 005 Senate Bill Rules R.O.P Revision

Bronchinsky and Allen want to remand the revision. Motion to enter 5 min discussion by Cambron, passed. Cambron states that all the concerns that were there have been dealt with, so it is all good to go. Mata agrees. Toussaint asks, how online office hours will look. They answer that it is at the discretion of the floor leader. POI if its passed, how many times do we meet to meet with dean? Answer is just once necessary. Motion to move into a placard vote to discharge by Cambron, passed. Bronchinsky unanimous consent to waive second reading, passed. Motion to roll call by Gedeon, second.

B. Speaker Pro Tempore Vacancy:

Bronchinsky is nominated by Mata, seconded. Lyons nominates Gedeon, second. Cambron nominates Caseres, seconded, but does not accept.

Bronchinsky:

Represents BBC. He is proud to create many events for the BBC campus. Beyond that, he wants to make sure you have someone to rely on. He is the longest serving senator.

Gedeon:

Currently senate floor leader. He focuses on leadership and teamwork. He has skill to bring people together. Very involved with ICU, BSU, etc. Passionate about public service.

Motion to go into Q/A of 5 min by Mata, seconded. Mata asks what they have done to provide outreach of sga. Bronchinsky says, everything he tries to do with his role is to make sure everyone is aware of SGA, like all the events he has planned. Gedeon answers, he has gotten people from orientation to join SGA, also he communicates with everyone. St.Rose asks, what is your motivation to be in this position? Gedeon answers, he wants to be the voice for the people since he is very involved and open. Bronchinsky answers, that what motivates him is to have the most cohesive and forward moving senate. Cambron asks, if elected, would you participate in MMC senate? Bronchinsky answers,

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yes he can be here or at BBC. Gedeon answers that he is always here but is happy to go to BBC if needed. Toussaint asks, what initiatives have you been able to do? Gedeon answers, he has done events to put together housing and sga. He did a thanksgiving event for the students who didn't get to go home, in addition, there have been housing fairs. Bronchinsky says, focus on inclement weather planning, worked on food which has been amazing, bus resolution, held a survey, about to hold a forum. Gudipati motions to extend by 2 min under placard, second, passed. Gudipati asks, why are you willing to give up your current role? Bronchinsky says that he can still work with everyone, but just on a higher level. Gedeon says, being in this position you can have even more change and see different aspects of FIU you might not normally see. Jayo-Acuna asks, what is your key initiative and values? Gedeon says, he is senate floor leader, and he has been trying to make sure everyone in SGA is doing their part. Also, working with housing to improve housing for students. Bronchinsky says, he values documents and the ROP, he thinks if you have any questions, you can always ask him. Also, he is actively working on getting more BBC senators. Mata motions to go into a 5 min discussion period by unanimous consent, apposed, failed.

Toussaint motions to go into a 5 min discussion by placard, seconded, passed. Toussaint says that both candidates have been great, and they should not be limited because they are doing so good, instead they should be encouraged to grow. Jayo-Acuna says that she will vote for Bronchinsky because she has personally worked with him, and he is very professional and great. Caseres says that efficiently, Bronchinsky is the candidate. Mata states that Bronchinsky knows the most about rules and has the most experience. Krause says, Bronchinsky is very qualified. Sutton says that we should take into consideration their current roles. Bravo says that he supports Gedeon. Motion to extend by 2 min by placard by Jayo-Acuna, seconded, passed. Lyons says that Gedeon has a lot of different student's perspectives due to all the different organizations he is involved in. Menendez commends Gedeon due to his punctuality, effort, organizational abilities, etc. Motion by Lyons to roll call vote, seconded. Gedeon won.

XI. New Business

A. MMC Housing Senator Trey Saunders Confirmation:

Political science major, and RA in housing. He works with victim empower program and to help foster kids. He does a lot of community events. His vision is to first, have a bike basekt for groceries in housing. Next, a camp to gain better jobs. Next, more team-based events. Lastly, pins instead of wristbands. His dream is to make all students happy and share that will others.

Q/A: Lyons asks what problems in housing are you wanting to change. He answers that students complain that FIU is far in campus, so to improve the shuttle aspect. Also, there is not enough events, so he wants to teach how to find events. Peterson asks, what are your plans for out-of-state

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students and their accommodation? He doesn't have anything yet. Toussaint asks how he has used an organization to help a student. He says that he has helped a student advocate for himself when he was falsely accused.

Bronchinsky motions to approve candidate by placard vote. Voted 23 aye, 0 nays, candidate is approved.

B. BBC Housing Senator Tanner Croddy:

Mechanical engineering major, junior, loves to travel. He was a club leader, peer mentor. The goal is to be a bridge between clubs and E-Board. He always has experience as financial and tax aid. Q/A: Lyons asks how long he has been a resident at BBC. Answer, 1 year. Wagman, what's your favorite part of BBC. He says that the view and the water. Jayo-Acuna asks, how have your extracurriculatos shaped you. In model UN, he has learned a lot about democracy. As a peer mentor and president, he has learned about time management. St. Rose asks what one thing you would like to fix. He answers that there is only 1 oven in BBC. Mata asks how long he has been following SGA. He answered since last semester. Gedeon, what's your first cause of action. Reaching out to Chapman school to use their ovens. Mata motions to go into counted placard vote, motion passed, 27 aye, 0 nay. Placard vote to accept candidate. 23 Aye, 0 nay, 1 abstain, candidate is approved.

C. BBC At-Large Senator Marville Marcelin:

Majors in Criminal justice. Was SGA president in high school. Wants to join SGA to make a positive change. Wants to fix issues like trash on the bay. Passionate about making campus more supportive.

Q/A: Motion to elapse Q/A and move into counted placard vote by placard vote, motion passed. Placard vote to approve the candidate, aye, nay, candidate approved.

Motion to extend senate by 10 min by Bronchinsky by unanimous consent, failed. Motion to extend senate by 10 min by placard, seconded, passed.

D. BBC At-Large Senator Kitana Caraballo:

Hospitality major, lives at BBC. She is in 2 E-Board at BBC. Works at frost art museum. She wants to have more involvement in BBC. Wants to focus on sustainability and marketing it.

Motion to elapse Q/A and straight to placard vote by unanimous consent, passed. Placard vote to accept candidate, 25 aye, 0 nay, candidate is approved.


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E. Elections Board Member Lillian Flores Confirmation:

Second year, majoring in logistics. Wants this position for new skills, network, and benefit her future career. Focus is to have a smooth election process.

Q/A: Bronchinsky asks, can you put aside personal relationships. She says that she is already prepared to do so. Lyons asks, when have you made a hard decision, and have you ever been able to oversee anything. She answers, senior year of high school she was V.P SGA. Gudipati asks, how familiar are you with the rules. She answers, not that familiar. Gedeon asks if she is affiliated with any election party? She answers no. Toussaint asks, was she recommended. She answers yes. Mata asks, are you part of greek life? She answers yes and says no one in her family is part of a political party. Motion for placard voting on candidate by placard, motion passed. Motion to accept candidate by placard, 9 aye, 12 nay, candidate is not approved.

Motion to extend senate by 3, passed by placard.

F. Associate Justice Sofia Ferrer Confirmation:

Studies political science. Carries passion for the law. She was captain of volleyball team and president of clubs. Also, carried V.P of finance and alumina relationships in her sorority. She interned at the 3rd district court of appeals.

Q/A: Toussaint asks, how do you plan to work with both branches. She answers to work collaborative and interpret what the statutes state. Lyons asks, if she knows anyone at SGA. She answers no. Asked what sorority she is in, answered Sigma Kappa. Motion to elapse Q/A by unanimous consent, passed.

Motion to go into placard vote by unanimous consent, passed. Vote to approve candidate 20 aye, 0 nay, 1 abstention candidate approves.

Motion to extend by 3 min by unanimous, failed. Motion to extend by 2 min by placard vote, passed. Placard vote passed.

- XII. Senator Forum: Bronchinsky says that build better campus is Jan 21st. Lyons housing event Jan 23rd.
- XIII. Public Forum
 - A. N/A

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- XIV. Advisors Report:
1. Larissa Adames: student leadership summit RSVP. Party applications close tomorrow, leadership next Monday.
- XV. Adjournment: 6:15pm