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The 41st Session of the Student Body Senate
Meeting Agenda
January 6th, 2025

- I. Call to Order 4:05 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance / FIU Alma Mater
- III. Roll Call

Attendance

Senator Name	Senators Position	Attendance Status	Additional Note on Senator
Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Efrain Gonzalez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Shreeya Gudipati	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Nicholas Sutton	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
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Alie Francois	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	
Callista Peterson	College of Business	Present	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	
Fernando Menendez	College of Business	Present	
Sarahi Perez	College of Business	Absent	
E.M. Krause	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
Rashard Gowie	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	

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Rayhan Marrero	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Chloe McGuire	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Lucas Menendez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Angela Banov	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
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Hailey Menendez	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	
Vacant	College of Law	Vacant	
Daniel Cambron	College of Medicine	Present	
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	
Vacant	College of Public Health and Social Work	Vacant	
Vacant	Honors College	Vacant	
Vacant	Housing- BBC	Vacant	
Alex Wagenman	Housing-MMC	Present	
Martavius Lyons	Housing-MMC	Present	
Davari Demps	Lower Division	Present	
Vacant	Lower Division	Vacant	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	
Vacant	School of International and Public Affairs	Vacant	
German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	present	
Liz_angela Tillias	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Mahmoud Abdelrahman	University Graduate School	Absent	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
Patraillia Davis Bryant	University Graduate School	Absent	
Hossam Hussein	University Graduate School	Present	
Anurag Sharma	University Graduate School	Present	
Gabriel Diaz-Gonzalez	Upper Division	Present	
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Shilat Jayo-Acuna	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	
Aidana Kubatbekova	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Absent	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant	
Marc Gedeon	Housing- MMC	present	
Wilkin Caseres	College of Business	Present	
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	present	
Vacant		Vacant	

Quorum is Established	Present	31
	Absent	8
	Vacant	17

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

- A. December 2nd, 2024: motion to approve by unanimous by Mata, Caseres seconds. Brochinsky asks to include ROP, Gudipati seconds.

V. Adoption of the Agenda

VI. Invited Speakers

A. Senate Rules of Procedure (R.O.P.) Presentation

Gave a summary of edits made to rules of procedure. Senate leadership must meet with advisor once a week. Send agendas for meetings 24hrs prior. Sending minutes to committee members 24hrs prior to meetings. Senators select top preferences and assignments should be within 4 weeks of leadership elections. Senators must complete 3 office hours, senate meetings, 1 time with the dean per semester. Attendance is mandatory for special meetings. Discussion time is now up to 2 10min discussion times up to speaker’s discretion or majority vote. Voting: if you abstain, you need to provide a reason why and must be recorded. Committees meeting: option to hold biweekly meetings during Fall/Spring. Reports: if both chair and vice chair are absent, the senate’s provides officer delivers the report. Voting confirmations: removed unanimous consent. Public forum: if there is a member of the public in a meeting, they have priority, also limited time and number of speakers. Guest rep meeting: caps on



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representatives per organization or issue. Vacancy replacement: interviewers may use different questions to allow more specific questions. Procedures of legislation: legislation sent to floor leader, temp, advisor. As well as 24hr prior. Amendments: speaker notifies senate on amendments submitted after meeting; legislature can be referred to a committee for further review. Office hours: completed in person, or online with floor leader permission; You can do it on other campuses; other SGA events can be an exception as long as its approved; prohibits office hours during senate meeting; disputes with hours resolved by floor leader. Motion to elapse Q/A.

VII. University-Wide Council Reports

- A. Student Body President: Franchesca Cassanova
- B. Speaker of the Senate:
 - i. Past Friday the current speaker resigned. Business coffee chat on Friday Jan 10, meet housing senator 23rd, budget hearing on Jan 28-30th from 9-5pm
- C. Speaker Pro-Tempore: Alexandra Barriga
- D. Vice President: David Almanza:
- E. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus: Jabari Baptiste
- F. Lieutenant Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus: N/A
- G. Comptroller: Anayre Martinez
- H. Floor Leader: Marc Gedeon

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Finance Committee:
- B. Internal Affairs
- C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee: Meeting today
- D. Rules: Brochinsky as new Vice chair
- E. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee: Have not met.
- F. Biscayne Bay Campus Legislative Council:
 - i. Let Brochinsky know if you are taking a class at the BBC.
- G. Student Unity and Fellowship Ad-Hoc Committee:
- H. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee:
- I. Student Health and Wellness Ad-Hoc Committee:
 - i. Event during finals week and it went well.

IX. Vetoed Legislation

- A. N/A

X. Unfinished Business

- A. N/A

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- i. Senator Mata nominates Barriga, Caseres seconds, Barriga accepts.
- ii. Relinquished chair rights to Caseres. Caseres relinquishes to Gedeon. Caseres nominates himself.
- iii. Senator Tillias nominates Brochinsky, he accepts.
- iv. Barriga Speech: Very deep understanding of legislative process and will make sure that everyone is on track and is doing well. She has served as a vice chair and a senator which has led her to understand what each committee needs.
- v. Caseres Speech: He will ensure smooth operations and focus. He works with a capable committee which will lead him to focus on the position. Wants everyone to feel heard, focusing on collaboration. Has served as finance director, chapter president of sigma phi epsilon and works with dean of business college.
- vi. Brochinsky Speech: Serves as chair of rules which allowed him to see all of legislation, also chair of BBC, Vice chair on rules of committee. Makes sure everything is done in a proper and right way.
- vii. Q/A: Gudipati asks if legislation needs to be assigned to a committee. Barriga, if it is something student wants, it will be assigned to a committee. Caseres, again, if it is something that benefits the students as a whole. Brochinsky says he would only deny it if it went against something in the document or rules.
- viii. Senator Toussaint asks if political ideas can be discussed in senate meetings. Brochinsky says that if a senator wants to bring something political in, the senate as a whole will decide. Caseres says that if it is an issue that affects students, yes. Barriga says that if it affects the student, it is important and should be talked about.
- ix. Tillian asked what is something that needs improvement. Caseres says that the structure that Stone brought was great, and what needs work on is doing anything on time. Barriga wants to ensure some sort of workshop for writing legislature, and something that would be beneficial to change is that everything is sent in in an orderly manner. Brochinsky states that he likes the order that was kept; something he wants to change is the efficiency of agendas, legislation, responses, etc.
- x. Senator Francois moves to extend by 2 min 30 sec, Senator Tillias seconds.

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- xi. Senator Gowie asks what sets you apart from nominees. Brochinsky says that he knows the documents and procedures very deeply. Barriga states that she has done the meet your dean event and that has led to students being able to talk to the dean. Also, she understands the role of what is necessary for speaker, she is highly organized and a perfectionist. Caseres states that his current committee is great, so he can leave his position safe and focus on his next role as well as bring consistency.
- xii. Motion to extend by 1 min by Mata fails.
- xiii. Senator Tillias motions to 5 min discussion period, Senator Francois seconds.
 1. Discussion period: Mata says that we should make our pro tempore the speaker to make it smoother transition.
 2. Tillias says that whoever it is can learn the position just like anyone else can.
 3. Acuna endorses Barriga.
 4. Krause states that all candidates have held leadership positions, and we should look beyond current positions.
- xiv. Motion to extend by 5 min by Francois, Senator Tillias seconds.
- xv. Senator Francois extended by 2 min by placard vote, Tillian seconds, Motion passed.
 1. St. Rose says that we need to consider their current role and how important it is.
- xvi. Gudipati motions to move into roll call under unanimous consent, no second.

Vote on Senate Speaker

Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention
Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		Brochinsky
Efrain Gonzalez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		Carers
Shreeya Gudipati	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		Barriga
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		Caseres
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	Vacant	
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		

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Alie Francois	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present		Brochinsky
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	Vacant	
Callista Peterson	College of Business	Present		Caseres
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present		Barriga
Fernando Menedez	College of Business	Present		Caseres
Sarahi Perez	College of Business	Absent		
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Olivia Derechin	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent		
Rayhan Marrero	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Chloe McGuire	College of Engineering and Computing	Present		Barriga
Lucas Menendez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present		Caseres
Angela Banov	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present		Barriga
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Hailey Menendez	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present		Caseres
Vacant	College of Law	Vacant	Vacant	
Daniel Cambron	College of Medicine	Present		Barriga
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present		Caseres
Vacant	College of Public Health and Social Work	Vacant	Vacant	
Vacant	Honors College	Vacant	Vacant	
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Alex Wagenman	Housing-MMC	Present		Caseres
Martavius Lyons	Housing-MMC	Present		Barriga

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Vacant	Lower Division	Vacant	Vacant	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
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German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	0		Barriga
Liz_angela Tillias	School of International and Public Affairs	Present		Brochinsky
Mahmoud Abdelrahman	University Graduate School	Absent		
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	Vacant	
Patraillia Davis Bryant	University Graduate School	Absent		
Hossam Hussein	University Graduate School	Present		Barriga
Anurag Sharma	University Graduate School	Present		Caseres
Gabriel Diaz-Gonzalez	Upper Division	Present		Caseres
Kassandra Toussaint	Upper Division	Present		Barriga
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Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
0	0	0	17

Motion Failed	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
	Simple Majority	16.5	Failed
	Two-Thirds	21	Failed
	Three-Fifths	19	Failed

Floor Leader Geodon read the results: Barriga: 14 votes, Caseres: 11 votes, Brochinsky: 5 votes and 1 abstention. No one reached the simple majority. There will be a runoff between Senator Barriga and Senator Caceres.

Vote on Senate Speaker (Barriga or Caseres)				
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Chloe McGuire	College of Engineering and Computing	Present		Barriga
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Senate Floor Gedeo reads the results: Barriga 19 votes, Senator Caseres 10 votes and 1 abstention. Senator Barriga reaches the simple majority threshold and wins with 19 votes.

Opens floor for pro tempore position. Senator Tillias motions to move it to the next meeting by unanimous, Brochinsky objects. Senator Gudipati mentions to table until next meeting, Senator Cambron seconds.

B. Bill for ROP: Table until next meeting passed.

XII. Senator Forum:

- A. Senator Joya-Acuna wants to recognize the BBC legislative council.
- B. Senator St. Rose says coffee chat is this Friday at 11am
- C. Brochinsky states that dining at BBC is now open until 8pm and there is a cafe too. Surprise tabling on I-75 tomorrow 4:30-6:30pm.

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- D. Senator Lyons states that on Jan 23rd he is hosting a meet your housing senator's event.
- XIII. Public Forum:
A. N/A
- XIV. Advisors Report:
1. Larissa Adames:
a. Student life award application is open; student leadership summit is Jan 31st;
Tabling tomorrow, Jan 7th; sign in guests for offices; SGA closes at 5:30pm until
senate meetings are over.
- XV. Adjournment: 5:54pm meeting adjourned.