

FIU**Student Government
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The 41st Session of the Student Body Senate
Meeting Minutes
January 27th, 2025

- I. Call to Order @ 4:03pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance / FIU Alma Mater
- III. Roll Call

Senator Name	Senators Position	Attendance Status
Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present
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Rashard Gowie	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present
Olivia Derechin	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present
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German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Present
Liz_angela Tillias	School of International and Public Affairs	Present
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Wilkin Caseres	College of Business	Present
Marc Gedeon	Housing- MMC	Present
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present

Quorum is Established	Present	34
	Absent	8
	Vacant	14

- IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes
 - A. January 13th 2025.
 - i. Senator Cambron moves to approve last meeting minutes by unanimous consent. Motion passes.
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
 - i. Senator Cambron moves to approve last meeting minutes by unanimous consent. Motion passes.
- VI. Invited Speakers
 - A. None.
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance Committee
 - B. Internal Affairs
 - C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee
 - i. Last meeting approved purchases for GSAW. Awaiting creative team approval to continue. Will be meeting this week.
 - D. Rules Committee
 - i. Discussing ISC tabling bill. Will be continuing discussion after senate.
 - E. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
 - i. Will be meeting this Thursday.

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- F. Biscayne Bay Campus Legislative Council
 - i. Brief introductions, had some feedback about campus forum. Had a discussion about giveaways and initiatives. Specifically toasty Tuesday and how to implement it. If anyone has any further questions please reach out to committee chair.
- G. Student Unity and Fellowship Ad-Hoc Committee
 - i. Will be meeting this week to plan events for the semester.
- H. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee
 - i. Nothing to report at the moment.
- I. Student Health and Wellness Ad-Hoc Committee
 - i. Trying to find a time best for meeting.
- VIII. University-Wide Council Reports
 - A. Student Body President: Franchesca Cassanova
 - i. Budget hearing will be tomorrow, we encourage you all to listen in since we will be voting on this budget in order to be properly educated on our votes.
 - B. Speaker of the Senate: Alexandra Barriga
 - i. Budget meetings will be from 9-5 with a zoom option if you would like to listen in. If there are any questions you would like to ask the presenters please contact me with any questions.
 - C. Speaker Pro-Tempore: Marc Gedeon
 - 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: Vacant
- IX. Vetoed Legislation
 - A. N/A
- X. Unfinished Business
 - A. Floor Leader Vacancy
 - i. Pro Temp Gedeon nominates Senator Krause. Senator Krause accepts nomination. No other nominations were made. Moving on to Q&A portion with Senator Krause.
 - ii. Pro Temp Gedeon moves to vote on Senator Krause for floor leader by Roll Call vote. Motion passes.



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Vote on (insert item)

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Motion passes. E.M. Krause is the new Floor Leader.

XI. New Business

A. Public Health and Social Work Senator Alexis Lofton Confirmation

- i. Moving into Q&A portion for 5 minutes
- ii. Senator Cambron moves to enter placard vote, Gedeon seconds. Motion passes. 25 in favor.
- iii. Speaker Barriga calls placard vote, vote passes. Alexis Lofton is confirmed as Public Health and Social Work Senator.

B. CARTA Senator Alexandra Phelps

i. Q&A Portion:

1. Senator Jayo-Acuna: as a fellow BBC student, what initiatives do you have in mind?
 - a. Sustainability around the environment of BBC, as well as proper maintenance of transportation around BBC whether it be the busses or other forms of transport.
2. Senator Toussaint:
 - a. What does transparency mean to you?
 - i. In my experience in journalism, i have had to push to make sure the university understands that the issues of the students cannot be silenced.
3. Senator Francois:
 - a. What concerns do you see CARTA having?
 - i. Pushing for more networking can benefit CARTA students across the board.
4. Senator Lyons:
 - a. Do you have any leadership experience?
 - i. I'm currently a part of panther mock trial, I've also been in clubs in high school where there have been leadership roles.

ii. Senator Cambron moves to bypass discussion and vote via placard, senator mata seconds. Motion passes

iii. Senator Cambron moves to vote by placard, senator Sutton seconds. Motion passes.

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C. Clerk of the Senate Aylie Farmer Confirmation

i. Q&A Portion:

1. Senator Gudipati:

a. Were there any issues at FIU you would like to change while you're here?

i. It would be so nice to see more of non-governmental major students involved in SGA so that everyone's interests can be seen and heard.

2. Senator Saunders:

a. How do you believe you can best manage your time with other commitments?

i. I've made sure to have my schedules not conflicting with SGA duties.

3. Senator Toussaint:

a. Was someone in senate who recommended this position to you?

i. Senator Barriga and Mata helped me find this role

ii. Senator Cambron moves to bypass discussion and go into placard voting, senator Francois seconds. Motion passes.

iii. Speaker Barriga calls placard vote, vote passes. Aylie Farmer is confirmed as Clerk of the Senate.

D. Elections Board Member Vanessa Ronas Confirmation

i. Q&A Portion:

1. Senator Francois:

a. Are you affiliated with any groups at FIU?

i. I am not, and while I am reaching the last semesters of undergraduate I wanted to get involved and help out as much as I can.

2. Senator Toussaint:

a. What would you say is a conflict of interest for you and also since elections are coming up soon, how do you feel you can get these initiatives done in such a short time?



- i. A conflict of interest would be a situation where myself or another member would not feel comfortable taking part in discussion or vote.
- 3. Senator Lyons:
 - a. Have you had a chance to look at the elections code and how did you find about this position?
 - i. I havent had a chance to look at the elections code but i will if i am appointed. I found out about this position through my friends as well as on pantherconnect.
- 4. Senator Francois moves to extend Q&A by 2 minutes through placard vote, pro temp Gedeon seconds. Motion passes.
- 5. Senator Francois: piggybacking off of senator Lyons. Do you have any affiliations with senate members that would alter your vote?
 - a. No, all my affiliations are formal.
- 6. Senator Cambron moves to bypass discussion and move into roll call voting by placard. Senator Lyons seconds. Motion passes.

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Motion fails. Vanessa Rones is not confirmed.

XII. Senator Forum

A. Senator Lyons:

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- i. February 19th is a black history event, if anyone would like to volunteer please come see me after senate.
 - B. Senator Jayo-Acuna
 - i. I would encourage all of you to come out for Senator Lyons event
 - ii. I also have my own sustainability event going on in BBC. I want to raise awareness to students about what exactly is being covered by tuitions. Everything from student health to CAPS services. If anyone wants to reach out and collaborate please feel free.
 - C. Senator St. Rose:
 - i. Please reach out if anyone would like to assist with my next event.
 - ii. If anyone is good at accounting please reach out because there are jobs for accounting being offered at FIU.
 - iii. Working to find solutions for issue about international flag removal at GC.
 - D. Senator Toussaint:
 - i. Update on free plan B initiative. Looking to set up education sessions on where you can get plan be. There was also a survey done about student interest in free plan b and 96% of people believe Plan B should be distributed free on campus. However there was concern about abusing it and lack of awareness which is why these education sessions are going to be super important.
 - E. Senator Mata:
 - i. Tomorrow is Jose Martis birthday, there will be an event that needs volunteers. If anyone would like to help please reach out.
 - F. Senator Perez:
 - i. Working on creating art exhibition in the GC ballrooms, i wanted to formally invite all of you in February. If anyone wants to contribute please reach out.
 - G. Senator Gedeon:
 - i. Game night at BBC tonight.
 - ii. Feb 2nd is another event celebrating Haiti and their dancing style.
- XIII. Public Forum
 - A. Sarah Hammel from the Library:
 - i. Talking about library resources and services.
 - 1. Did you know you can rent microphones and cameras from GL?
 - 2. If you need help with research, the people at the library can help you
 - 3. February 5th is the library resource fair 11am-2pm!
- XIV. Swearing in of new senators and members.

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XV. Advisors Report:

1. Larissa Adames

- a. I sent the budget flier with the zoom link for the hearings
- b. I also shared blue and gold recruitment week fliers. It's a great opportunity to go out and be ambassadors for SGA.
- c. If you are planning an event, please speak to me so we can get it done as efficiently as possible.
- d. Elections are here so please don't wait until last minute. If you know anyone that wants to run for a position please let me know.

XVI. Adjournment @ 5:39pm