

FIU**Student Government
Association**The 41st Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

February 3rd, 2025

- I. Call to Order @ 4:06pm.
- 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	Absent	
Shreeya Gudipati	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Nicholas Sutton	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
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Alie Francois	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	

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Callista Peterson	College of Business	Present	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Absent	
Fernando Menedez	College of Business	Present	
Sarahi Perez	College of Business	Present	
Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant	
Rashard Gowie	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
Olivia Derechin	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	
Chloe McGuire	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Lucas Menendez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Angela Banov	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	
Hailey Menendez	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	
Oliver Bernal	College of Law	Present	
Daniel Cambron	College of Medicine	Present	
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Absent	
Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present	
Vacant	Honors College	Vacant	
Tanner Croddy	Housing- BBC	Present	
Alex Wagenman	Housing-MMC	Absent	
Martavius Lyons	Housing-MMC	Present	

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Trey Saunders	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	Absent	
Mahmoud Abdelrahman	University Graduate School	Present	
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	
Kassandra Toussaint	Upper Division	Absent	
Dale Brochinsky	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	
Shilat Jayo-Acuna	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	
Aidana Kubatbekova	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Absent	
Marville Marcelin	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Absent	
Kitana Caraballo	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Absent	
E.M. Krause	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
Wilkin Caseres	College of Business		

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Marc Gedeon	Housing- MMC	Present	
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	

Quorum is Established	Present	31
	Absent	12
	Vacant	12

- IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes
- A. January 27th, 2025
- i. Speaker Barriga moves to approve by unanimous consent, senator Cambron seconds. Motion passes.
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
- A. Senator Lyons moves to adopt agenda as written by unanimous consent. Motion passes.
- VI. Invited Speakers
- A. None.
- VII. Committee Reports
- A. Finance Committee
- i. No reports at the moment.
- B. Internal Affairs
- i. Met last week and elected new vice chair senator Lyons
- ii. Discussed rules for the tabling bill and have come to a compromise. Will be finalizing it so it can be seen by the senate.
- iii. Establishing points of contact so you guys can reach us easily. The plan will be to dedicate an IAC member to each of you so your voices are heard.
- iv.
- C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee
- i. Met last week to go over GSAW planning, be on the lookout for fliers and information.
- D. Rules Committee

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- i. Met last week and offered more options for tabling bill. Will be coming to a conclusion soon.
 - E. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
 - i. No report at the moment. Looking to change meeting times from Thursdays to Mondays.
 - F. Biscayne Bay Campus Legislative Council
 - i. Met last Friday. Discussed giveaways for toasty Tuesday event in march.
 - G. Student Unity and Fellowship Ad-Hoc Committee
 - i. Unable to meet last week but will work to meet this week.
 - H. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee
 - i. No report.
 - I. Student Health and Wellness Ad-Hoc Committee
 - i. Picked a date and time, Fridays @ 6pm for meeting time.
- VIII. University-Wide Council Reports
 - A. Student Body President: Franchesca Cassanova
 - i. Senator Cambron gave update: last week comptroller resigned before budget hearings, so it is incredibly important to elect a new comptroller before budget deliberations later in the month.
 - B. Speaker of the Senate: Alexandra Barriga
 - i. Be on the lookout for messages from Larissa in regard to general initiatives within the semester.
 - 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: Vacant
 - H. Floor Leader: EM Krause
 - i. Just a reminder for those on zoom to keep your cameras on.
- IX. Vetoed Legislation
 - A. N/A
- X. Unfinished Business
 - A. N/A
- XI. New Business
 - A. Appointment Confirmation of Hailey Menendez

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1. Senator Brochinsky moves to extend the Q&A period for two minutes through placard vote, pro temp Gedeon seconds. Motion passes.
2. Senator Casares moves to extend discussion for unanimous consent. Motion passes.
3. Senator Casares moves to extend discussion for 2 minutes by unanimous consent. Motion fails
4. Senator Casares moves to extend discussion. Senator Cambron seconds. Motion passes.
5. Discussion period has elapsed. Moving into roll call voting.

Vote on (Haley Menedez for Comptroller)

Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention
Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Efrain Gonzalez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Shreeya Gudipati	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	Vacant	
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Nicholas Sutton	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	Vacant	

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Callista Peterson	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Absent		
Fernando Menedez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
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Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant		
Rashard Gowie	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	
Olivia Derechin	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	Vacant	
Chloe McGuire	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent		
Lucas Menendez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Angela Banov	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	Vacant	
Hailey Menendez	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	Abstention	
Oliver Bernal	College of Law	Present	Yes	
Daniel Cambron	College of Medicine	Present	Yes	
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Absent		

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Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present	Yes	
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Tanner Croddy	Housing- BBC	Present	No	
Alex Wagenman	Housing-MMC	Absent		
Martavius Lyons	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	
Trey Saunders	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	
Davari Demps	Lower Division	Present	Yes	
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German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	No	
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Mahmoud Abdelrahman	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	Vacant	
Patraillia Davis Bryant	University Graduate School	Absent		
Hossam Hussein	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Anurag Sharma	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Gabriel Diaz-Gonzalez	Upper Division	Present		
Kassandra Toussaint	Upper Division	Absent		
Dale Brochinsky	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	Abstention	being vice chair of committee



Shilat Jayo-Acuna	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	Abstention	being on same council
Aidana Kubatbekova	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Absent		
Marville Marcelin	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Absent		
Kitana Caraballo	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
E.M. Krause	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	
Wilkin Caseres	College of Business	0	Yes	
Marc Gedeon	Housing- MMC	Present	No	
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	

Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
24	3	3	12

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

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- XI. Senator Forum
- A. Senator Lyons: thank you to all who have volunteered for black history month event. I will be sending out more information soon.
 - B. Senator Saunders: discussing bike proposal to get best deals for university
 - C. Senator Jay-Acuna: updates on sustainability event at BBC. If anyone wants to help engage please let me know. anything we can do to add some more panther spirit
 - D. Senator Brochinsky: south beach wine and food festival. Still looking for students to help out. There are paid positions. If you go to Sobe Instagram you can apply. If you have 3 spare credits, there is a hospitality and management study abroad program that can be beneficial to you all.
 - E. Senator Gedeon: Annual fellowship with former secretary of department of treasury as well as former president of Costa Rica speaking at this event so if anyone wants to attend or help out please reach out. The event is on February 12th at 4pm.
- XII. Public Forum
- A. On behalf of pianist at FIU, we have made a community of people playing the piano in GC to help bring music to people walking through GC. Unfortunately the Piano is severely out of tune and administration locked it away when we brought these concerns to light. I am asking the senate for help in showing love to this instrument and the people that use it.
 - i. Senator Brochinsky moves to enter 1 minute Q&A period by unanimous consent. Motion passes.
- XIII. Advisors Report:
- 1. Larissa Adames
 - a. Thank you to all who attended leadership summit.
 - b. When you are working on legislation or resolutions, please save it on the teams folder so we can see and help out as quick as possible.
 - c. Please include me in the emails to administration so i can help coordinate.
 - d. Please ask me before giving out my number who is not in SGA. I am more than willing to help but it is better for general students to email me.
- XIV. Adjournment
- A. Meeting Adjourned at 4:53pm.