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The 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Student Body Senate  
Meeting Minutes  
November 1, 2024

- I. Call to Order 4:05 pm
- 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	Absent	
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	Present	
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Nicholas Sutton	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Joined after the start of the meeting
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
Alie Francois	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	
Callista Peterson	College of Business	Absent	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	
Fernando Menedez	College of Business	Present	

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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	
Olivia Derechin	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
Rayhan Marreroo	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Chloe McGuire	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Lucas Menendez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Angela Banov	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
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Anish Sharma	Honors College	Present	
Vacant	Housing- BBC	Vacant	
Alex Wagenman	Housing-MMC	Present	
Martavius Lyons	Housing-MMC	Present	
Davari Demps	Lower Division	Present	
Vacant	Lower Division	Vacant	
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James Hernandez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	

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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	
Oghoritsewarami Boyo	University Graduate School	Present	Joined after the start of the meeting
Patraillia Davis Bryant	University Graduate School	Present	
Hossam Hussein	University Graduate School	Absent	
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	Present	
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Gianlucas Lemoine	FIU at I-75 Senator	Present	
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Wilkin Caseres	College of Business	Present	
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Alexander Stone	Housing-MMC	Present	

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<b>Quorum is Established</b>	Present	39
	Absent	8
	Vacant	9

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

A. October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Sen. Lyons moves to approve the minutes by unanimous consent, Sen. Stone objects.

Sen. Stone: advises to put the content of committee reports to be restated.

Sen. Brochinsky: some minutes were lost due to mic issues, if anyone would like to add anything to committee reports, can restate it

Sen. Fineberg: would be hard to add the content

Larissa Adames: the current minutes on Teams are the most updated ones, could be tabled if the Senate is not comfortable passing it

Sen. Fineberg: suggests approving the meeting minutes, those who would like to update can check the document on Teams

Sen. Brochinsky: mostly committee reports are missing

Sen. Stone: Senators can forward the minutes and they can be added to the previous document

Sen. Fineberg: moves to approve the minutes and those who would like to add can forward the content, motion passes with no objections.

V. Adoption of the Agenda

Sen. Fineberg moves to approve the agenda by unanimous consent, motion passes.

VI. Invited Speakers

A. None

VII. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

Any requests can be received, work on a bill is ongoing

B. Internal Affairs

Met last Friday, discusses unexcused absences, work on legislation on tabling attendance is ongoing

C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee

Will meet tonight

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- D. Rules Committee
    - Met last Monday, quorum was not fully established; reviewed legislation, more work on legislation is ongoing
  - E. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
    - Met last week, approved the BBC transportation legislation, discussed legislation on study rooms
  - F. Biscayne Bay Campus Legislative Council
    - Met on Thursday to approve BBC transportation resolution, matters on BBC legislation representatives
  - G. Student Unity and Fellowship Ad-Hoc Committee
    - Planning of an event ongoing
  - H. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee
    - Did not meet last week, meeting is planned for this week
  - I. Student Health and Wellness Ad-Hoc Committee
    - Reminds the Senators to provide game ideas
- VIII. University-Wide Council Reports
- A. Student Body President: Franchesca Cassanova
  - B. Speaker of the Senate: Alexander Stone
    - No meeting next week due to public holiday, two pieces of legislation shared, asks Senators to provide ideas for the field day
  - C. Speaker Pro-Tempore: Alexandra Barriga
    - Meet Your Dean event is on Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, Dean's Cup is planned in support of food pantry, SGA support is encouraged
  - 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
    - Senators on Zoom should have cameras on, encourages participation in Dean's Cup event, committee meeting minutes should be uploaded to Teams
- IX. Vetoed Legislation
- A. None
- X. Unfinished Business
- A. None

**FIU****Student Government  
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1. Sen. Stone read the role description
2. Candidate gave a speech, presented his background, motivation to serve in the position; would like to provide resources and make sure students get the most out of the college experience
3. 5 min Q&A: Sen. Jayo-Acuna asks about the Candidate's plans to impact the SGA, Candidate: plans to provide more resources to military members and veterans, including social media resources  
Sen. Lyons: asks about plans to address problems, Candidate: would like to find out and address the problems  
Sen. Marreroo: asks about experience engaging with ROTC, Candidate: will work on it  
Sen. Anish Sharma: asks about concerns faced by veteran students, Candidate: veterans join later and may face issues with transition, student success coaches could be involved; potentially mental health concerns as well  
Sen. St. Rose: asks about initiatives the candidate plans to work on, Candidate: would like to inform veterans about resources provided by the university  
Sen. Fineberg: asks about the Candidate father's experience in the military and connection with work at SGA, Candidate: gave an outline
4. Sen. Mata: moves to approve the Candidate by unanimous consent, with no objections the Candidate is appointed.
5. The Candidate is sworn in

**B. S.R. 5 006: BBC Bus Resolution: Senator Shilat Jayo-Acuna**

1. Sen. Jayo-Acuna presented the Resolution and the reasons for introducing the bill. Absence of regular transportation between BBC and MMC on weekends may interfere with student opportunities
2. Sen. Jayo-Acuna read the Resolution
3. Sen. Brochinsky gives an opening statement, Uber credit is currently on a case-by-case basis, transportation can start with a smaller bus
4. 5 min Q&A: Sen. Lyons asks about providing the bus by Parking and Transportation, Sen. Brochinsky: work is ongoing

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Sen. Tillias: asks about the number of students requiring the service, Sen. Jayo-Acuna: a survey was conducted, 10 comments directly mentioned the issue of weekend transportation

Sen. Fineberg: the current process is to apply for Uber credit and whether all applications are approved, Sen. Brochinsky: no information on the exact number, approval is a lengthy process.

Sen. Fineberg: asks about communication with Parking and Transportation, Sen. Brochinsky: matter will be forwarded to the AVP

Sen. Wagenman: asks about the Uber credit process, Sen. Brochinsky: report need to be filed for application for credits, the report then is sent to the Office of the Dean

5. Sen. Gudipati moves to bypass the second reading, motion passes.
6. Sen. Anish Sharma moves to go into roll call vote, motion passes
7. Roll call vote: with 36 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions the Resolution passes.

### Vote on S.R. 5 006: BBC Bus Resolution

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Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Efrain Gonzalez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Shreeya Gudipati	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
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Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
36	1	0	9

**XII. Senator Forum**

1. Sen. Brochinsky: congratulates Sen. Jayo-Acuna on the passage of the resolution, Food at BBC bill prepared as a first draft; BBC basketball event took place, registration for BBC LC will open, South Beach Wine and Food festival applications are being accepted
2. Sen. Jayo-Acuna: thanks Senators for passing the resolution; encourages support for legislation on food options since variety is not present for many student groups
3. Sen. Stone asks about experience with 8<sup>th</sup> Street Campus Kitchen, considers variety being present
4. Sen. Mata: FIU student food is highly ranked
5. Sen. Gedeon: International Student Union is working on World Fair event, congratulates the women soccer team on performance, the women basketball team game will take place; support is encouraged
6. Sen. Lyons: work on the housing legislation is ongoing, comments and concerns are encouraged, appreciates the initiative on student nutrition

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7. Sen. Gedeon: makes a comment on Asian food, an upcoming event on housing
8. Sen. Mareroo: working on the resolution on study rooms and ensuring more student support
9. Sen. St. Rose: agrees with availability of food variety, makes a point on quality; work on two other resolutions is ongoing
10. Sen. Gudipati: makes a point about food and lack of options for students with dietary restrictions on some occasions
11. Sen. Jayo-Acuna: makes a point about food variety for international students with dietary restrictions, and diversity
12. Sen. Anish Sharma: makes a point about Asian food availability at 8<sup>th</sup> Street Campus Kitchen
13. Sen. Boyo: thanks Senators for passing the legislation, food donations for the food drive are encouraged

XIII. Public Forum

A. None

XIV. Advisors Report:

1. Larissa Adames: composite pictures tentative date is Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, tabling at Panthers Night Out is planned, volunteering is encouraged; BBC Vice Provost meeting is planned.  
Will not be in the office on Friday, on Monday the office is closed due to a public holiday.  
Those who have not completed the HR paperwork should complete it as soon as possible.

XV. Adjournment at 5:23 pm.