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The 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Student Body Senate  
Meeting Minutes  
December 2, 2024

- I. Call to Order 4:06 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	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	
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	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
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 Menedez	College of Business	Present	

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Sarahi Perez	College of Business	Present	
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	Absent	
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	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	
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	
Anish Sharma	Honors College	Present	
Vacant	Housing- BBC	Vacant	
Alex Wagenman	Housing-MMC	Absent	
Martavius Lyons	Housing-MMC	Present	
Davari Demps	Lower Division	Present	
Vacant	Lower Division	Vacant	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	
James Hernandez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	

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German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent	
Liz_angela Tillias	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Mahmoud Abdelrahman	University Graduate School	Present	
Oghoritsewarami Boyo	University Graduate School	Present	
Patraillia Davis Bryant	University Graduate School	Absent	
Hossam Hussein	University Graduate School	Absent	
Anurag Sharma	University Graduate School	Present	Joined after the start of the meeting
Gabriel Diaz- Gonzalez	Upper Division	Present	
Kassandra Toussaint	Upper Division	Present	
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	Joined after the start of the meeting
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
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Gianlucas Lemoine	FIU at I-75 Senator	Absent	
Marc Gedeon	Housing- MMC	Present	
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	40
	Absent	6
	Vacant	10

- IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes
- A. November 25, 2024
- Sen. Lyons moves to approve the minutes by unanimous consent, motion passes
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
- Sen. Brochinsky moves to approve the agenda by unanimous consent, motion passes
- VI. Invited Speakers
- A. N/A
- VII. Committee Reports
- A. Finance Committee
- Did not meet last week, meeting planned for this week
- B. Internal Affairs
- Will meet this week
- C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee
- Will meet today after the Senate meeting
- D. Rules
- Met last week, discussed the item on the agenda, meeting planned for today
- E. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
- Planning to meet this week
- F. Biscayne Bay Campus Legislative Council
- Did not meet last week, course selection survey is open, meeting planned for this week
- G. Student Unity and Fellowship Ad-Hoc Committee
- Will meet this week
- H. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee
- Will decide on scheduling the meeting for this week
- I. Student Health and Wellness Ad-Hoc Committee
- Will meet this week on Friday
- VIII. University-Wide Council Reports
- A. Student Body President: Franchesca Cassanova

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- B. Speaker of the Senate: Alexander Stone  
Wished the Senators happy holidays, ROP will be on the agenda in the first session in Spring. Congratulated the graduating Senators
  - C. Speaker Pro-Tempore: Alexandra Barriga  
Expressed appreciation for graduating Senators, those planning events for Spring should communicate the dates
  - 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  
Congratulated graduating Senators, Senators on committees should attend meetings, minutes should be uploaded
- IX. Vetoed Legislation
- A. (List legislation): None
- X. Unfinished Business
- A. S.R. 05 007 Food at BBC
    1. Sen. Brochinsky presented the bill
    2. Sen. Jayo-Acuna made a comment on limited dining options at BBC according to the survey results, need to expand options for students with diverse dietary needs
    3. Sen. Gedeon made a comment on ensuring that dietary needs of students are made over profits
    4. Sen. Brochinsky: dietary needs is one of the pressing priorities, many students are dissatisfied with options and hours
    5. 5 min Q&A: Sen. Touissant: agrees with the resolution, asks about possible suggestions to increase food traffic. Sen. Brochinsky: suggests to increase classes  
Sen. Caseres: asks about next steps in the process if the bill is passed and plans to work with Shop FIU, Sen. Brochinsky: BBC-specific representation for Shop FIU was not invited, some concerns get addressed according to feedback from students  
Sen. Stone: asks about a meeting with Shop FIU, Sen. Brochinsky: plans to reach out to Shop FIU representatives

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Sen. Barriga: asks about possible gains from the legislation, Sen. Brochinsky: better interaction with Shop FIU and addressing student feedback

Sen. Peterson: asks about the focus on improving the existing option vs. adding more options, Sen. Brochinsky: both options are possible depending on feasibility

Sen. St. Rose: asks whether anything can be implemented in the short term, Sen. Brochinsky: currently there is no mechanism for collecting student feedback, no menu is currently present, these improvements can be implemented quickly

Sen. Lyons: moves to extend the Q&A by 1 min 30 sec, amended to 2 min, motion passes

Sen. Lyons: agrees with the bill, asks about potential refusal of implementation, Sen. Brochinsky: feedback from students should be acknowledged

Sen. Cambron: asks about calculation of operation hours, Sen. Brochinsky: explains

Sen. Gowie: asks whether students would like to expand options or not interested in current ones, Sen. Brochinsky: fatigue from lack of variety seems to be present; Sen. Gowie asks about raising awareness among students regarding Shop FIU policies, Sen. Brochinsky: explains the strategy

6. Sen. Brochinsky moves to open a discussion, motion passes.

7. 10-min discussion: Sen. Brochinsky: there is no way for Shop FIU to get student feedback at BBC at the moment; there is no menu and if menu is present, it may be wrong; options are limited

Sen. St. Rose: went on a tour of the dining area, surveys available at MMC for student feedback are not available at BBC

Sen. Francois: asks what else is on the plan besides improving the foot traffic, Sen. Brochinsky: expanding classes, bus availability, working with the administration to improve the campus

Sen. Hernandez: the resolution is a good to start the conversation, generally supports it

Sen. Peterson: the matter is particularly important for out-of-state students who have no family locally

Sen. Touissant: students who don't have access to transportation for off-campus food and can't cook may face particularly serious issues

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Sen. Francois: generally agrees with the bill, proposes an option that is open late

Sen. Jayo-Acuna: agrees with a lot of points made, options have been limited for a long time, the needs of students need to be made

8. Sen. Cambron moves to elapse the discussion, motion passes.

9. Sen. Brochinsky moves for a roll call vote, motion passes.

10. Roll call vote

With 34 yes, 5 no, 0 abstentions the bill passes

### Vote on S.R. 05 007 Food at BBC

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	Present	Yes	
Shreeya Gudipati	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Nicholas Sutton	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	Vacant	
Alie Francois	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	Vacant	
Callista Peterson	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	Yes	

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Fernando Menendez	College of Business	Present	No	
Sarahi Perez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
E.M. Krause	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	
Rashard Gowie	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	
Olivia Derechin	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent	Absent	
Rayhan Marreroo	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	No	
Chloe McGuire	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Lucas Menendez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	No	
Angela Banov	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Absent	
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	Yes	
Vacant	College of Law	Vacant	Vacant	
Daniel Cambron	College of Medicine	Present	Yes	
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	No	
Vacant	College of Public Health and Social Work	Vacant	Vacant	
Anish Sharma	Honors College	Present	Yes	
Vacant	Housing- BBC	Vacant	Vacant	
Alex Wagenman	Housing-MMC	Absent	Absent	
Martavius Lyons	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	
Davari Demps	Lower Division	Present	Yes	
Vacant	Lower Division	Vacant	Vacant	



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Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
James Hernandez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent	Absent	
Liz_angela Tillias	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Mahmoud Abdelrahman	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Oghoritsewarami Boyo	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Patraillia Davis Bryant	University Graduate School	Absent	Absent	
Hossam Hussein	University Graduate School	Absent	Absent	
Anurag Sharma	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	
Gabriel Diaz-Gonzalez	Upper Division	Present	Yes	
Kassandra Toussaint	Upper Division	Present	Yes	
Dale Brochinsky	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	Yes	
Shilat Jayo-Acuna	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	Yes	
Aidana Kubatbekova	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	Yes	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
Gianlucas Lemoine	FIU at I-75 Senator	Absent	Absent	
Marc Gedeon	Housing- MMC	Present	Yes	
Wilkin Caseres	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Alexander Stone	Housing-MMC	Present	No	

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Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
34	5	0	10

**XI. New Business****A. S.R. 05 006: Coffee Chat Resolution.**

1. Sen. St. Rose presented the resolution
2. Sen. St. Rose: explains the purpose of the bill, students would like a chance to meet their representatives and voice concerns
3. Sen. Barriga: makes a comment on the cost of organizing the event if the event is a designated occurrence, Sen. St. Rose: if the event becomes a designated occurrence, could look into it; the budget changes; open to friendly amendments
4. 5 min Q&A: Sen. Caseres: makes a comment about the importance of informing the Senate about the budget  
Sen. Cambron: asks why the resolution was proposed rather than organizing events, Sen. St. Rose: for the purpose of guidelines and for students to be informed that their concerns are acknowledged  
Sen. Boyo: asks about the timing of the event and focus on Business students only, Sen. St. Rose: for now, the event is open to only Business students
5. Sen. Brochinsky moves for a 10-min discussion, motion fails
6. Sen. Francois: moves for a 5 min discussion, motion passes
7. 5-min discussion: Sen. Sutton: likes the proposed resolution, considers opening it to other schools  
Sen. Brochinsky: makes a point about the purpose of proposing a resolution for Business students, being appropriate and potential expansion to other students

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Sen. Touissant: considers it appropriate to include students who are considering changing their major or adding a minor, or having questions related to Business school, beneficial to promote communication

Sen. St. Rose: acknowledges the possibility of students from other schools attending the event, open to expansion

8. Sen. Krause moves to extend the discussion by 2 min, motion fails
9. Sen. Gedeon moves for a roll call vote, motion passes
10. Roll call vote  
With 38 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions the bill passes

### Vote on S.R. 05 006: Coffee Chat Resolution

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	Present	Yes	
Shreeya Gudipati	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Nicholas Sutton	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	

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Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Absent	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	Vacant	
Alie Francois	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	Vacant	
Callista Peterson	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Fernando Menedez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Sarahi Perez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
E.M. Krause	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	
Rashard Gowie	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes	
Olivia Derechin	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent	Absent	
Rayhan Marreroo	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
Chloe McGuire	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes	
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	Yes	

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Vacant	College of Law	Vacant	Vacant	
Daniel Cambron	College of Medicine	Present	Yes	
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Gabriel Diaz-Gonzalez	Upper Division	Present	Yes	
Kassandra Toussaint	Upper Division	Present	Yes	
Dale Brochinsky	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	Yes	



Shilat Jayo-Acuna	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	Yes	
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Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	Vacant	
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Gianlucas Lemoine	FIU at I-75 Senator	Absent	Absent	
Marc Gedeon	Housing- MMC	Present	Yes	
Wilkin Caseres	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Alexander Stone	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	

Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
38	0	0	10

B. S.B. 05 008: IAC Tabling Bill.

1. Sen. Lyons presents the bill
2. Sen. Lyons presents the purpose of the bill, can be used for office hours as well
3. Sen. Krause makes a point about a possibility of tabling counting as office hours and equal distribution of tabling workload
4. 5 min Q&A: Sen. Stone: makes a comment about formatting of the bill

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- Sen. Francois: asks whether it includes individual tabling, Sen. Lyons: yes
- Sen. Gedeon: makes a comment about visibility
- Sen. Tillias: makes a point about formatting, the registration process for tabling, and time commitment
- Sen. Stone: asks about tabling being a requirement and the course of action if nobody signs up, Sen. Tillias: given the size of the Senate the possibility should be unlikely, bill provides opportunity for tracking of activities and tabling substituting for office hours, tabling is a requirement
- Sen. Brochinsky asks what committee the bill went through, bill amends ROP; Sen. Stone: explains
5. Sen. Gowie moves to extend Q&A by 2 min, motion passes
- Sen. Gowie: asks what happens if there is not enough time for everyone to do tabling during the semester, Sen. Krause: there are enough tabling and other types of events, Senators can reach out and an opportunity can be created; no increased time requirement proposed by the bill. Sen. Gowie: asks about phrasing of tabling in terms of hours vs. sessions, Sen. Gedeon: explains
6. Sen. St. Rose moves for a 10-min discussion, motion passes
7. 10-min discussion: Sen. St. Rose: supports the bill since the experience of no one being available for tabling can be frustrating
- Sen. Stone: makes a comment against making more requirements for Senators
- Sen. Jayo-Acuna: agrees with Sen. Stone as the bill puts additional requirements in conflicts with the current responsibilities, activities should not be mandated
- Sen. Gowie: makes a point about alternatives to tabling, Sen. Stone: Senators can sign up for tabling voluntarily
- Sen. Gowie: makes a point about availability
- Sen. Krause: agrees that Senators should participate based on initiative, however, it has not been the case, so the requirement was proposed
- Sen. Tillias: office hours requirement can be satisfied by doing tabling, tabling is an opportunity to represent SGA
- Sen. Touissant: considers the requirement to be necessary to distribute the workload equally, Senators get paid for serving at SGA and it is commitment that comes with certain expectations
- Sen. Stone: makes a point about equal distribution of workload

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8. Sen. Barriga moves to extend the discussion by 3 min, motion passes  
Sen. Romeo: makes a point of clarification regarding office hours, Sen. Lyons: clarifies, no additional requirement is created  
Sen. Allen: same Senators may be doing the tabling and more towards the end of the semester, Sen. Stone: no questions should be asked during the discussion  
Sen. Gudipati: supports the bill since tabling is a part of the office hours
9. Sen. Brochinsky moves to extend the discussion by 4 minutes, motion fails
10. Sen. Anish Sharma: moves for a roll call vote
11. Sen. Cambron: makes a point about the bill going to the Rules Committee
12. Sen. Stone suggests a motion to table the bill until the next semester
13. Sen. Tillias makes a point of clarification regarding the process of reviewing the bill
14. Sen. Brochinsky moves to send the bill to the Rules Committee, motion passes.
15. Sen. Lyons asks about subsequent readings, Sen. Stone clarifies.

## XII. Senator Forum

1. Sen. Gedeon moves to extend the Senate by 10 min, motion passes
2. Sen. Gedeon: the bill would not require the Senators to make additional time commitments, the Senators should represent the SGA for the student body
3. Sen. Barriga: makes a point about time commitment of 6 vs. 3 hours, suggests a discussion
4. Sen. Gudipati: agrees with the proposal to reduce the proposed tabling hours
5. Sen. Brochinsky: thanks the Senators who are graduating, thanks for passing the Resolution on Food at BBC; encourages participation in the class survey, announces the planned events
6. Sen. Stone: encourages the comments for the latest bill to be presented in the next discussion
7. Sen. Anish Sharma gives a speech regarding his upcoming graduation, thanks the Senators for the work, wishes the Senators the best
8. Sen. Salup-Cid makes a speech due to his upcoming graduation: thanks the Senators, encourages the Senators to engage with the student body
9. Sen. Stone: expresses appreciation for graduating Senators



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10. Sen. Francois: asks about the procedure for legislation processing by Committees, Sen. Stone: clarifies
11. Sen. St. Rose: wishes Senators good luck with the finals, the first event outlined in the resolution is planned for Jan 10, assistance is appreciated
12. Sen. Tillias: encourages Senators to reflect on the purpose of serving at SGA to make SGA more efficient
13. Sen. Brochinsky moves to extend the Senate by 10 min, motion passes.
14. Sen. Gowie: encourages Senators to attend the closing meeting for housing
15. Sen. Touissant: makes a comment about the timeline for certain initiatives
16. Sen. Lyons: meeting is planned with the Housing director, input from Senators is encouraged
17. Sen. Brochinsky: announces several events
18. Sen. Jayo-Acuna: makes a comment about a resolution on transportation safety, proposes an event for the BBC, help on the resolution for the event is encouraged

XIII. Public Forum

- A. (List name & title): None

XIV. Advisors Report:

1. Larissa Adames: office will close at 5 pm from next week, Committee minutes should be uploaded to Teams, Safety Walk event at BBC is planned for this week, orientation tabling scheduled for this week; more events are planned, participation in tabling and events is encouraged. Shop FIU has a scheduled event at BBC, tentative dates for Spring events should be shared

XV. Adjournment 6:20 pm