

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 31st, 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	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
Shreeya Gudipati	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
John Soto	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	
Virnia Camacho	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
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	Present	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	
Fernando Menedez	College of Business	Present	

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Sarahi Perez	College of Business	Present	
Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant	
Rashard Gowie	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent	
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	Absent	
Angela Banov	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant	
Oliver Bernal	College of Law	Present	
Angel Herrera	College of Medicine	Absent	
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	
Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present	
Alexandra Phelps	Honors College	Present	
Tanner Croddy	Housing- BBC	Present	
Alex Wagenman	Housing-MMC	Present	
Martavius Lyons	Housing-MMC	Present	
Trey Saunders	Housing-MMC	Present	
Davari Demps	Lower Division	Absent	
Joshua Espinoza	Lower Division	Present	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	

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Vacant	School of International and Public Affairs	Vacant	
German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Vacant	School of International and Public Affairs	Vacant	
Mahmoud Abdelrahman	University Graduate School	Absent	
Sajjad Hossain	University Graduate School	Present	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
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	Absent	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
Kitana Caraballo	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Present	
E.M. Krause	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
Wilkin Caseres	College of Business	Present	
Marc Gedeon	Housing- MMC	Present	
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	

**Quorum is
Established**

Present

32



	Absent	12
	Vacant	12

- IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes
 - A. Speaker Barriga moves to approve last meeting minutes, with no objections, March 24th, 2025 agenda is
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
 - A. Senator Broschinsky moves to add SB 05.005 to today's agenda in new business, senator Gudipati seconds, motion passes.
- VI. Invited Speakers
 - A. N/A
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance Committee
 - i. Met last week on Friday to discuss and approved two requests
 - 1. International students forum
 - 2. Molly Duker wine experience
 - B. Internal Affairs
 - i. Internal affairs met last week but did not meet quorum unfortunately, will most likely have special meeting this week to discuss last week's objectives. Will be meeting this week Friday at 4pm
 - C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee
 - i. Will be meeting tomorrow
 - D. Rules Committee
 - i. Met last Monday and finished ROP bill for spring semester to be assigned to a committee.
 - E. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
 - i. Met last week and went over SOA reform act and what the senate can do to honor Sparkles the cat
 - F. Biscayne Bay Campus Legislative Council
 - i. Happy toasty Tuesday eve! Toasty Tuesday will be tomorrow from 9-noon.
 - ii. BBC sustainability event will be next week we are very much looking forward to that.
 - G. Student Unity Council
 - i. Will be meeting this week.



- H. International student committee
 - i. Holding international student forum here from 7-9 in the senate chambers. Its expected to be a great event!
- VIII. University-Wide Council Reports
 - A. Student Body President
 - B. Speaker of the Senate
 - i. I hope everyone is ready with any legislation you've been writing! I recommend sending me anything you have because the semester will be coming to an end soon. If you would like legislation done before the semester's end, please reach out to me within the week.
 - ii. Speaker Barriga read a letter from the chief justice addressing concerns about the recent elections cycle.
 - iii. Be on the lookout for any special events and send them to senate leadership! Whether it's a finance request or asking for rooms for events, understand we are running out of time in the semester to get events done.
 - C. Speaker Pro-Tempore
 - i. Anybody that has a resolution, please be on the lookout for emails from me to sign bills or resolutions
 - ii. If you're writing a bill or resolution, please please keep the files on the SGA teams so we can all look at them and view progress of said legislation.
 - D. Vice President
 - E. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus
 - F. Lieutenant Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus
 - G. Comptroller
 - H. Floor Leader
 - i. If you're going to be on zoom or any reason you cannot complete your office hours, please send an email to the floor leaders account. We can excuse certain circumstances but if I don't receive any feedback it will be unexcused.
- IX. Vetoed Legislation
 - A. N/A
- X. Unfinished Business
 - A. N/A
- XI. New Business
 - A. SOA (School of Architecture) Reform Act

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- i. Pro temp Gedeon moves to end discussion by placard vote, senator Mata seconds. Motion passes.
- ii. Pro temp Gedeon moves to bypass second reading, senator Gudipati seconds. Motion passes.
- iii. Pro temp Gedeon moves to go into roll call voting for this legislation. Senator Lyons seconds. Motion passes.

Vote on (SOA Reform Act)

Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote
Alyssa Allen	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes
Efrain Gonzalez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
Shreeya Gudipati	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes
Brianna Romeo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
John Soto	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
Virnia Camacho	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	Vacant
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Lucas Menendez	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	Absent
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
Vacant	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant	Vacant
Oliver Bernal	College of Law	Present	Yes
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Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	Yes
Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present	Absent
Alexandra Phelps	Honors College	Present	Yes
Tanner Croddy	Housing- BBC	Present	Yes
Alex Wagenman	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes
Martavius Lyons	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes
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German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes
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Sajjad Hossain	University Graduate School	Present	Yes
Patraillia Davis Bryant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
Hossam Hussein	University Graduate School	Absent	Absent
Anurag Sharma	University Graduate School	Present	Yes

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Wilkin Caseres	College of Business	Present	Yes
Marc Gedeon	Housing- MMC	Present	Yes
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes

Vote Count

Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
31	0	0	9

	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
Motion Passed			
	Simple Majority	17.0	Passed
	Two-Thirds	21	Passed
	Three-Fifths	19	Passed

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B. SB 05.005

- i. Senator Gudipati moves to extend discussion period by 2 minutes, senator Sharma seconds. Motion passes.
- ii. Senator Mata moves to table this bill until next senate by placard vote, pro temp Gedeon seconds. Motion passes.

XII. Public Forum

A. none

XIII. Senator Forum

A. Senator Espinoza:

- i. Is there any sort of timetable for when we might have the votes out for the SGA election?

B. Senator Mata:

- i. Point of clarification on the procedure for when we will get results on elections.
 - 1. Larissa Adames answers: the results will be put on the website sometime this week on who has been disqualified.

C. Senator Krause:

- i. Happy Trans day of visibility! I want to uplift some events happening this week!
 - 1. Drag show is this Friday, if you would like to support these artists please attend!

D. Senator Brochinsky:

- i. Toasty tuesday is tomorrow! Event starts at 9 and ends at noon so if you would like to help we will begin setting up at 8am and closing up at 12:30.
- ii. Thank you to Larissa for all her help on day on the bay

E. Pro Temp Gedeon:

- i. I would like to thank the Chief Justice for taking the time to address the student body during such a critical and sensitive moment in our university's democratic process. I understand and respect your position, as well as your commitment to upholding the rule of law and preserving the integrity of the judiciary. However, he is not the only one who is disappointed. I would be remiss if I did not express that, while I appreciate his words, I also carry with me the weight of the student voices I represent—voices that currently feel unheard, unseen, and silenced. This election has sparked deep concern not only about process, but about **transparency, representation**, and whether the institutions meant to protect our rights are doing so equally and without bias.



As someone who is currently serving our student body, I agree that we should reflect on our core values. But reflection must also be accompanied by **accountability**. If the students are losing faith in our processes, then we must not only defend the integrity of our institutions—we must actively **restore their trust**. That includes ensuring **fair access to information, unbiased judicial procedure**, and the **release of vote counts** so every student knows their voice mattered. Like the chief Justice, I want what is best for FIU. That is why I will continue advocating—not only for myself, but for every student who feels pushed to the margins of the process. I remain committed to doing so with respect, transparency, and purpose.

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XIV. Advisors Report

A. Larissa Adames

- i. I shared a poll in the chat for anyone interested in helping with event on Saturday. The event will be from 10am-3pm. Any time you can give would be greatly appreciated. This event is for students who have not yet fully committed to FIU so this is a chance to help get them in the door and welcome in new panthers!
- ii. There is still a few of you who have not submitted your HR paperwork. Please be on the lookout for emails from elizabeth.

XV. Adjournment @ 5:24pm