

The 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the Student Body Senate  
Meeting Minutes  
March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

- I. Call to Order @4:04pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance / FIU Alma Mater
- III. Roll Call

| Attendance        |  |            |
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| Senator Name      | Senators Position                                  | Attendance |
| Alyssa Allen      | College of Arts Sciences and Education             | Absent     |
| 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             | Absent     |
| Nicholas Sutton   | College of Arts Sciences and Education             | Present    |
| Virnia Camacho    | 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                                | Absent     |
| Faith St. Rose    | College of Business                                | Absent     |
| Fernando Menedez  | College of Business                                | Present    |
| Sarahi Perez      | College of Business                                | Absent     |
| 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 | Absent     |
| Vacant            | College of Engineering and Computing               | Vacant     |
| Chloe McGuire     | College of Engineering and Computing               | Present    |
| Lucas Menendez    | College of Engineering and Computing               | Absent     |
| Angela Banov      | College of Engineering and Computing               | Present    |
| Kamila Gonzalez   | College of Engineering and Computing               | Present    |

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| 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                                | Present |
| Santiago Bravo        | College of Nursing and Health Sciences             | Absent  |
| Alexis Lofton         | College of Public Health and Social Work           | Present |
| Alexandra Phelps      | Honors College                                     | Absent  |
| Tanner Croddy         | Housing- BBC                                       | Present |
| Alex Wagenman         | Housing-MMC  | Absent  |
| Martavius Lyons       | Housing-MMC  | Present |
| Trey Saunders         | Housing-MMC  | Absent  |
| Davari Demps          | Lower Division                                     | Absent  |
| Joshua Espinoza       | Lower Division                                     | Present |
| Vacant                | Online Student Senator                             | Vacant  |
| 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                         | Present |
| 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                                     | Absent  |
| Kassandra Toussaint   | Upper Division                                     | Absent  |
| Dale Brochinsky       | Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator               | Absent  |
| Shilat Jayo-Acuna     | Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator               | Absent  |
| 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                                | Absent  |
| Marc Gedeon           | Housing- MMC                                       | Present |
| Alexandra Barriga     | College of Arts Sciences and Education             | Present |

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| <b>Quorum is Established</b> | Present | 24 |
|                              | Absent  | 20 |
|                              | Vacant  | 12 |

## IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

- a March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - i Speaker barriga moves to approve last meetings minutes, with no objections last meetins minutes are approved.

## V. Adoption of the Agenda

- a March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - i Speaker Barriga moves to adopt todays agenda, with no objections the agenda is approved.

## VI. Invited Speakers:

A. N/A

## VII. Committee Reports

## A. Finance Committee

- i Finance committee met march 12<sup>th</sup> and approved 3 requests.
- ii Everyone was present for this meeting.

## B. Internal Affairs

- i Meeting times are at Fridays at 4 instead of 4:30.
- ii Weve been sending correspondence to those who have not been doing their office hours or attending senate.

## C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee

- i Continued GSAW planning.

## D. Rules Committee

- i New legislation should be coming shortly

## E. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee

- i Meeting this Thursday to discuss initiatives.

## F. Biscayne Bay Campus Legislative Council

- i Toasty Tuesdays happening on April 1<sup>st</sup>, if you'll be around it will be from 9-noon. It's a great way to chat with people and find out what is going on at the beautiful BBC campus.

- G. Student Unity and Fellowship Ad-Hoc Committee
  - i Trying to meet this week, previous committee time was not conducive to other members.
- H. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee
  - i International forum will be happening march 31<sup>st</sup> in the senate chambers.
- I. Student Health and Wellness Ad-Hoc Committee
  - i Sent email regarding sparkles initiative.
- VIII. University-Wide Council Reports
  - A. Student Body President: Franchesca Cassanova
  - B. Speaker of the Senate: Alexandra Barriga
    - i Overall it's a light senate schedule today because we'll be voting on the budget.
  - 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:
  - G. Comptroller: Hailey Menendez
  - H. Floor Leader: EM Krause
    - i If you are sending me emails for excused absences, be sure to include reasons and documentation of reasoning if there is any
    - ii Additionally, I just want to touch base again about clocking in /out. When you enter the office, there is a tablet at the front desk with a login screen. All you need to type into the username is the first part of your FIU email before the @fiu.edu. any excuse of not knowing how to clock in will no longer be excused.
- IX. Vetoed Legislation
  - A. N/A
- X. Unfinished Business
  - A. Budget Vote

**Vote on (SGA Budget)**

| Senator Name      | Senator Position                                   | Attendance | Vote   |
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| Shreeya Gudipati  | College of Arts Sciences and Education             | Present    | Yes    |
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| Vote Count              |  |         |        |

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| Yes | No | Abstention | Vacant |
|-----|----|------------|--------|
| 36  | 1  | 0          | 10     |

| Motion Passed | Vote            | Vote Count | Archive |
|---------------|-----------------|------------|---------|
|               | Simple Majority | 19.0       | Passed  |
|               | Two-Thirds      | 24         | Passed  |
|               | Three-Fifths    | 22         | Passed  |

## XI. New Business

a none

## XII. Senator Forum

a Senator Jayo Acuna:

i we are currently hosting the sustainability fair and we are looking for volunteers. If anyone is interested or know of anyone who is interested I will be posting a link in the group chat soon.

b Senator Brochinsky:

i cools stuff happening at BBC! Career expo on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, grad fest happening April 1<sup>st</sup>. additionally, this past election cycle did reveal some issues with our new document. I'm working on some legislation to work on the language of our documents. If anyone wants to work with me on that I am more than willing to collaborate.

c Senator Lyons:

i Phi that sigma is having their pageant this weekend if anyone wants to attend. For further information check their Instagram.

ii I know midterms are here so please remember to take care of yourselves in these stressful times.

d Senator Toussaint:

i Got a message from former FIU student about walk for support of children that are victims of sexual abuse. If anyone is interested it was founded by a

former florida senator and a really cool opportunity to support the community.

- ii Business panel in Broward this month for any business students who need networking
- iii Going to press conference about Florida legislation process if anyone wants to join me.
- iv All of this information will be available in the chat
- e Senator Gudipati:
  - i Passing of sparkles the orange cat. If anyone wants to support initiative for a simple tribute please reach out to me.
- f Senator St. Rose.
  - i International student forum next week discussing visa and international process for international students especially visa extension program after graduation. If anyone is interested or knows anyone who is interested please reach out to me.

XIII. Public Forum

- a None.

XIV. Advisors Report:

- a Larissa Adames:

- i Just one bus leaving for event on Saturday to BBC. Out of office starting tomorrow until Thursday. We will be in Tallahassee so it may take a bit to respond to emails or messages but I will try my best.

XV. Adjournment @ 4:27pm.