

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 7th, 2025

- I. Call to Order @ 4:11pm
- 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	Late
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	Absent	
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	
Fernando Menedez	College of Business	Absent	

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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	Absent	
Angel Herrera	College of Medicine	Present	
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	
Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Absent	
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	Absent	
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

28



	Absent	16
	Vacant	12

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

- A. Speaker Barriga moves to approve last meetings minutes, March 31st, 2025. Pro temp Gedeon seconds. Motion passes.

V. Adoption of the Agenda

- A. Senator St. Rose moves to put advisor reports after university wide council. Pro temp Gedeon seconds. Motion passes.
- B. Senator Broschinsky moves to add rules committee to invited speakers by placard vote, senator Allen seconds. Motion passes.

VI. Invited Speakers

A. Kelly Poppen (ISSS)

- i. Main purpose is to introduce herself to the senate, brand new to the institution but very proud and happy to be here, works with J1 and F1 students helping them stay engaged and up to date on immigration paperwork
- ii. Is looking forward to seeing how collaboration with SGA can help improve international students get more engaged. Unfortunately pandemic played a part in lessening engagement of international students so it is a priority to get engagement back to levels of pre pandemic.

B. Rules Committee

- i. Senators Allen, Saunders, Broschinsky spoke about the revisions of the spring rules of procedure (ROP)
 1. Rule 1:
 2. Rule 2: committee leadership and membership
 3. Rule 3: senator requirements
 4. Rule 5: attendance of senate
 5. Rule 8: Committees
 6. Rule 10: Executive and judicial confirmations
 7. Rule 21: Office Hours
- ii. Senator Lyons moves to enter Q&A period for 5 minutes, senator Sharma seconds. Motion passes.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

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- i. Did not meet last week but look forward to meeting this week.
- B. Internal Affairs
 - i. Met last week to discuss more attendance issues, because of that I would like to clarify that we have already reiterated this but if you are going to be on zoom, you need to give 24 hours notice unless its one of the emergency scenarios mentioned in ROP.
- C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee
 - i. Working on GSAW week, we have about 100 presenters as opposed to last year with 70. We love to see increased engagement
- D. Rules Committee
 - i. Had a special meeting last week to prepare for the senate updating of the spring ROP
- E. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
 - i. Did not meet last friday but will be meeting this friday to discuss legislation brought to the committee
- F. Biscayne Bay Campus Legislative Council
 - i. Toasty tuesday was a success with about 120 participants!
 - ii. Sustainability event is happening tomorrow at BBC, if anyone can help please reach out
- G. Student Unity Council
 - i. Meeting has been difficult due to different scheduling
- H. Student Health and Wellbeing
 - i. Working on legislation for sparkles the cat
- I. International students
 - i. Kelly poppen was able to come to the senate and speak about wanting engagement with SGA.
- VIII. University-Wide Council Reports
 - A. Student Body President
 - B. Speaker of the Senate
 - i. We are moving into the final portion of the semester! If anyone has any projects they want to work on please reach out!
 - ii. Out banquet will be happening at the end of the semester, more information will be available soon.
 - C. Speaker Pro-Tempore

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- i. If you have any pictures for the banquet please reach out so we can make a slideshow.
- ii. Please be on the lookout for emails from me to sign the documents necessary for legislation to go through.

D. Vice President

E. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus

F. Lieutenant Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus

G. Comptroller

H. Floor Leader

- i. No further report

IX. Advisors Report

A. Larissa Adames

- i. Tomorrow is the sustainability fair at BBC, SGA will be tabling so any help would be appreciated
- ii. Financial wellness workshop in GC 243 this week, please check group chat for messages
- iii. April 25th is SGA banquet
- iv. April 21-24th is finals week, late night breakfast is a big event that we will need a lot of help for. Please reach out
- v. There are still a few of you who have not filled out their HR paperwork, if you want your stipend, please complete the forms.
- vi. Tomorrow I will be at BBC but if anything is needed please reach out to me.

X. Vetoed Legislation

A. N/A

XI. Unfinished Business

A. Tabling Bill

- i. Pro temp Gedeon moves to table the tabling bill until the end of new business by placard vote, senator brochinsky seconds. Motion passes.

XII. New Business

A. Elections Reform Bill

- i. Senator Broschinsky moves to read the bill in its entirety, pro temp Gedeon seconds. Motion passes.
- ii. Senator Gudipati moves to read the edits only, senator Broschinsky seconds. Motion passes.

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- iii. Senator Espinoza moves to extend discussion by 3 minutes, pro temp Gedeon seconds, motion passes.
- iv. Pro temp Gedeon moves to discharge legislation, senator Broschinsky seconds. Motion passes.
- v. Pro temp Gedeon moves to bypass second reading, senator Lyons seconds. Motion passes.
- vi. Friendly second amendment taken: Joshua Espinoza adding prior to no later at any point during the whole process, adding language to legislation.

Vote on (Elections Reform Bill)

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	No
Nicholas Sutton	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes
Virnia Camacho	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Yes
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	Vacant
Alie Francois	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	Vacant
Callista Peterson	College of Business	Absent	Absent
Faith St. Rose	College of Business	Present	Yes
Fernando Menedez	College of Business	Absent	Absent
Sarahi Perez	College of Business	Present	Yes
Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant	Vacant

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Rashard Gowie	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent	Absent
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	Absent	Absent
Angela Banov	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
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	Absent	Absent
Daniel Cambron	College of Medicine	Present	No
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	Absent
Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Absent	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
Trey Saunders	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes
Davari Demps	Lower Division	Absent	Yes
Joshua Espinoza	Lower Division	Present	Yes
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	Vacant
Vacant	School of International and Public Affairs	Vacant	Vacant
German Mata	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes
Vacant	School of International and Public Affairs	Vacant	Vacant
Mahmoud Abdelrahman	University Graduate School	Absent	Absent
Sajjad Hossain	University Graduate School	Present	Yes
Patraillia Davis Bryant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
Hossam Hussein	University Graduate School	Absent	Absent

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Anurag Sharma	University Graduate School	Present	Yes
Gabriel Diaz-Gonzalez	Upper Division	Absent	
Kassandra Toussaint	Upper Division	Absent	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	Absent	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
Kitana Caraballo	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	Yes
E.M. Krause	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes
Wilkin Caseres	College of Business	Present	No
Marc Gedeon	Housing- MMC	Present	Yes
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes

Vote Count

Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
26	3	0	9

Motion Passed	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
	Simple Majority	15.0	Passed
	Two-Thirds	19	Passed
	Three-Fifths	17	Passed

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- i. Senator broschinsky moves to read by title only, senator mata seconds. Motion passes.
- ii. Senator Gudipati moves to blanket motion to bypass q&a and discussion periods, senator Sutton seconds, motion passes.
- iii. Senator St. Rose wants to add friendly amendment to change advisor reports to after committee reports and before university wide council since we sometimes run out of time for advisor reports, friendly amendment added.
- iv. Senator Broschinsky moves to discharge legislation, senator Mata seconds. Motion passes.
- v. Senator Broschinsky moves to bypass second reading, senator Gudipati seconds. Motion passes.

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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	No
Nicholas Sutton	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes
Virnia Camacho	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Yes
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	Vacant
Alie Francois	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Yes
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	Vacant
Callista Peterson	College of Business	Absent	Absent
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Chloe McGuire	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Lucas Menendez	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	Absent
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
Vacant	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant	Vacant
Oliver Bernal	College of Law	Absent	Absent
Daniel Cambron	College of Medicine	Present	Absent
Santiago Bravo	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	
Alexis Lofton	College of Public Health and Social Work	Absent	Yes
Alexandra Phelps	Honors College	Present	Absent
Tanner Croddy	Housing- BBC	Present	Absent
Alex Wagenman	Housing-MMC	Present	No
Martavius Lyons	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes
Trey Saunders	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes
Davari Demps	Lower Division	Absent	Absent
Joshua Espinoza	Lower Division	Present	Yes
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	Vacant
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Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes

Vote Count

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24	3	0	10

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	Two-Thirds	19	Passed
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C. BBC Resolution

- i. Senator Jayo-Acuna moves to table legislation until next week because senator croddy needs to go to class

D. Tabling Bill

Vote on (Tabling Bill)			
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Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	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	Absent	Vacant
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Angela Banov	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Absent
Kamila Gonzalez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes
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Hailey Menendez	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant	
Oliver Bernal	College of Law	Absent	
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- XIII. Public Forum
- A. None
- XIV. Senator Forum
- A. Senator Mata: great to see all the legislation being passed.
 - B. Senator Broschinsky: sustainability fair @ BBC will be tomorrow! Any and all help is greatly appreciated!
 - C. Senator Gudipati: motion to extend senate by 3 minutes, senator Broschinsky seconds. Motion passes.
 - i. Reiterating if you are interested in the memorial for sparkles the cat, please reach out!
 - D. Senator St. Rose: thank you for everyone who helped with the international student event!
 - i. This past weekend i went to a leadership conference and would recommend that you all stay in contact with Kelly Poppen that spoke earlier today because she is a great contact to have especially if you are interested in helping out international students not only here but everywhere
 - E. Senator Toussaint: higher education event happening tomorrow @ GC lawns. Certain funding is being cut and we will be educating students on what exactly is happening
 - F. Senator Sutton: i would just like to highlight roarathon we raised a lot of money for Nicklaus children's hospital.
- XV. Adjournment @ 6:03pm