



Student Government  
Association

The 39th Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Agenda

Date: February 13, 2023

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance

1. "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

C. Alma Mater

1. "We pledge to thee dear FIU, with voices loud and true. Alma Mater falter never, shine forever Gold and Blue. We fly our banners high, every culture we embrace. All our love and Panther spirit, young and old we make this place. We hail together FIU, every scholar side by side. And we hail to Alma Mater, Alma Mater be our guide!"

II. Roll Call

Present: 27

Absent: 18

Reached Quorum: YES

III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

A. NO

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

A. YES

V. Invited Speakers

A. N/A

VI. Committee Reports

A. Appropriations Committee: No report

B. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee: Working on the international counseling act. Will be ready possibly this Thursday

C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee: Had a Met GPSC event

D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee: Alisha will be joining the committee

- E. Health and Well-Being Committee: No report
  - F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee: Committee will meet soon
  - G. Committee on Rules and Administration: Passed some legislation on SOP
  - H. Oversight Committee: Revise SOP and what to make sure senate attendance for office hours, etc. is made
- VII. Executive Board Reports
- A. Student Body President Cristhofer Lugo: Budget Deliberations will be happening this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Signed an executive order for the Menstrual product initiative, products will be placed in bathrooms.
  - B. Senate President Alexander P. Sutton: Starting this Wednesday the Budget Deliberation will be happening. There should be NO talk about elections or campaigning.
  - C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Zachary Stangl: No report
  - D. Senate Floor Leader Fernando Melara: No report
  - E. Student Body Vice President Valentina Casanova: No report
  - F. Comptroller Gabriela Alvarez: No report
  - G. Executive Administrator Mariana Machado: No report
  - H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus Ava Barnd: No report
  - I. Chief of Staff Kyomi Cabral: No report
  - J. Chief Justice Sebastian Aviles: No report
- VIII. Vetoed Legislation
- A. N/A
- IX. Unfinished Business
- A. N/A
- X. New Business
- A. SB 03 009: The Meet Your Dean Act of Spring 2023
  - B. Sen Cicconi: Read the Meet Your Dean Act
  - C. Sen. Rodriguez: "Purchase an Attendant" wording sounds weird
  - D. SEN. TUNON: Want the bill to be more specific and what type of food will be purchased
  - E. Sen Dawson: If the Deans have already been told about the timing so that should be take into account
  - F. MOTION: Sen Rodriguez: Bypass to Public Forum: MOTION PASSES
  - G. MOTION: Sen Cicconi : Proposes change to language of Bill: MOTION PASSES

H. MOTION: Suspend the rules and enter a 5 Minute discussion on this Meet your dean bill: MOTION FAILS

XI. Public Forum

A. Brazilian Ju Jitsu Club: Haven't been able to hold practices and WRC think that Ju Jitsu think that this martial art is too aggressive. RSO funded. Other clubs are at the same level of danger.

B. Sen Cicconi: Why did the Sensei leave?

C. Speaker: Have become a club that doesn't charge. And the old sensei didn't want to teach for free

D. Sen Stone: How can we help?

E. Speaker: Support is needed because a lot of people are interested in the club but they cannot give the people answers

F. Sen Hernandez: Was there any drama between the old sensei and the WRC?

G. The old sensei and the WRC didn't have a good relationship

H. Sen Rodriguez: How can we specifically support with in terms of the WRC?

I. Speaker: Can some of your members sign a petition to support us?

J. Sen Alrich: Would you guys be willing to working with Panther now?

K. Speaker: Have tried to talk with them already

L. Sen Tunon: When will you need this by?

O: Speaker: Members have become impatient and meetings have been scheduled but something always comes up. Need help as soon as possible

P: Sen Cicconi: MOTION: Extend Q&A period for 3 more minutes: MOTION PASSES

Q: Sen Cicconi: Bias's is a big issue. Have you been able to meet with them in person?

R: Sen Columna: What kind of jurisdiction do we have on these kind of issues?

S: Sen Tunon: Are you aware of what faculty om beds are? They are in charge of dealing with bias.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Whether or not to appeal chair: MAJORITY VOTES NO

U: Speaker: A group of Anti Semitism people tabled on campus and endorsed antisemitic beliefs.

V: MOTION: 5 minute Q&A period: MOTION PASSES

W: Sen Stone: We are not allowed to kick people off campus. What was the main argument of the antisemitic people?

X: Speaker: These are not good faith people. They only want content for their YouTube channel. Free Speech has to be done in good faith.

Y: MOTION: Extend Senate until 6:10PM: MOTION PASSES

Z: Sen Cicconi: What makes you think you have the moral authority on these kinds of issues?

Speaker: The antisemites go against a student's ability to feel safe on campus.

MOTION: Sen Stone: Extend discussion by 5 minutes: MOTION PASSES

Sen LaChapelle: University of North Florida has their own rules on harassment. Is this the kind of claim the YDSA chapter would support?

Speaker: Yes

Sen Tunon: MOTION: Extend Senate until 6:15: MOTION FAILS

## XII. Senate Forum

A. Discussion on initiatives and legislation ideas

B. MOTION: Sen. Tunon: 8 minute for discussion: MOTION PASSES

C. Sen. Moya Palacios: CARTA students can showcase their work to potential buying companies

D. Sen Cicconi: Wants to work on protecting students, specifically women with self-defense and students while they are elevators to ensure their safety

E. Pres Lugo: Agrees on the issue on Elevators

F. Sen Gaynor: Introducing 2 pieces of legislation: Having town halls for the Student body

G. Sen LaChapelle: Wants to provide legislation on protecting academic freedom, etc.

H. Sen Columna: Wants to introduce bills on sustainability and more bills on diversifying food options on campus.

I. Sen Tunon: Suggest a bill to change the requirements for the Honor College (specifically change the required service)

J. MOTION: Sen Cicconi: 2 minute discussion on American society of civil engineers: MOTION PASSES

K. Discussion elapses

L. MOTION: Sen Stone: 2 minute discussion on Housing: MOTION PASSES

M. Sen Stone: Working on renovations for the dorms, lounges and have better operating equipment

- N. Sen Columna: Asking Sen Stone if he would be willing to collaborate and include more options for food
  - O. Sen Rodriguez: Wants more transparency with Housing Appointments and a lot of people want to live on campus
  - P. MOTION: Sen Stone: 3 minute extension of discussion: MOTION PASSES
  - Q. Sen Stone: Certain group of students are getting priority.
  - R. Sen LaChapelle: Off-campus housing should be brought up more
  - S. Sen Gaynor: There's not enough space for the upper classmen and not sure if we can affect that
  - T. MOTION: Sen Gaynor: Go back to Public Forum: MOTION PASSES
  - U. Sen Cicconi: RSO wants to increase the budget to fund all of the clubs on campus
- XIII. Announcements
- A. Sen Aldrin: MOTION: Extend Senate by 1 minute: MOTION PASSES
- XIV. Advisor Reports
- A. Composite photos are next Wednesday between 11am-1pm
  - B. Meet Your dean: 6pm-7:30pm
- XV. Meeting Adjournment
- A. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.