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The 40th Session of the Student Body Senate
Meeting Minutes
Date: March 18, 2024

- I. Call to Order
 A. Meeting called to order at 4:11 p.m.
- II. Roll Call

Attendance

Senator Name	Senators Position	Attendance Status	Additional Note on Senator
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Anastasia Legoute	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Chanita Jacques	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Daniel Del Riesgo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
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Lerick Sequeira	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Olivia Gibson	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Anne Martinez	College of Business	Absent	
Brian Velez	College of Business	Present	
David Almansa	College of Business	Present	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	
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Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Vacant	
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Erika Noel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	



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Liana Adaza	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Hua Hui Vogel	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Vacant	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant	
Ciara Jeneske	College of Law	Present	
Daniel Cambron	College of Medicine	Present	
Alyssa Andreus	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	
Vacant	College of Public Health and Social Work	Vacant	
Anish Sharma	Honors College	Present	
Jabari Baptiste	Housing- BBC	Present	
Alexander Stone	Housing- MMC	Present	
Vacant	Housing- MMC	Vacant	
Rhea Watkins	Housing- MMC	Absent	
Yamila Hernandez	Lower Division MMC	Absent	
Dale Brochinsky	Lower Division BBC	Present	
Vacant	Online Student Senator	Vacant	
Jordan-Ashley Brown	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent	
Sergine Metellus	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent	
Ahmed Soliman	University Graduate School	Absent	
Haley Dawson	University Graduate School	Present	
Hossam Hussien	University Graduate School	Present	
Kanayo Nومه	University Graduate School	Absent	
Sarwar Minar	University Graduate School	Absent	
Ashley Young	Upper Division BBC	Present	
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant	
Keren Keys	Upper Division MMC	Present	
Rocki (Raquel) Fleites	Upper Division MMC	Present	
Karina Hernandez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Tiara Campbell	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Kaily La Chapelle	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent	

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Quorum is Established	Present	23
	Absent	13
	Vacant	11

- III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
 - A. None
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
 - A. Sen. Brochinsky: moves to suspend the rules and conduct a series of votes after a 6-min debate on the Constitutional convention bill, motion passes.
- V. Invited Speakers
 - A.
- VI. Public Forum
 - A. Cherish: proposes a system between BBC and MMC for Lost and Found for items to be entered so that they are easier to find, personally lost a water bottle
Sen. Brochinsky: water bottles must be discarded due to health concerns; lost items should be reported to the desk.
Sen. Dawson: had to turn in found items but they were refused, would like more consistency.
- VII. Committee Reports
 - A. Appropriations Committee
Approved the Sustainability Fair appropriation, passed a request for a ceremony, will meet on Thursday.
 - B. Committee on Rules and Administration
Met on Tuesday, approved the bill on Student Support and Mental Wellness and Nursing student's bill.
 - C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee
Met on Fri, discussed the budget, voted on application change requirements, discussed Grad Student Appreciation Week
 - D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee
Could not meet last week, drafting the legislation for Climate Action Plan
 - E. Health and Well-Being Committee
Were not able to meet, CASE fair conducted, will meet tomorrow, planning to hold a financial seminar.

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- F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
 - Did not meet quorum today, discussed several legislations works.
- G. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee
 - Voted on a bill in a meeting, next meeting this week.
- VIII. Executive Board Reports
 - A. Student Body President Alexander P. Sutton
 - Signed an executive order to allocate funds to purchase more equipment for Honors College club.
 - B. Senate President Kaily Lachapelle
 - C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Tiara Campbell
 - D. Senate Floor Leader Karina Hernandez
 - Had a conversation with Chairs and Vice Chairs, quorum needs to be met for progress, there is need to define excused vs. unexcused absences, personal appointments should not be scheduled on meeting days where possible.
 - E. Student Body Vice President Santana Way
 - F. Comptroller Iara Raggio
 - G. Executive Administrator Natalie Martinez
 - Those who need assistance or support are encouraged to reach out.
 - H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus Grace King
 - I. Chief of Staff Anna Meredith
 - J. Chief Justice Mia Rodriguez
 - Were able to come to agreement, resolve conflicts of interest for judicial branch and budget, addressing appeal for the election. Meeting can be scheduled for any matter in need of discussion. Constitutional convention term of 2 years is justified, open to reconfirmation.
 - Sen. Stone asks about Constitutional amendment process, Justice Rodriguez answered.
- IX. Vetoed Legislation
 - A.
- X. Unfinished Business
 - A. S.B. 04 025 - The Constitutional Revision Act

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- i. Pres. Sutton: recommends a reading by a title and a brief overview; many amendments were sent and some incorporated into the document, some to be voted on.
- ii. Sen. Brochinsky asked for unanimous consent to read by title only, passed.
- iii. Sen. Hernandez reads the first amendment: Senate President vs. Speaker of the Senate title.
 1. Sen. Brochinsky: SGA president and Senate President position titles are confusing, agrees with the change.
 2. Sen. Salup-Cid: Speaker of the Senate title is clearer.
 3. Sen. Barriga: does not see it as confusing or major difference.
 4. Sen. Stone: considers Senate President title appropriate, change would be difficult to manage.
 5. Sen. Salup-Cid: the current titles are confusing; email addresses are similar as well and can confuse students.
 6. Justice Rodriguez: Speaker would directly refer to the Legislative branch, prefers Speaker title, also for email communication purpose.
 7. Sen. Salup-Cid moves to go into voting; clarified: vote yes for Senate President, no for Speaker of the Senate; Sen. Brochinsky proposes a direct vote on Senate President vs. Senate Speaker
 8. Sen. Stone: asks about placard vs. roll call, Sen. Hernandez: placard vote. Motion on going into the placard vote passed.
 9. Speaker of the Senate title name wins. 12 votes for Speaker of the Senate and 3 votes for Senate President
- iv. Finance Chair vs. Floor Leader on the Budget Committee and University-Wide Council, vs. split membership (Finance Chair on the Budget Committee, Floor Leader on the University-Wide Council)
 1. Sen. Brochinsky: thinks that both should participate in both.
 2. Sen. Stone: thinks too many people would be participating, does not agree with the point.
 3. Sen. Cambron: asks for University-Wide Council clarification, Sen. Pres. Sutton explained.
 4. Sen. Salup-Cid asks on the voting on proposals, Pres. Sutton: clarified the voting process.

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5. Sen. Stone: Floor Leader will have more power and overview on the Senate, adding the positions will take responsibilities from the Comptroller.
 6. Sen. Brochinsky: Comptroller represents the exec side and Finance Chair is for the legislative representation.
 7. Pres. Sutton: Finance Chair represents the legislative branch, should be on both.
 8. Sen. Stone moves to extend the discussion by 5 min, motion passes.
 9. Sen. Dawson: Budget Chair could be on the Budget Committee, Floor Ledged should be on the University-Wide Council
 10. Sen. Stone: asks why Comptroller cannot be on the Budget Committee, thinks too many positions are being added.
 11. Sen. Brochinsky: Floor Ledged will be on the Internal Affairs Committee as a new responsibility.
 12. Sen. Stone: thinks that 3 executive positions are not necessary.
 13. Pres. Sutton: agrees that Finance Chair could be on the Budget Committee, could utilize the financial knowledge, Floor Leader on the University-Wide Council
 14. Sen. Brochinsky moves to vote on options starting from point C by simple majority as option C as most restrictive, motion passes with 11 ayes.
 15. Sen. Salup-Cid: clarified the options.
 16. Placard vote on option C: Shall the Finance Chair be a member of the Budget Committee and the Floor Leader be a member of the University-Wide Council: 12 yes, 2 no, 2 abstentions; passed. Options A and B failed.
- v. Renaming of the position of the Comptroller to Student Body Treasurer
1. Sen. Salup-Cid thinks the Treasurer position is most appropriate.
 2. Sen. Brochinsky: supports Comptroller.
 3. Sen. Sharma: is in favor of Chief Financial Officer
 4. Sen. Stone: thinks the renaming is done for the sake of renaming only.
 5. Sen. Stone moves to enter the placard vote.
 6. Renaming to Student Body Treasurer: 5 votes in favor

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7. Chief Financial Officer: 4 in favor
8. Comptroller: 7 in favor.
9. The position name will be kept as Comptroller.
- vi. Special Election for filling a vacant Senate seat.
 1. Sen. Brochinsky: disagrees with a special election for every position, would make it complicated to fill vacancies.
 2. Sen. Stone: agrees with Sen. Brochinsky, logistically will be difficult, should be kept as it is.
 3. Sen. Salup-Cid: different jurisdictions should not decide unrelated elections, election calls attention to SGA and increase awareness, promotes talent pool.
 4. Sen. Stone: more active student body would be helpful.
 5. Sen. Hernandez: special elections make the student body more active, produces more representation within colleges.
 6. Sen. Noel: agrees that the student body would be more active, the process would be more representative, logistical issues would need to be addressed but the proposal is feasible.
 7. Sen. Sharma: in the political system senators are appointed by the governor in case of resignation.
 8. Sen. Salup-Cid moves to extend the discussion by 5 min, passed.
 9. Sen. Young: special elections could be held at the beginning and end of each semester.
 10. Pres. Sutton: currently the senate has the power for special election or filling the vacancy through application.
 11. Sen. Stone: extra elections in addition to main election would add stress on the system.
 12. Sen. Salup-Cid: elections do not have to be held immediately after a resignation, can have designated days, constituents should choose representatives.
 13. Sen. Brochinsky: there is a risk of unfilled vacancy.
 14. Sen. Salup-Cid moves to extend the discussion by 2 min, motion fails.
 15. Sen. Stone: moves for a placard vote, yes for a special election and no against special election. Motion passes.

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16. With 5 in favor, 13 against, the amendment to add special elections fails.
- vii. Judicial retention election during the general election for Supreme Court Justices
 - viii. Sen. Salup-Cid agrees with the proposal.
 - ix. Sen. Stone: whether the justices should continue should go to the student body.
 - x. Sen. Sharma: justices should be free from backlash since they occasionally make controversial decisions.
 - xi. Sen. Brochinsky: justices would be coming through appointment and through election, should not go back to the whole student body.
 - xii. Sen. Salup-Cid: if the student body does not approve the decision by a judge the judge would lose representation.
 - xiii. Sen. Stone: judges must be reconfirmed every year, thinks student voices in retention should be heard.
 - xiv. Sen. Dawson: moves to table the rest of the agenda to the next week except for the advisor reports and 10-min senate forum due to connection problems at BBC, motion passes.
- B. S.B. 04 011 – Senate Town Halls
 - C. S.B. 04 012 – ABC's
 - D. S.B. 04 013 – ASBO Act
 - E. S.B. 04 021 – Election Streamlining
 - F. S.R. 04 023 - Student Support and Mental Wellness Act
- XI. New Business
- A. S.B. 04 024 – Nursing and Health Sciences Student Council Reaction Act
- XII. Senate Forum
- A. Sen. Brochinsky: Toasty Tuesday event was successful; BBC Senate meeting did not have much attendance from MMC.
 - B. Sen. Stone: congratulated Sen. Almansa on the win
 - C. Sen. Salup-Cid: announced a donation event on Friday.
 - D. Sen. Hernandez: those anticipating an absence should reach out, Sustainability Fair is on Apr 4, would like to add a pool table or a ping pong table on the EC.

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- E. Sen. Baptiste: clarified the tabling of business to the next meeting.
 - F. Exec Admin Martinez: asked about the coordination of the EC equipment addition, Sen. Hernandez answered.
 - G. Sen. Brochinsky: congratulated Sen. Barriga on the CASE Fair, asked for a report.
 - H. Sen. Barriga: gave an outline of the event and organization process.
- XIII. Announcements
- A.
- XIV. Advisor Reports
- A. Larissa Adames: committees to submit meeting minutes, Day on the Bay on Saturday, Night at the Museum link shared.
 - B. Michelle Castro: members to work on transition documents and information, survey to be shared, Recharge for Finals volunteering encouraged.
- XV. Meeting Adjournment
- A. Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.