



**Student Government
Association**

The 40th Session of the Student Body Senate
Meeting Minutes
Date: July 3, 2023

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order at 4:20 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."

II. Roll Call

Attendance			
Senator Name	Senators Position	Attendance Status	Additional Note on
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences	Vacant	
Anastasia	College of Arts Sciences	Present	
Chanita	College of Arts Sciences	Present	
Daniel Del	College of Arts Sciences	Absent	
Daniel	College of Arts Sciences	Absent	
Gabriela Mendez-	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Genesis	College of Arts Sciences	Absent	
Lerick	College of Arts Sciences	Absent	
Manuela	College of Arts Sciences	Present	
Olivia	College of Arts Sciences	Present	
Anne	College of Business	Present	

Brian Velez	College of Business	Present	
David	College of Business	Absent	
Jose Mejia	College of Business	Present	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	
Lindsey Burgos	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent	
Rafael Moya-	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
Erika Noel	College of Engineering	Present	
Liana Adaza	College of Engineering	Present	
Samuel	College of Engineering	Present	
Javier La Rosa	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	
Ciara	College of Law	Present	
Alejandro	College of Medicine	Present	
Alyssa	College of Nursing and	Absent	
Valeria Herrera	College of Public Health and Social Work	Absent	
Anish	Honors College	Absent	
Jabari	Housing- BBC	Absent	
Alexander	Housing- MMC	Present	
Ness Cruz	Housing-MMC	Present	
Rhea	Housing-MMC	Present	
Yamila	Lower Division MMC	Present	
Dale	Lower Division BBC	Absent	
Elizabet	Online Student Senator	Absent	
Mikele Mancuso	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Zahir Mansuri	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Ahmed	University Graduate	Present	

Haley	University Graduate	Present	
Hossam	University Graduate	Present	
Kanayo	University Graduate	Present	
Sarwar	University Graduate	Present	
Iamni Doss	Upper Division BBC	Absent	
Jacqueline	Upper Division BBC	Absent	
Keren Keys	Upper Division MMC	Absent	
Rocki (Raquel)	Upper Division MMC	Absent	
Karina	College of Engineering	Present	
Tiara	College of Arts Sciences	Present	
Kaily La Chapelle	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	

Quorum is Established	Present	29
	Absent	16
	Vacant	2

- A. Quorum is Established
- III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes
 - A. The minutes were approved with no objection.
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
 - A. The agenda was adopted with no objection.
- V. Invited Speakers
 - A. James Oyetunji (Program Manager of the Pino Global Entrepreneurship Center and the Blackstone LaunchPad Campus Director)
 1. James is the Program Manager of the Pino Global Entrepreneurship Center and the Blackstone Launchpad Campus Director

VI. Committee Reports

A. Appropriations Committee

1. Committee set goals and set expectations on being present. Meeting on Thursdays at 9am. Comptroller Raggio will be attending the next meeting to discuss the finance code.

B. Committee on Rules and Administration

1. Committee didn't establish a meeting because some senators didn't respond. Senator Gibson, Senator Burgos and Senator Keys have not responded to the Whentomeet request.

C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee

1. Committee reviewed budget for GPSC and have run out of Summer funding. There is still funding for Fall and Spring. Meetings are on Fridays.

D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee

1. Committee talked about goals/initiatives and established logistics of meetings.
2. Will be meeting bi-weekly in the summer. Next meeting will be next week.

E. Health and Well-Being Committee

1. Committee hasn't met but will soon meet. Emailed members and hoping to meet this week.

F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee

1. Committee hasn't met and senator stone pushes members to please let know when they can meet. Would like to invite Andrew Naylor, Director of Housing to discuss the issues at housing.

G. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee

1. Committee hasn't met. Waiting for Chair to instruct the next steps.

H. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Ad-Hoc Committee

1. Committee went over general goals and reviewed some ideas. Will meet bi-weekly.

VII. Executive Board Reports

- A. Student Body President Alexander P. Sutton
 - 1. Constitutional Convention
- B. Senate President Kaily Lachapelle
 - 1. Is creating senate rules for the fall.
- C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Tiara Campbell
 - 1. Reviews the importance of letting know if any senator is going to be absent.
- D. Senate Floor Leader Karina Hernandez
 - 1. Emphasizes the importance of keeping each other accountable.
- E. Student Body Vice President Santana Way
 - 1. Ninety-eight students showed up to last Thursday event. Looking to hosting in September
- F. Comptroller Iara Raggio
- G. Executive Administrator Mariana Machado
- H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus Grace King
- I. Chief of Staff Anna Meredith
- J. Chief Justice Mia Rodriguez

VIII. Vetoed Legislation

- A.

IX. Unfinished Business

- A.

X. New Business

- A. Confirmation of Secretary of Student Affairs (Stephen Pella)
 - 1. Mr. Pella presented himself as the candidate for Secretary of Student Affairs. He has spent two months gathering information from students regarding advising. He has built a network of faculty that will aid on his goal of advising. Thus far his has about four hundred students who has filled his survey.
 - 2. Senator Stone asked what initiative is planning on bringing forward?

3. Senator Moya-Palacios moved to appoint Stephen Pella by unanimous consent, Senator Stone seconded the motion. Motion passes. Stephen Pella was appointed as Secretary of Student Affairs

B. Confirmation of Secretary of Health and Well-Being (Hayley Serpa)

1. Master's student in History. She was the Vice President of the History Club and was a part of Model UN and is Editor of the department magazine. She wants to focus on the menstrual poverty initiative that was started by the previous SGA President, Cristopher Lugo; would like to extend that program to Wolfe University Center and Engineering Center. She would like to implement consent training to all incoming students as well as creating a Health Humanity Panel.
2. Senator Stone asked how would the consent training be implemented? Ms. Serpa would like to implement in thru a virtual training session and would like to include transfers students as well.
3. Vice President Way asked when she is graduating. Ms. Serpa responded that she is graduating in December. She would like to help the next person prepare for the position.
4. Senator Moya-Palacios moved to have a five-minute discussion; senator Stone seconded. Motion failed.
5. Senator Mancuso moved for a roll call vote; Senator Y. Hernandez seconded. Motion Passes.

Confirmation of Secretary of Health and Well-Being (Hayley Serpa)				
Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences	Vacant		
Anastasia	College of Arts Sciences	Present	Yes	
Chanita	College of Arts Sciences	Present	Yes	
Daniel Del	College of Arts Sciences	Absent		
Daniel Salup-	College of Arts Sciences	Absent		
Gabriela	College of Arts Sciences	Present		

Genesis	College of Arts Sciences	Absent		
Lerick	College of Arts Sciences	Absent		
Manuela	College of Arts Sciences	Present	Yes	
Olivia Gibson	College of Arts Sciences	Present	Yes	
Anne	College of Business	Present		
Brian Velez	College of Business	Present		
David	College of Business	Absent		
Jose Mejia	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant		
Lindsey Burgos	College of Communication	Absent		
Rafael Moya-Palacios	College of Communication	Present	No	
Erika Noel	College of Engineering	Present	Yes	
Liana Adaza	College of Engineering	Present		
Samuel Vogel	College of Engineering	Present	Yes	
Javier La Rosa	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present		
Ciara Jeneske	College of Law	Present	Yes	
Alejandro	College of Medicine	Present	Yes	
Alyssa	College of Nursing and	Absent		
Valeria	College of Public Health	Absent		
Anish	Honors College	Absent		
Jabari	Housing- BBC	Absent		
Alexander Stone	Housing- MMC	Present	Abstention	
Ness Cruz	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	
Rhea	Housing-MMC	Present	Yes	
Yamila	Lower Division MMC	Present	Yes	
Dale	Lower Division BBC	Absent		
Elizabet	Online Student Senator	Absent		
Mikele Mancuso	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	

Zahir Mansuri	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Ahmed	University Graduate	Present	Yes	
Haley	University Graduate	Present	Yes	
Hossam	University Graduate	Present	Yes	
Kanayo	University Graduate	Present	Yes	
Sarwar Minar	University Graduate	Present	Yes	
Iamni Doss	Upper Division BBC	Absent		
Jacqueline	Upper Division BBC	Absent		
Keren Keys	Upper Division MMC	Absent		
Rocki	Upper Division MMC	Absent		
Karina	College of Engineering	Present	Yes	
Tiara	College of Arts Sciences	Present	Yes	
Kaily La Chapelle	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes	
Vote Count				
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant	
22	1	1	0	

Motion Passed	Vote		Archi
	Simple Majority	15.5	Passe
	Two-Thirds	19	Passe
	Three-Fifths	17	Passe

Motion Passes. Hayley Serpa was appointed as Secretary of Health and Well-Being.

C. Confirmation of Secretary of Governmental Relations (Vincent Toranzo)

1. Vincent has experience with government which has proven to be essential for this position, hopes to collaborate with colleagues to make the best work possible.
2. Senator Soliman asks on his role on the Covid Taskforce

3. Senator Vogel asks what has led him to serve another term in office.
4. Senator Stone asks how effectively students are in making statements in SGA towards government.
5. Senator Mancuso motions to vote on unanimous consent, seconded by Senator Palacios. Motion passes. Vincent Toranzo is appointed as Secretary of Government Relations

D. Re-Confirmation of Deputy Chief of Staff (Alisha Loiseau)

1. Senator Vogel motions to vote on unanimous consent, seconded by Senator Stone. Motion carried. Alisha Loiseau is appointed as Deputy Chief of Staff.

E. Training from Senate Leadership on Process for Creating Legislation proceeding with a 5-minute Q & A

1. Senator President presents on Senate Leadership on process for Creating Legislation

Senator Stone moved to extend meeting twenty minutes; Senator Mancuso seconded. Motion passes.

XI. Public Forum

- A. None

Pro tempore Tiara Campbell motions to extend meeting by 10 minutes, seconded by senator stone. Motion passes.

XII. Senate Forum

- A. Senator Stone mentions accountability should be taken if necessary.
- B. Senator Palacios
- C. President Sutton
- D. Senator Palacios mentions on the conflict of interest for the nominee of secretary of health.
- E. Vice-President Way clarifies on the Instagram post and the comment section.
- F. Senate President Lachapelle expresses their position on the Instagram post and why they were not consulted.

Senate President motions to extend by 5 minutes the meeting, seconded by Senator Palacios

XIII. Announcements

A.

XIV. Advisor Reports

A. Larissa reminds of meeting times of committees.

B. Michelle reminds of the Leadership Retreat on August 15th and to confirm RSVP and reminds of first night.

XV. Meeting Adjournment

A. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.