



**Student Government
Association**

The 40th Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 28, 2023

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order at 4:04 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 Senator
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
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	
Gabriela Mendez-Ruiz	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Genesis Moreno	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
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	Present	
Brian Velez	College of Business	Present	
David Almansa	College of Business	Present	
Jose Mejia	College of Business	Present	
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	
Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Vacant	

Rafael Moya-Palacios	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	
Erika Noel	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	
Liana Adaza	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Samuel Vogel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Javier La Rosa	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	
Ciara Jeneske	College of Law	Absent	
Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Present	arrived at 4:52 pm
Alyssa Andreus	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	
Valeria Herrera	College of Public Health and Social Work	Absent	
Anish Sharma	Honors College	Present	
Jabari Baptiste	Housing- BBC	Present	
Alexander Stone	Housing- MMC	Present	arrived at 4:33pm
Ness Cruz	Housing-MMC	Absent	
Rhea Watkins	Housing-MMC	Absent	
Yamila Hernandez	Lower Division MMC	Present	
Dale Brochinsky	Lower Division BBC	Present	arrived at 4:32pm
Elizabet Ferreira	Online Student Senator	Present	
Mikele Mancuso	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Zahir Mansuri	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent	
Ahmed Soliman	University Graduate School	Present	
Haley Dawson	University Graduate School	Present	
Hossam Hussien	University Graduate School	Present	
Kanayo Nومه	University Graduate School	Present	
Sarwar Minar	University Graduate School	Present	
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant	
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Keren Keys	Upper Division MMC	Present	
Rocki (Raquel) Fleites	Upper Division MMC	Absent	
Karina Hernandez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Tiara Campbell	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Kaily La Chapelle	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	

Quorum is Established	Present	32
	Absent	10
	Vacant	5

- III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
 - A. The minutes for the August 21, 2023, meeting were approved unanimously
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
 - A. The sent meeting agenda was approved unanimously
- V. Invited Speakers
 - A. N/A
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. Appropriations Committee
 - 1. Meeting planned this week Friday 5 pm
 - B. Committee on Rules and Administration
 - 1. No meeting last week, will meet on Mondays after Senate meeting
 - C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee
 - 1. Meeting scheduled for Fridays
 - D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee
 - 1. Will meet this Friday 3 pm
 - E. Health and Well-Being Committee
 - 1. Tuesday 2 pm meeting planned
 - F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee
 - 1. Meeting tomorrow, no meeting last week
 - G. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee
 - 1. First session will be Thursday 5 pm
 - H. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Ad-Hoc Committee
 - 1. Did not meet last week, planned for Wednesday
- VII. Executive Board Reports
 - A. Student Body President Alexander P. Sutton
 - 1. Thanked for attendance of the address
 - 2. board of trustees meeting took place this morning, funding approved for nursing program, next meeting in 2 weeks
 - B. Senate President Kaily Lachapelle
 - C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Tiara Campbell
 - 1. All committee chairs to send email on the meeting times and days,
 - 2. Will be absent due to family circumstances and will not be present until after 9/11/2023
 - D. Senate Floor Leader Karina Hernandez

1. Submit office hours, senate retreat poll to be filled out to ensure attendance.
Answered question about office hours start this week

- E. Student Body Vice President Santana Way
- 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. N/A

IX. Unfinished Business

A. Confirmation of Elections Commissioner (Melanie Montes)

1. Gave a speech, has experience and skills to serve in the role and administer elections.
2. Student Body President explained the responsibilities of the role in ensuring the election conduct.
3. Q&A: question about other experiences of the candidate – management and organization experience, knowledge of the system from previous elections, to ensure the next election organization. Plans to increase involvement in elections, to look into in-person voting. Plans to make rules and guidelines more available – hold informational sessions to raise awareness about elections, to make requirements available to candidates, and to clear questions.

Vote on Confirmation of Elections Commissioner (Melanie Montes)				
Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	Vacant	
Anastasia Legoute	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Chanita Jacques	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Daniel Del Riesgo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Gabriela Mendez-Ruiz	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Genesis Moreno	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Lerick Sequeira	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Olivia Gibson	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	

Anne Martinez	College of Business	Present	Yes
Brian Velez	College of Business	Present	Yes
David Almansa	College of Business	Present	Yes
Jose Mejia	College of Business	Present	Yes
Vacant	College of Business	Vacant	Vacant
Vacant	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Vacant	Vacant
Rafael Moya-Palacios	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	Yes
Erika Noel	College of Engineering and Computing	Absent	Absent
Liana Adaza	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	
Samuel Vogel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Abstention
Javier La Rosa	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Present	Yes
Ciara Jeneske	College of Law	Absent	Absent
Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Present	Absent
Alyssa Andreus	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	Yes
Valeria Herrera	College of Public Health and Social Work	Absent	Absent
Anish Sharma	Honors College	Present	Yes
Jabari Baptiste	Housing- BBC	Present	Abstention
Alexander Stone	Housing- MMC	Present	Absent
Ness Cruz	Housing-MMC	Absent	Absent
Rhea Watkins	Housing-MMC	Absent	Vacant
Yamila Hernandez	Lower Division MMC	Present	Yes
Dale Brochinsky	Lower Division BBC	Present	Absent
Elizabet Ferreira	Online Student Senator	Present	Yes
Mikele Mancuso	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes
Zahir Mansuri	School of International and Public Affairs	Absent	Absent
Ahmed Soliman	University Graduate School	Present	Yes
Haley Dawson	University Graduate School	Present	Yes
Hossam Hussien	University Graduate School	Present	Yes
Kanayo Nomeh	University Graduate School	Present	Abstention
Sarwar Minar	University Graduate School	Present	Yes
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Keren Keys	Upper Division MMC	Present	Yes
Rocki (Raquel) Fleites	Upper Division MMC	Absent	Absent
Karina Hernandez	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Yes
Tiara Campbell	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes

Kaily La Chapelle	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	Yes
Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
25	0	3	6

	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
Motion Passed	Simple Majority	17.0	Passed
	Two-Thirds	21	Passed
	Three-Fifths	19	Passed

4. Candidate confirmed
- B. Confirmation of Director of Local and State Government (Steven Ferreiro)
1. Student Body President gave the explanation of the position, position responsible for advocacy at local and state levels in collaboration with the position responsible for advocacy at the national level.
 2. Candidate not present, moving to public forum.
 3. Candidate is connected on Zoom, gave a speech, has experience with government affairs, hopes to bring impact to FIU.
 4. Q&A: about specific experiences – discussed fundraising experiences, government affairs involvement. Why is the candidate the best fit for position – intention to help others, the community, non-profit experience, and experience working with officials at different levels. Willing to advocate for vulnerable groups, including students and faculty.
Senate Salup-Sid moved to extend Q&A by 3 minutes passed, Senator Vogel seconded. Motion carried.
Candidate answered the questions about balancing the activities, politics involved in the position and strategies to secure more funding.

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Gabriela Mendez-Ruiz	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Genesis Moreno	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent		
Lerick Sequeira	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Olivia Gibson	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Anne Martinez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Brian Velez	College of Business	Present	Yes	
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Jabari Baptiste	Housing- BBC	Present	Yes	
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5. Candidate confirmed

X. New Business

A. N/A

XI. Public Forum

A. Brian Levine

1. Public forum proposed for the beginning of the meeting
2. Proposed more SGA presence at the BBC

B. Student Body President

1. Suggests the Board of Trustees meeting to be conducted at the BBC

XII. Senate Forum

A. Senator Hernandez: Sat, Sep 16 or Mon Sep 18 for the Senate retreat – senators to confirm availability

XIII. Announcements

A. If the retreat on Monday, can it be conducted at BBC – to be decided

XIV. Advisor Reports

A. SGA meeting Sept 6 (meet and greet), some administrators from the university to be present.

B. BBC Welcome Back event announced, attendance encouraged.

C. Those who have not completed the HR paperwork and forms to do it as soon as possible, check access to Teams and WhatsApp groups, members to pick up SGA polos.

XV. Meeting Adjournment

A. Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.