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The 40th Session of the Student Body Senate
Meeting Minutes
Date: October 30, 2023

- I. Call to Order
- A. Meeting called to order at 4:10 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
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
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	Present	
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
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	arrived at 4:25pm
Olivia Gibson	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Anne Martinez	College of Business	Present	
Brian Velez	College of Business	Absent	
David Almansa	College of Business	Present	
Jose Mejia	College of Business	Present	

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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
Hua Hui Vogel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present
Javier La Rosa	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Absent
Ciara Jeneske	College of Law	Absent
Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Absent
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
Ness Cruz	Housing- MMC	Absent
Rhea Watkins	Housing- MMC	Absent
Yamila Hernandez	Lower Division MMC	Present
Dale Brochinsky	Lower Division BBC	Present
Elizabet Ferreira	Online Student Senator	Present
Mikele Mancuso	School of International and Public Affairs	Present
Zahir Mansuri	School of International and Public Affairs	Present
Ahmed Soliman	University Graduate School	Absent
Haley Dawson	University Graduate School	Present
Hossam Hussien	University Graduate School	Absent
Kanayo Nomeh	University Graduate School	Absent
Sarwar Minar	University Graduate School	Vacant
Ashley Young	Upper Division BBC	Present
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant

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Keren Keys	Upper Division MMC	Absent	
Rocki (Raquel) Fleites	Upper Division MMC	Present	
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	Absent	

Quorum is Established	Present	26
	Absent	17
	Vacant	4

III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

A. none

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Continue speaking about last meeting's discussion.

V. Invited Speakers

A. Sim Sitzer: Online international junior student in international relations.

1. FIU wrote that tuition for international students was about 350 per credit, but when he started the bill almost doubled for his classes. When he says something to FIU, he states that they changed the information on website to almost double of what it was. He hopes that SGA can help him overcome this problem.
2. Motion for Q/A by Senator Sharma voted and passed. Senator Stone asked if he had asked for legal counsel, Mr. Sitzer said that he contacted a talk show, but no legal counsel yet. Senator Brochinsky asked if he had any proof of the old price, he stated that yes, he has a pdf of the old prices on the website. Motion to extend by 5 min passed. Senator Gibson asked what the initial amount per credit hour was. He said \$346 per credit, and then it went up to \$649 per credit. Senator Legoute asked if he contacted ISSS, he says no.

VI. Public Forum

A. Brian Levin:

1. Another forum on constitutional convention Thursday. There are links for ideas or thoughts regarding this. Set up meetings.

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2. States an administrator said rude comments regarding disabilities, says administrations need to be more knowledgeable on this subject to be more mindful of words or terms used.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Appropriations Committee:

1. Met quorum on Friday. Approved appropriation bill, another meeting today and they covered an appropriations request for meet your dean.

B. Committee on Rules and Administration:

1. Did not meet last week, this week they have three pieces of legislation assigned to them.

C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee:

1. Met on Friday and talked about alumni email legislation, planning coffee hour on engineering campus.

D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee:

1. Met last week, went over two pieces of legislation, one was voted on and passed. Passed a function as well.

E. Health and Well-Being Committee:

1. Met quorum and conducted business last week. Planning events coming up within the next month.

F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee:

1. Last meeting voted on nursing and science health and disabled student union. Both have been approved. Talked about initiatives that senators are working on.

G. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee:

1. Met last Thursday, discussed resolutions, investigated other initiatives, such as shuttle service and welcome package for international students.

VIII. Executive Board Reports

A. Student Body President Alexander P. Sutton:

1. Thanked everyone who participated in the drive. This week, merch swap on Wednesday

B. Senate President Kaily Lachapelle: not here

C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Tiara Campbell:

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1. Meet your dean event planning is going well. Thanked everyone helping. Resolution that she wrote regarding international student committee passed. Worked on program that helps undergraduate students prepare to graduate exams.
- D. Senate Floor Leader Karina Hernandez:
1. Last Tuesday, she sent email as first warning to those who do not send excuses about meeting or office hours. Tells everyone who received the email to contact her back.
- E. Student Body Vice President Santana Way: not here
- F. Comptroller Iara Raggio: none
- G. Executive Administrator Mariana Machado: none
- H. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus Grace King: none
- I. Chief of Staff Anna Meredith: none
- J. Chief Justice Mia Rodriguez: none
- IX. Vetoed Legislation
- A.
- X. Unfinished Business:
- A. Senator Brochinsky says that last week only one committee met quorum. Urges leaders to find a time where they can consistently meet quorum. Senator Sharma asked if we can be lenient towards quorum, President Pro Tempore Campbell says that that does not abide to constitution. Senator Brochinsky states that you can still meet without quorum, but just not vote. Senator Mancuso votes to extend discussion by 5 min second and passed. Senator Mancuso says that the new rules will help this problem, but it might take a little time. Senator Mejia says that even if you do not make it, still contribute thoughts and ideas. Senator K. Hernandez says that we need to keep an eye out for those who do not have a valid excuse.
- XI. New Business
- A. S.B. 002 Senate Committees Act:
1. Act was read for the second time. Motion for q/a passed. Senator Mancuso asked what vote is needed for it to pass. 2/3 voted to be put on ballot, 15% student body population that voted in last general election. 750 total votes to ratified. 2/3 of present quorum to pass.

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2. 5 min discussion by Senator bronchi sky passed. He says the concern is that adding another committee could be too much on scheduled, and quorum will lower every time. Senator Maya-Palacio states that this committee is necessary because international students do not have a strong voice right now. Motion to extend by 2 min denied.
3. Motion to vote by roll call vote passed.

Vote on S.B. 002 Senate Committees Act				
Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Absention
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
Anastasia Legoute	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Chanita Jacques	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	No	
Daniel Del Riesgo	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
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	No	
Anne Martinez	College of Business	Present	No	
Brian Velez	College of Business	Absent	Absent	
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	Yes	

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Hua Hui (formerly Samuel) Vogel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Abstention	has no decision on which side to vote for
Javier La Rosa	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Absent	Absent	
Ciara Jeneske	College of Law	Absent	Absent	
Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Absent	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	Yes	
Alexander Stone	Housing- MMC	Present	No	
Ness Cruz	Housing-MMC	Absent	Absent	
Rhea Watkins	Housing-MMC	Absent	Absent	
Yamila Hernandez	Lower Division MMC	Present	Yes	
Dale Brochinsky	Lower Division BBC	Present	No	
Elizabet Ferreira	Online Student Senator	Present	Present	
Mikele Mancuso	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	No	
Zahir Mansuri	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	No	
Ahmed Soliman	University Graduate School	Absent	Absent	
Haley Dawson	University Graduate School	Present	No	
Hossam Hussien	University Graduate School	Absent	Absent	
Kanayo Nومه	University Graduate School	Absent	Absent	
Sarwar Minar	University Graduate School	Vacant	Absent	
Ashley Young	Upper Division BBC	Present	Absent	
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant	Absent	
Keren Keys	Upper Division MMC	Absent	Absent	
Rocki (Raquel) Fleites	Upper Division MMC	Present	Yes	
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	Absent	Absent	

Vote Count



Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
15	8	1	2

	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
Motion Passed	Simple Majority	14.0	Passed
	Two-Thirds	17	Failed
	Three-Fifths	16	Failed

4. With a vote of 15-8-1, did not passed with a required 2/3 vote.
- B. Confirmation of Elections Board Member (Jazmin Laughlin)
1. Senator Brochinsky asks what she will do in her role. She says there will be no bias, open mind to making sure everyone stays on track. Senator Mejia asks what some things are she wants to change. She says that she will try to make sure everyone follows the rules.
 2. Roll call vote:

Vote on Confirmation of Elections Board Member (Jazmin Laughlin)				
Senator Name	Senator Position	Attendance	Vote	Reason for Abstention
Alexandra Barriga	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
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	Present	Yes	
Daniel Salup-Cid	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	Absent	
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	



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Olivia Gibson	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	Yes	
Anne Martinez	College of Business	Present	Abstention	not enough information
Brian Velez	College of Business	Absent		
David Almansa	College of Business	Present	Yes	
Jose Mejia	College of Business	Present	No	
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	Yes	
Hua Hui Vogel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present	Abstention	not enough information
Javier La Rosa	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Absent	Absent	
Ciara Jeneske	College of Law	Absent	Absent	
Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Absent	Absent	
Alyssa Andreus	College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Present	No	
Valeria Herrera	College of Public Health and Social Work	Absent	Absent	
Anish Sharma	Honors College	Present	Yes	
Jabari Baptiste	Housing- BBC	Present	Yes	
Alexander Stone	Housing- MMC	Present	Abstention	unsure of candidate ability
Ness Cruz	Housing-MMC	Absent	Absent	
Rhea Watkins	Housing-MMC	Absent	Absent	
Yamila Hernandez	Lower Division MMC	Present	Yes	
Dale Brochinsky	Lower Division BBC	Present	Abstention	because of bias
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	Present	Yes	
Ahmed Soliman	University Graduate School	Absent	Absent	
Haley Dawson	University Graduate School	Present	Yes	



Hossam Hussien	University Graduate School	Absent	Absent
Kanayo Nومه	University Graduate School	Absent	Absent
Sarwar Minar	University Graduate School	Vacant	Vacant
Ashley Young	Upper Division BBC	Present	Yes
Vacant	Upper Division BBC	Vacant	Vacant
Keren Keys	Upper Division MMC	Absent	Absent
Rocki (Raquel) Fleites	Upper Division MMC	Present	Yes
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	Absent	Absent
Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	Vacant
20	2	4	4

	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
Motion Passed	Simple Majority	14.0	Passed
	Two-Thirds	17	Passed
	Three-Fifths	16	Passed

3. With a vote of 20-2-4, Jazmin Laughlin is confirmed as an Elections Board Member.

XII. Senate Forum

A. Senator Stone says that he finished his bill. Senator Brochinsky says toasty Tuesday went very well and says a new toasty Tuesday will happen again in February. Discussion at BBC November 7th. President Pro Tempore Campbell says that everyone needs to show up to meetings in committees and senate because nothing can happen if everyone always misses them.

XIII. Announcements

A. Elections Info Session 11.02.2023- 3pm- Via zoom

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- B. Senate Meeting at BBC- 11.06.2023
 - C. FIU Football Watch party-11.11.2023- Tamiami & Bayview
 - D. SGA Party Applications Open-11.13.2023
 - E. Meet Your Dean- 11.16.2023- 6pm-8pm
- XIV. Advisor Reports
- A. Larissa James: Composite is Nov 20th from 1-4pm. For those planning meetings with administrators, cc Larissa and Michelle. The Senate meeting next week is at BBC. Elections info section this Thursday. Recommended everyone to review how to write legislation.
- XV. Meeting Adjournment
- A. Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.