

FIU**Student Government
Association**

The 40th Session of the Student Body Senate
Meeting Minutes
Date: November 20, 2023

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order at 4:15 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	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	Absent	
Manuela Trejos	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Olivia Gibson	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
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	

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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	Absent
Hua Hui Vogel	College of Engineering and Computing	Present
Vacant	College of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Vacant
Ciara Jeneske	College of Law	Absent
Alejandro Arzola	College of Medicine	Absent
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	Absent
Alexander Stone	Housing- MMC	Present
Vacant	Housing-MMC	Vacant
Rhea Watkins	Housing-MMC	Present
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	Absent
Zahir Mansuri	School of International and Public Affairs	Present
Ahmed Soliman	University Graduate School	Present
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	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	Present	

Quorum is Established	Present	25
	Absent	16
	Vacant	6

III. Correction and Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes

A. None

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

A. Sen. Legoute motioned for the meeting to be recorded; Sen. Lachapelle: request to be made prior to the meeting, will put an amendment.

V. Invited Speakers

A. Maria Franzblau: The Ceasefire Now resolution review requested; since the attack on Sept 7 the IDF started the military operation, over 30,000 Palestinians have been killed since. The system has been that of apartheid; the Ceasefire Now resolution proposed to SGA to endorse. There have been multiple events in support on Palestine, the resolution got a large number of signatures.

VI. Public Forum

A. Oscar Alvarez: wants to reiterate the words of Maria Franzblau, to demand the ceasefire.

Yishmael Columna: Palestinians are being forced to stay in North Gaza by Hamas; ceasefire will continue destruction; the military operation aims to bring peace.

Tara Mahmoud: asking to stop making it political and make it about humanity.

Zuhra Akhtar: institutions work to marginalize people; students should speak out and condemn the atrocities.

Valentina Jadue: thinks that it is the students’ duty to represent the student body, students support a ceasefire.

Judith C.: supports a ceasefire along with the student body, protests have been held on campus.

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Esther: there is need to define genocide, what is going on in Gaza does not fall under genocide since the population of Gaza has doubled in the past decades.

Ismel Hernandez: supports a ceasefire since the civilians are suffering, hospitals destroyed which falls under war crime category.

Felipe Ramos: think that the resolution is important, the military complex has a part in the ongoing conflict.

Sen. Fleites motioned to close the public forum, passed; the forum is closed.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Appropriations Committee

Did not meet quorum last week, met today and discussed the appropriations requests, could not pass. Received the townhall meeting request, to be postponed.

B. Committee on Rules and Administration

Will be meeting today to discuss three pieces of legislation.

C. Graduate and Professional Student Committee

Met last week, debriefed on the coffee hour, planning the GS appreciation week.

D. University Sustainability and Innovation Committee

Two pieces of legislation passed including housing safety documents; discussed how to improve the sustainability fair preparation.

E. Health and Well-Being Committee

F. Student Life and Academic Concerns Committee

Voted last week on a bill, two more resolutions passed.

G. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee

No update since no meeting last week, collecting data for the shuttle service.

VIII. Executive Board Reports

A. Student Body President Alexander P. Sutton

B. Senate President Kaily Lachapelle

Nov 27 the last Senate meeting for the semester, any proposals for the meeting to be put forward.

C. Senate President Pro-Tempore Tiara Campbell

Meet Your Dean event turnout was high, event was productive. Senators encouraged to keep holding events.

D. Senate Floor Leader Karina Hernandez

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No major updates, after Thanksgiving can meet senators individually on initiatives for the Spring.

E. Student Body Vice President Santana Way

Recharge for Finals confirmed from Nov 30, Aromatherapy event to take place with Student Health & Wellness, Breakfast event on Dec 4. Volunteers help requested.

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

IX. Vetoed Legislation

A.

X. Unfinished Business

A.

XI. New Business

A. President Sutton signed an executive order for meeting recording to be done if approved by the majority vote.

Sen. Stone: asked when it will be posted after recording, was not delineated in the executive order, other universities share a link, will be done in a similar way.

Sen. Way: if the recording is requested to be stopped, a retraction motion will be needed.

Sen. Lachapelle proposed to move to a placard vote. With 17 in favor, 8 against, 2 abstention the proposal to record future senate meetings passed.

XII. Senate Forum

A. Sen. Salup-Cid: thanks, the public discussion participants for coming, the resolution was proposed by multiple members of the student body, requests to put on the agenda.

Sen. Mansuri: thankful to all discussion participants who spoke as it is important to express the views, would not like to make the resolution political with two sides, the purpose is for the students to be heard and for the university to empathize with individuals.

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Sen. Brochinsky: was assigned to the resolution today and did not have time to investigate it, so it is not on the agenda yet. Next meeting will not take place due to prior commitments.

Sen. Stone: work on the housing matter is ongoing, will have meetings on the topic, hopes to have another resolution. Will investigate numbers for lower and upper classmen on-campus housing.

Sen. Salup-Cid: the Rules Committee will need to investigate the resolution; review can be done with one of the co-sponsors since the goal of the matter is to represent the students.

Sen. Legoute: SGA is here to advocate for and hear every student, the current events happening in the region are unfortunate. Global Culture Fair event was held with high attendance. Open to work will all other members

Sen. Lachapelle: the largest meeting attendance to date, SGA's goal is to hear every student. Last week's events were successful with large attendance, more events upcoming in Spring.

XIII. Announcements

A.

XIV. Advisor Reports

A. Larissa Adames: composite pictures day to be held again in Spring, HR process to be finalized for those who has not finalized the process yet, the first Spring meeting on Jan 8

XV. Meeting Adjournment

A. Meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.