



Student Government Association

The 42nd Session of the Student Body Senate Meeting Minutes November 10th, 2025

- I. Call to Order @ 4:20pm
- II. FIU Alma Mater/FIU Alma Mater
- III. Roll Call

Senator Name	Senators Position	Attendance Status	Additional Note on Senator
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Quorum is Established	Present	24
	Absent	21
	Vacant	11

- IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes - October 27th, 2025
 - A. Minutes were approved
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
 - A. Emma moved to add Carlos as an invited speaker
 - i. No objections, Carlos was added as an invited speaker
 - B. Agenda was adopted
- VI. Invited Speakers
 - A. Dr. Noel Barengo – Faculty Senate
 - i. Not present

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B. Carlos Ricotti

- i. Interview, two people came to interview, two couldn't come, once people confirm start working on timeline. Hopes everything goes well with applicants.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Finance Chair – Connor Tafur

- i. College Life Program Appropriation Bill, Emma Zelkowitz will be presenting on behalf of Connor. Meetings on Thursdays at 8:30pm.

B. Floor Leader – Internal Affairs Committee – Emma Zelkowitz

- i. Discussion about Senators not doing their hours and their removal from the Senate.

C. Rules Committee – Kamila Gonzalez

- i. Meetings at 4pm.

D. SLAC Committee – Trey Saunders

- i. Approved legislation, meeting today going over new legislation to celebrate school.

E. BBC LC Committee – Tanner Croddy

- i. Week meeting on Wednesday at 10am discussing bill assigned on them. Toasty Tuesday on November 18th 9am to 12pm appreciate people coming to that.

F. GPSC Committee – Julian Esquivel

- i. Nothing to report

G. International Student Ad Hoc – Bayan Abedulazis

- i. Nothing to report.

H. Pre-Professional Ad Hoc – German Mata

- i. Seal of distinction resolution. Doing research so hopefully by the end of the week they could present the resolution.

I. Meet Your Dean Ad Hoc – Jerilyn Davis

- i. Nothing to report. If anybody wants to be part of Meet your Dean Ad Hoc let Jerilyn know.

VIII. University-Wide Council Reports

A. Student Body President – Francesca Casanova

B. Vice President – Wilkin Caseres

C. Speaker of the Senate – Izzy Romeo

- i. Next week BBC meeting will be rescheduled to 24th. Sending email and chat. Already discussed in E-Board meeting.

D. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Faith St Rose

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- i. If working on any legislation, feel free to reach out for help. See Larissa if you are sending out anything or let leaders know. If you are going to be on Zoom, keep camera on and if you are going to be late/not present, please make sure to let them know. CC everyone.
- E. BBC Governor – Hailey Menendez
- IX. Advisors Report – Larissa Adames
 - A. Sent out message in Senate chat, CLS is doing a photoshoot for next Spring and if you are available on Thursday 3:30-4:30pm please show up wearing your SGA Polo. University is closed tomorrow, do not show up to office or university. Back on Wednesday. Homecoming week is this week, support all events. Tonight is the talent show “Clash of the Panthers.” Wednesday is Taste of the Bay here, Thursday is the Uncaging event, and Saturday is the Homecoming Game. Please show up and support. If anyone has ideas for Spring events, please talk to Larissa and Bianca. Wants Spring planning to be done sooner than later
- X. New Business
 - A. Crisis Resolution Call Line – Alyssa Allen
 - i. Presented Resolution 741741 which is a Crisis Resolution Call Line (741741) that those struggling can text in order to receive help and get paired with a Crisis Counselor. Counselors use active listening and de-escalation techniques. Allen became a Campus Advocate to prepare the text line as well as work on more mental health resources.
 - ii. Five Minute Q&A Period:
 - 1. Senator Saunders: How long did it take you to write?
 - 2. Senator Riera: Idea of endorsement?
 - a. Would like to know what to substitute endorse for. Looking at what flyers could look like, and it would look like “This and this is brought to you by SGA.”
 - 3. Speaker Izzy Romeo: Who did you reach out to while writing this resolution?
 - a. Yes, Director of CAPS, Assistant Vice President, Student Health & Wellness, Larissa.
 - 4. Senator Riera: How can we show this number more? Would you entertain more concretized and more flyers being throughout the school? Senator Riera wants to see that number more throughout.



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- a. There is a monetary commitment to putting up more things but still have to keep in mind standards of Student Health & Wellness Center and SGA
- iii. Discussion Period
 1. Senator Riera: Move FIU Police to the end of list because they are not completely capable of responding. Signs could be made in order to make this text line visible. On the very top, putting up name. Great piece of legislation. Missing idea of training. Could host micro-training within SGA. SGA could be emissaries of the crisis hotline. Bring together for training and equip people to advocate.
 2. Speaker Izzy Romeo: More than just flyers, Allen wants to table – Great way to show face more than online and flyers.
 3. Pro-Tempore St. Rose: Senator Riera send amendments by email to Speaker Izzy Romeo
 4. Senator Gonzalez: Riera's ideas could be something separate. Hotline is very straightforward.
 5. Senator Jung: Concrete signs later down the line after we see results. Perfect resolution as is. Agree with Senator Riera to move the FIU Police to end of line or remove it from the line.
 6. Speaker Izzy Romeo introduced motion to add 3 more minutes
 - a. By unanimous consent, 3 more minutes were added to discussion period
 7. Pro-Tempore St. Rose: Very proud of resolution.
 8. Senator Croddy: Amazing starting point, could add more things later on.
 9. Senator Riera: Clarifying if an author could accept (friendly) or not accept (unfriendly) amendments from the floor.
 10. Senator Allen did consider aspect of training. Crisis Text Line could be added to Give Pulse but unable to because of staffing. If anyone here is interested in being a Crisis Counselor with CTL, Alyssa Allen would like to extend that with all of you.
 11. Senator Riera: Amendments: To formally establish a long-term relationship between CTL and FIU SGA. Partnership means accountability. Agree with removing FIU Police to end of list or removing it.

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- a. Senator Allen: Purposefully not using partnership because of monetary issues, only amendable to the second amendment.
- b. Senator Allen: Amendable to move FIU Police to the end of the line.

12. Voting

Vote on Crisis Resolution Call Line (Resolution 741741)			
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Vote Count

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20	0	0	12

Motion Passed	Vote	Vote Count	Archive
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	Simple Majority	13.0	Passed
	Two-Thirds	16	Passed
	Three-Fifths	14	Passed

13. Realized after voting, quorum was lost at 5:28pm.

a. Speaker Romeo requested a Roll Call to determine Quorum.

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b. Putting this under unfinished business for next meeting.

c. Those who were here for appointments could reschedule their appointments and will be receiving an email.

B. Deputy Election Board Commissioner Appointment – Sara Fermin

C. Election Board Member Appointments – Yanisel Capote, Chantal Moises, and Luciana Carmona

D. College Life Program Appropriation Bill – Connor Tafar

XI. Senate Forum

XII. Public Forum

XIII. Adjournment

A. Adjournment time: 5:28pm