The 43rd Session of the Student Body Senate

Meeting Minutes

Date: October 26th, 2026

I. Call to Order
   i. Meeting called to order at 4:09 P.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance & FIU Alma Mater

III. Roll Call

Attendance

Senator Name	Senators Position	Attendance Status	Additional Note on Senator
Renzo Brown	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Valentina Dominguez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Emily Garcia	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Vacant	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Vacant	
Jazmine Harris	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Gennai Lewis	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
Brayan Fernandez	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
Taylor Peralta	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Absent	
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Alison Stangl	College of Arts Sciences and Education	Present	
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Jazmine Murray	College of Business	Present	
Edward Ng	College of Business	Present	
Melanie Telleria	College of Business	Absent	
Vacant	FIU at I-75 Senator	Vacant	
Isabella Zambrano	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Present	

Melissa Sosa	College of Communication Architecture and the Arts	Absent	
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Vacant	College of Engineering and Computing	Vacant	
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Samuel Fernandez	Housing-MMC	Present	
August Osani	Housing-MMC	Absent	
Jasmine Slocum	Housing-MMC	Present	
Vacant	Housing-MMC	Vacant	
Vacant	Lower Division	Vacant	
Natalie Nunez	Lower Division	Absent	
Sarah Currea	Online Student Senator	Absent	
Alicia Bolton	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Manuel Fernandez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Naomy Suarez	School of International and Public Affairs	Present	
Ana Luiza Ferreria	University Graduate School	Present	
Mateo Suarez	University Graduate School	Present	
Dominick Jeffrey	University Graduate School	Present	
Vacant	University Graduate School	Vacant	
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Emily Diaz	Upper Division	Absent	

Joshua Espinoza	Upper Division	Present	
Vacant	Biscayne Bay Campus At-Large Senator	Vacant	
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Alejandro Madrigal	Finance Chair	Present	
Kaitlyn Castro	Floor Leader	Absent	
Andrea Millan	Senate Pro Tempore	Present	
Sharon Polo	Senate President	Present	

Quorum is Established	Present	27
	Absent	13
	Vacant	19

IV. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes –October 19th, 2026

i. With no objections, last meeting minutes have been approved.

V. Adoption of the Agenda

i. With no objections, the agenda is adopted.

VI. Invited Speaker

Elections Commissioner Report – Chantal Elias

i. One of our Elections Board candidates is scheduled for confirmation today, and I believe she will be an excellent addition to our team. Hopefully, after today's meeting, we will have a full Elections Board.

ii. We currently hold weekly board meetings every Thursday at 5:00 PM through Zoom and in person in GC 230. These meetings are open to the public, and everyone is welcome to attend.

iii. We are actively working on the elections timeline, which should be finalized by late November, along with election locations. We are also preparing announcements regarding candidate recognitions, expected on November 9 and 10.

iv. Lastly, we are working on Senate reapportionment, which is due to the Chief Justice by October 31. I expect to have it completed by the end of this week.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Finance Chair – Alejandro Madrigal

i. Three invoices were approved and uploaded to Microsoft Teams. I encourag e everyone to attend Roar for a Cause and support FIU Football.

B. Floor Leader - Internal Affairs Committee – Kaitlyn Castro

ii. No report.

C. Rules Committee – Manuel Fernandez

iii. Our Rules Committee met today before the Senate meeting, and we established quorum. We began our official review of the Senate Rules and

Procedures to identify any errors or necessary corrections. We will continue reviewing them over the next couple of weeks.

D. SLAC Committee – Naomy Suarez
   i. Last week, I announced that SLAC would be tabling at a Homecoming event on October 28. Unfortunately, the event was canceled because one of the performers announced their participation before the official event announcement. The performers were Zeddy Will and Soulja Boy.
   ii. Despite the cancellation, SLAC is still working on other exciting events and initiatives.

E. GPSC Committee – Ana Luiza Ferreira
   i. Last week, we had a great event at the law school. I want to congratulate everyone involved and thank the senators and Student Body President who attended.
   ii. We are currently planning more events for November, including a possible event with the medical school on November 17. We will have more announcements in the coming week.

F. BBCLC Committee – N/A

G. Meet the Deans Committee – Jazmine Murray

H. International Student Affairs Ad-Hoc Committee – Edward Ng
   i. Our committee met last Wednesday, and I believe we had a very productive meeting. We are currently working on increasing awareness of our committee since it is relatively unknown among students. We are making progress toward improving our visibility and engagement.

VIII. University-Wide Council Reports

A. Student Body President – Alyssa Mederos

B. Student Body Vice President – Izzy Romeo

C. Speaker of the Senate – Sharon Polo
   i. First, I want to remind everyone about our Senate Forum on November 2 at 2:30 PM in WUC 171 at Biscayne Bay Campus. We will have food available before the event, and I encourage everyone to attend. I have already shared the flyer in the group chat and will send another reminder by email.
   ii. On November 10, we will also have a volunteer event Roar for a Cause, where transportation will be provided. We will be spending time with elderly community members, and participants will receive three volunteer hours. I have already shared the RSVP link through the group chat and email.
   iii. Lastly, I uploaded the student feedback form responses to Microsoft Teams. I encourage everyone to review the responses and consider incorporating student suggestions into future Senate initiatives and resolutions.

D. Speaker Pro-Tempore – Andrea Millan
   i. I want to thank everyone for staying on top of their minutes and uploading them in a timely manner. I really appreciate it, so please keep doing that.

ii. Also, please remember to complete the feedback form for our recent event if you haven't already. Your feedback will help us improve and plan similar events in the future.

E. Governor of the Biscayne Bay Campus – Sarah Mayorca

IX. Advisor's Report – Larissa, Patty & Blanca

A. Blanca:

i. First, I want to remind everyone about our November 2 event at BBC. It is important that we support and engage with students at that campus. Transportation will be available, and all the information has been shared through the calendar and WhatsApp group.

ii. I also want to encourage everyone to RSVP for the November 10 volunteer event. So far, very few senators have registered, and this is a great opportunity to earn community service hours and give back to the community. Transportation has already been approved.

iii. Regarding Senate composites, I will be adding several tentative dates to the calendar. These are only possible dates, and the official date will be confirmed once the contract is finalized. I will also share information about where to go for headshots.

iv. Additionally, I want to remind everyone that if you need to use the conference rooms in the SGA office, you must reserve them through the student assistants at the front desk. These spaces are available for everyone, but reservations are required.

v. Lastly, please be mindful of when you contact me. I ask that you avoid texting me late at night or during weekends, especially for nonurgent matters. You are always welcome to email me instead.

B. Larissa:

i. We will be hosting a pickleball tournament on November 3 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We will share the registration link soon, and the Recreation Center will be providing prizes for the winners. The event will begin with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, followed by the tournament.

ii. I also want to remind everyone that Homecoming begins this Friday. There will be several events throughout the week, including a kickoff party, a 5K on Saturday, a talent show, and other student activities.

iii. I encourage everyone to participate and show their support throughout the week, especially at the Homecoming football game on Saturday.

C. Patty: No report.

X. New Business

A. Confirmation of Elections Board Member Two – Mariana Cortes

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Jenisha Doll	College of Public Health and Social Work	Present	Yes	
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Sharon Polo	Senate President	Present	Yes	

Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	**Vacant**
25	2	0	**19**

	Vote	Yes needed	Result
Simple majority: Passed	Simple Majority	14	Passed

	Two-Thirds	18	Passed
	Three-Fifths	17	Passed

B. Vote on S.R. 07 001 *Reaffirming the Student Body Senate's Opposition to the 287(g) Agreement between the FIU Police Department and US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Condemning Abuses Associated with Federal Immigration Enforcement, and Requiring Documentation and Dissemination of the Senate's Position*

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Sharon Polo	Senate President	Present	No	

Vote Count			
Yes	No	Abstention	**Vacant**
15	7	5	**19**

	Vote	Yes needed	Result
Simple majority: Passed	Simple Majority	12	Passed
	Two-Thirds	15	Passed
	Three-Fifths	14	Passed

XI. Senate Forum

i. Senator Murray: I believe everyone has the right to protest and express their opinions, but I think having a respectful and civil discussion is a better way to address these concerns.
Although some people believe this resolution addresses a political issue that the Senate should not vote on, I believe it directly affects FIU students. I understand that there are concerns about the resolution, and I would be willing to contact the Chief of Police and invite him to speak with us.

I also encourage everyone to participate in early voting and the upcoming election. These political decisions affect our university and our community.
Lastly, I want to thank everyone for finally passing this resolution after several weeks of discussion. I hope we can now move forward and focus on other productive initiatives.

XII. Public Forum

i. For those who believe that the student body was not properly surveyed regarding this resolution, I expect that the same standard will be applied to every bill that the Senate votes on. I look forward to seeing the results of those surveys.

XIII. Adjournment

i. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 P.M.