



**Florida Atlantic University
Student Government
University Wide Student Senate
20th Legislative Session**

Date: Tuesday, July 2, 2026

Time: 1:00PM

Location: Microsoft Teams meeting

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 1:00PM*

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

- a.*

<i>Boca Sen.</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>Tallman</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Boca Sen.</i>	<i>Dylan</i>	<i>Trewin</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Broward Sen.</i>	<i>Zoey</i>	<i>Manriquez</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Pro Temp.</i>	<i>Alejandro</i>	<i>Rodriguez</i>	<i>Present</i>

With 4 present and 0 absent, quorum was met.

4. Approvals

- a. June 18, 2026 Minutes*
i. Minutes approved unanimously.
- b. June 23, 2026 Minutes*
i. Minutes approved unanimously.
- c. July 2, 2026 Agenda*
i. Agenda approved unanimously.

5. Guest Speaker(s)

- a. No guest speaker(s).*

6. Open Forum (3 min for speaking)



- a. *Boca Governor Salisbury*
 - i. *Spoke regarding SGSSB-2026-22*
 - ii. *Explained that the bill was created after conversations regarding questions about prior Senate actions, removals, and records.*
 - iii. *He stated that the bill is based on a Robert's Rules motion intended for situations involving improper records or procedural uncertainty.*
 - iv. *He explained that the intended effect of the bill would be to confirm the legitimacy of previous appointments and bills that were being questioned.*
 - v. *He encouraged Senators to support the bill and offered to answer questions.*

7. Student Body President's Remarks/Report (5 minute time limit)

Lance Moore

- a. *Proxy report (given by VP Raab):*
 - i. *He reported continued work with Athletics to gather a quote for buses to transport students to the University of Florida football game in the fall.*
 - ii. *He stated that he recently completed onboarding the new Deputy Chief of Staff with VP Raab.*
 - iii. *He reported meeting with the advisor of a new fraternity coming to campus, SigEp, and Fraternity and Sorority Life Director Nicholas Damiano to welcome them and discuss how they can support Student Government goals.*
 - iv. *He reported meeting with Associate Director of Alumni and Community Engagement Ryan Moran to brainstorm ways to market football games and encourage student attendance.*
 - v. *He recommended confirming the two students before the Senate for their respective PAC roles.*
 - vi. *Reach out with any questions: sgpres@fau.edu*

8. Student Body Vice President's Remarks/Report (5 minute time limit)

Ellie Raab

- a. *VP Raab spoke in support of the two nominees before the Senate.*
 - i. *She stated that Sebastian Diaz was nominated for Vice President's Executive Assistant and would help with Senate efficiency, Vice Presidential responsibilities, elections, and UBAC.*
 - ii. *he stated that Siena Botzer-Gunter was nominated for Sustainability Director, previously served in the role, is President of the Sustainability Club, and regularly organizes sustainability programming.*
- b. *VP Raab discussed SGSSB-2026-22.*
 - i. *She explained that concerns had been raised regarding prior Senate bills and confirmations after certain Senators were considered resigned.*
 - ii. *She stated that the bill was intended to ratify previous confirmations and legislation to ensure they remained valid and legally sound.*



9. President's Administrative Cabinet Reports (5 minute time limit)

- a. *No PAC reports.*

10. Chief Justice Remarks/Report (5 minute time limit)

Hayden Eves

- a. *Proxy report (given by VP Raab):*
 - i. *The Student Court received petitions in six new cases: SC 2026.12, SC 2026.13, SC 2026.14, SC 2026.15, SC 2026.16, and SC 2026.17.*
 - ii. *The Court was working on written decisions for matters already adjudicated.*
 - iii. *The Court had a hearing scheduled that evening at 6:00 PM in SC 2026.13.*
 - iv. *The Chief Justice stated that he remained committed to integrity, transparency, consistency, fair proceedings, and proper procedure within the Judicial Branch.*
 - v. *Senators and members of the public were encouraged to contact him by email or during office hours with any questions.*

11. Program Reports (5 minute time limit each)

- a. *No program reports.*

12. Student Government Advisor's Remarks/Report (5 minute time limit)

- a. *No advisor's report.*

13. Confirmations

- a. *Sustainability Director – Siena Botzer-Gunter*
 - i. *Siena Botzer-Gunter addressed the Senate regarding her qualifications.*
 - a. *She stated that she is involved on campus and in the South Florida community.*
 - b. *She serves as President of the FAU Sustainability Club.*
 - c. *She discussed her experience with sustainability projects and her goal of building sustainability awareness on campus.*
 - d. *She stated that she interns with the City of Boca Raton sustainability department.*
 - e. *She discussed sustainability events including an intercoastal cleanup, native plant giveaways, yard certifications, and outreach to students living off campus or online.*
 - f. *She also discussed her internship with Community Greening, including native tree giveaways, tree plantings, and clothing drives.*
 - ii. *Pro Tempore Rodriguez asked what goals she planned to accomplish in the role.*
 - a. *The nominee responded that she wanted to build from her prior experience, form stronger relationships with PAC, integrate*



sustainability into Homecoming programs, 5Ks, fundraisers, and other events, and continue educational outreach.

- iii. *Sen. Manriquez motioned for a roll call vote on the confirmation of Siena Botzer-Gunter as Sustainability Director. Pro Tempore Rodriguez seconded the motion.*

Boca Sen.	James	Tallman	Aye
Boca Sen.	Dylan	Trewin	Aye
Broward Sen.	Zoey	Manriquez	Aye
Pro Temp.	Alejandro	Rodriguez	Aye

With 4 yes and 0 no, Siena Botzer-Gunter was confirmed as Sustainability Director.

b. *Vice President's Executive Assistant – Sebastian Diaz*

- i. *Sebastian Diaz addressed the Senate regarding his qualifications.*

- a. *He stated that he is a senior studying Political Science, graduating in the summer, and returning for a master's degree in the fall.*
- b. *He stated that he works as a student assistant in Alumni and Community Engagement.*
- c. *He also stated that he is an intern and marketing liaison at Advanced Professional Service Commercial Insurance Office.*
- d. *He discussed his prior experience as Chief of Staff for the Student Alumni Ambassador Program.*
- e. *He stated that he understood the importance of supporting the Vice President's schedule, attending events when needed, and assisting with daily responsibilities.*
- f. *He stated that he planned to help schedule Senate meetings, submit meeting times proactively, maintain transparency with attendance, ensure compliance with requirements, and establish direct communication with each Senator.*

- ii. *Pro Tempore Rodriguez asked how the nominee planned to maintain a direct line of communication.*

- a. *The nominee responded that the key would be being proactive, checking in with Senators, communicating through email and text, ensuring meetings appear on Teams calendars, and maintaining consistent outreach.*

- iii. *Sen. Manriquez asked whether the nominee had specific initiatives or areas of Student Government he wanted to improve.*

- a. *The nominee responded that he wanted to strengthen the Executive Assistant position, create goals and transition materials for the next person in the role, and support student body initiatives discussed with VP Raab.*
- b. *He also stated that he wanted to support Senate ideas and be involved in helping Senators develop them.*



- iv. *Pro Tempore Rodriguez motioned for a roll call vote on the confirmation of Sebastian Diaz as Vice President's Executive Assistant. Sen. Manriquez seconded the motion.*

Boca Sen.	James	Tallman	Aye
Boca Sen.	Dylan	Trewin	Aye
Broward Sen.	Zoey	Manriquez	Aye
Pro Temp.	Alejandro	Rodriguez	Aye

With 4 yes and 0 no, Sebastian Diaz was confirmed as Vice President's Executive Assistant.

- c. *VP Raab administered the oath of office to Siena Botzer-Gunter and Sebastian Diaz.*

14. Old Business

- a. *No old business.*

15. New Business

- a. *SGSSB-2026-22 – Restoring Legitimacy to Spring 2026 Senate Action*
- i. *Pro Tempore Rodriguez motioned to adopt SGSSB-2026-22. Sen. Trewin seconded the motion.*
 - ii. *Debate occurred.*
 - a. *Sen. Manriquez stated that she understood the need for the bill, but expressed concern that the bill covered many prior Senate actions, including some funding-related actions, and wanted to ensure the Senate had proper jurisdiction.*
 - b. *Pro Tempore Rodriguez expressed similar concern regarding the breadth of the bill and whether it fell fully within Senate jurisdiction.*
 - iii. *Pro Tempore Rodriguez motioned to recognize Governor Salisbury as a speaker. Sen. Manriquez seconded the motion. There was no opposition.*
 - iv. *Governor Salisbury explained that the bill reaffirms the votes and actions that occurred at the time they took place.*
 - a. *He stated that the bill does not create new funding or a new transfer, but instead revalidates prior actions.*
 - b. *He explained that if follow-up steps were taken based on those prior actions, the bill was intended to reaffirm the original action.*
 - v. *Seeing no further debate, the Senate moved to a roll call vote.*

Boca Sen.	James	Tallman	Aye
Boca Sen.	Dylan	Trewin	Aye
Broward Sen.	Zoey	Manriquez	No
Pro Temp.	Alejandro	Rodriguez	Aye



With 3 yes and 1 no, SGSSB-2026-22 was adopted.

- b. *SGSSB-2026-13 – Jupiter Burrow Funding Bill*
- i. *Sen. Manriquez motioned to adopt SGSSB-2026-13. Pro Tempore Rodriguez seconded the motion.*
 - ii. *Debate occurred.*
 - a. *Pro Tempore Rodriguez explained that the bill had previously passed, but was missing a tag number and required correction so that the bill could be processed.*
 - b. *He stated that the bill was intended to use remaining Senate funds for Jupiter Burrow projects, including possible renovations and patio improvements.*
 - c. *Sen. Manriquez asked about the purpose of the funding and what the money would be spent on.*
 - d. *Pro Tempore Rodriguez responded that the funds would support projects and improvements for Jupiter.*
 - e. *VP Raab noted that the issue had only recently been brought to their attention and that the fiscal year was ending soon.*
 - iii. *Pro Tempore Rodriguez motioned to amend the bill by adding the Senate Contingency tag. Sen. Manriquez seconded the motion.*
 - iv. *Debate on the amendment occurred. Seeing no debate, the Senate moved to a roll call vote on the amendment.*

Boca Sen.	James	Tallman	Aye
Boca Sen.	Dylan	Trewin	Aye
Broward Sen.	Zoey	Manriquez	Aye
Pro Temp.	Alejandro	Rodriguez	Aye

With 4 yes and 1 no, the amendment was adopted.

- v. *The Senate returned to debate on SGSSB-2026-13 as amended. Seeing no further debate, the Senate moved to a roll call vote on the bill as amended.*

Boca Sen.	James	Tallman	Aye
Boca Sen.	Dylan	Trewin	Aye
Broward Sen.	Zoey	Manriquez	Aye
Pro Temp.	Alejandro	Rodriguez	Aye

With 4 yes and 1 no, SGSSB-2026-13 was adopted as amended.

16. Senate Forum (3 minute time limit per speaker)

- a. *VP Raab discussed a meeting she had with Pro Tempore Rodriguez regarding Senate goals, the remainder of the legislative session, and preparing a strong transition for new Senators in the fall.*



- b. *VP Raab proposed the idea of creating an ad hoc committee to work on Chapter 400 statute revisions.*
- c. *Sen. Manriquez stated that she supported the idea and believed it would help Senators get to know each other and work on governing documents.*
- d. *Pro Tempore Rodriguez stated that the committee would help Senators better understand the statutes and communicate more effectively.*
- e. *The Senate discussed a possible schedule where regular Senate meetings would continue biweekly and ad hoc committee meetings would occur on alternating Thursdays at 1:00 PM.*
 - i. *VP Raab stated that the committee would likely be placed on the July 16 agenda for approval, with a potential first meeting on July 23.*
 - ii. *Senators discussed availability for weekly Thursday meetings.*
- f. *Pro Tempore Rodriguez asked whether absences from ad hoc committee meetings would count toward attendance.*
- g. *The Senate discussed communication methods for the Senate group chat.*
 - i. *The group agreed to keep using Teams for the time being.*
- h. *VP Raab reported that the Senate Contingency tag for the current year had \$40,000 available.*
 - i. *She encouraged Senators to think about project ideas and ways to establish a strong foundation for incoming Senators in the fall.*

17. Open Forum (3 minute time limit per speaker)

- a. *Boca Governor Salisbury*
 - i. *Spoke regarding the ad hoc committee attendance question.*
 - ii. *He stated that FAU SG Stat. §406.711 says each member of Student Senate must attend all meetings and all committee, board, and council meetings on which they serve.*
 - iii. *He recommended asking the Student Court to interpret whether ad hoc committee absences would count, because the term "regular meetings" is ambiguous in the statutes.*
- b. *VP Raab stated that the Senate could request clarification from the Court and could also consider statute changes through the Chapter 400 review process.*

18. Announcements & Reminders

- a. *VP Raab announced that the next Senate meeting would be July 16 at 1:00 PM.*
- b. *VP Raab reminded Senators to submit bills at least 72 hours before the meeting.*
- c. *VP Raab stated that Senators could reach out if they wanted help working on bills or wanted an ad hoc committee created for a specific issue.*

19. Final Roll Call

- a.



Boca Sen.	James	Tallman	Present
Boca Sen.	Dylan	Trewin	Present
Broward Sen.	Zoey	Manriquez	Present
Pro Temp.	Alejandro	Rodriguez	Present

With 4 present and 0 absent, quorum was met.

20. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 1:47PM.

Attendance/Absence Record

An absence record of every active Senator is included pursuant to FAU SG Stat. §406.714.

Campus Grouping	Name	Initial Roll Call	Final Roll Call	Absence Type	Points Assessed	Cumulative Semester Points	Notes
Boca Raton	James Tallman	Present	Present	none	0	0	
Boca Raton	Dylan Trewin	Present	Present	none	0	0	
Broward	Zoey Manriquez	Present	Present	none	0	0	
Jupiter	Alejandro Rodriguez	Present	Present	none	0	0	