Student Senate Minutes

Wednesday, 10/07/2026 4:00pm-5:30pm
Location: Conference Room 229
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The duration of this meeting may change to accommodate any actions of the governing body.

Chair: Julieta Gonzalez
CALL TO ORDER: President Julieta Gonzalez called the meeting to ordered at 4:06PM

I. **ROLL CALL:** VP Kaushal Pachhai conducted roll call via sign-in sheet. (Julieta Gonzalez, Samantha Meili, Amelia Tran, Kay Su, Vanessa Vu, Kaushal Pachhai, Gabriela Miranda, Nate Kim, Paola Deniz, Matthew Diaz, Siddhartha Kurwadkar, Mia Cho, Ciara Rodriguez, Isabella Macklis, Liana Blancoromero, Victoria Ramirez, Chiara Lavin, Dania Darraji, Adam Rivada, Beyonce Soto, Kenya Baruti, David Mendez Melchor, Lizbeth Rascon Aca, Miriam Santos, Albert Hong, Linda Verduzco, Charlie Wang, Iris Gonzalez, Katherine Arellanos, Kevin Sasaki, Natalia Garibay, Natalie Sardisco, Karina Velazquez, Pinky Khine, Rebekah Tellez, Hannah Terry, David Tapia, Travio Bartok, Fernando Padron).

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** M/S/U (Kay/Kevin) to approve the last meeting minutes.

III. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** M/S/U (Kay/Rebekah) to adopt today's meeting agenda.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Athletics is offering free admissions for the game tomorrow, free food at 3:30PM. We as a school should support Fullerton Athletics.
Gabriela VP of Senate informed about grads to be undocumented success program, healing sessions and workshops.

*Public comment is limited to **one minute per person per item**. State law does not permit any action to be taken nor extended discussion of any items not already on the agenda.*

IV. COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS

A. Daniel Beruman will present "Microsoft MFA Changes - ACT Update (*5 min)*
Campus IT Department presented an update on upcoming changes to Microsoft multi-factor authentication (MFA). Beginning February 1, the Campus IT Department will transition to passkeys as an alternative to the current one-time password (OTP) authentication codes. Additional information and instructions regarding the login process and setup steps will be provided before the changes take effect. The update aims to simplify the login experience for students and reduce the inconvenience of repeatedly entering authentication codes.

V. REPORTS (2 minutes max each)

A. A.S. Executives
Julieta Gonzalez reported meeting with the Curriculum Committee to discuss student voting rights, planning a First-Generation event, creating an AI workgroup, and the upcoming MOU signing. Gabriela Miranda reported on STEM student retention research, campus safety concerns, and campus maps and signage. Kay Su and Vanessa Vu shared updates on Speed Friend-Making, Harvest Haunt, and event promotions. Amelia Tran discussed

A.S. benefit partnerships, budgets, and fundraising. Kaushal Pachhai reported that the Judicial Committee is reviewing voting rights for the ICC President and Student Trustee, clarifying senator responsibilities, and improving attendance procedures.

B. Student Trustee
Samantha reported that district-level student representative applications are complete and requested volunteers for voter registration, the Ballot Bowl, and Día de los Muertos on October 29.

C. ICC President
ICC President reported that ICC elected officers. ICC is preparing for Harvest Haunt, approving club supply budgets, and discussing future fundraising ideas.

D. Faculty Advisor of A.S. & ICC
Joel reported that he is working on senator nameplates and finalizing the MOU.

E. Interim Director, Student Life and Leadership
The Director of Student Life and Leadership announced that Fullerton College participated in the Great ShakeOut earthquake drill on October 15. Participants were reminded to sign in and report any injuries.

F. Faculty Senate Liaison
The Faculty Senate Liaison discussed the Curriculum Committee's work and the importance of student representatives participating in votes and sharing student perspectives. Senators were encouraged to actively participate in campus committees and ask for help if they have questions or need clarification. Senators can reach out to the liaison or Bridget for assistance.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion with the Faculty Senate President regarding Buzzy Bucks and potential collaboration/next steps. (15 minutes, Discussion)
Bridget Kominick, Faculty Senate President, and her team presented about the end of the Buzzy Bucks program and the plans to expand Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) courses at Fullerton College. They discussed working with faculty to provide free textbooks and course materials through Canvas. The Senate also discussed how A.S. could support the initiative through a resolution and help students learn more about ZTC courses. A statewide ZTC survey will be shared with Julieta Gonzalez and then with the Senate.

B. VP of Senate will report on research conducted regarding STEM student retention issues and facilitate a discussion on potential strategies and next steps. (15 minutes, Discussion)
Gabriela Miranda and Vice Chair Natalia presented their research on STEM student retention and enrollment. They shared demographic information comparing STEM and non-STEM students and discussed enrollment patterns, including part-time STEM students. They also discussed challenges students face in courses such as Calculus 1, including limited instructor support and difficulties with course materials. The Senate discussed possible ways to support STEM students, including embedded tutors and input from student representatives. Gabriela will share the presentation PDF with the Senate.

C. The Senate will discuss the possibility of amending the A.S. Bylaws to provide the Student Trustee and ICC President with voting rights within the Student Senate. (10 Minutes, Discussion)

The Senate discussed the possibility of amending the A.S. Bylaws to give voting rights to the Student Trustee and ICC President. The discussion included the Student Trustee's role with the District, the ICC President's current lack of voting rights, and how the proposed changes would affect the Senate structure. The Senate also discussed reviewing the bylaws and bringing the matter to the Judicial Committee for further discussion.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. October 8th, Night Home Football Game at 4:00 PM (Free admission for FC students, and free pizza)
B. Judicial Committee meets on Tuesday, 3:00-4:00Pm
C. RPR Committee meets on Wednesday, 3:00-4:00Pm

VIII. **ADJOURNMET:**

Julieta adjourned meeting at 5:11 PM