



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
Elections & Appointments (E&A) Meeting
Virtual
Tuesday, MAY 25th, 2021
5:00 PM

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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 5:06 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 14/15

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Moscol	sga_ea@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice-Chair Layman-Williams	sgaecs6@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Calvert	sganscm4@ucf.edu	E (5:27)	E
Senator Gonzalez	sgachps1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Greenaway	sganscm1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Huerta	sganscm2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Jacobs	sga_sci1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Kehoe	sga_cah2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Mittan	sga_ba1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Novack	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Ulysse	sgamed3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Power	sga_sci4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Aixala	sga_ba7@ucf.edu	P	P
LJR Rep Mitchinson	sga_ba6@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representative	sga_dleg@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: Approved by GC
4. Approval of the Agenda: Approved by GC
5. Announcements from the Chair-

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- a. Good afternoon y'all! Relatively short day, we have 6 confirmations today!
 - i. The following weeks might get a little hectic, since it seems to be around 9 confirmations, but I know we got this
- b. The first batch of exec will be seen today!
- c. The [Google Drive](#) with all supporting docs and proposals are linked here, provided by VP Wilson.
 - i. Please let me know if you can't see them!
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair-
 - a. Quick reminder: write down name and question for questioning and during debate
7. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. Pro Tempore Representative: fill out mentor application and reach out to RSO's + working on legislative workshop + debate workshop in June
8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
 - a. Brodie Taylor: checks and balances + demanding with a lot of hours and work + confirmations are opportunities for branches to interact + have some trust
 - b. Gorlin-Tarbell: importance of cabinet positions + Attorney General: missed two meetings + failed to attend first spring meeting + failed to provide notice and was dismissed because of that (unexcused) + did not appeal dismissal + this is important because this is one of the highest positions + communication and attendance is important within in any branch + very demanding position + take consideration of this
 - i. Ulysse: Can you clarify?
 1. He did not appeal it
 - ii. Heutra: Can I ask questions based on this information and can I get the dates he missed?
 1. Bonefont: There's no limitation and the chair sets what questions are asked
 2. Gorlin-Tarbell: Oct 29-confirmation + missed absences week after + Soto has been dismissed (forced) and has a right to appeal
9. Old Business-
 - a. N/A
10. New Business-
 - a. Confirmations
 - i. Jan Soto - Attorney General

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1. Speech: I am from a small farm town in Puerto Rico and I am double majoring. I am a LEAD scholar, play jazz and have a goal to go to law school and I want to work with advising Congress. The position I aspire to be is to work with privacy within government which is a major part of the position. I want to open the office of the attorney general to the student body and in the drive I have a 14 page paper of statutes concerning student government.
2. Questioning
 - a. Power: In order, what will be your three biggest priorities in the upcoming year, in and outside of SG?
 - i. Answer: 1: serving the student body + has to reach out to student body 2: maintaining competition 3: film scoring (taking a scene and putting music over it)
 - b. Jacobs: How would you define professionalism? Can you give an example where you showed professionalism?
 - i. Answer: clear communication of emotions and feelings + principles of respect + related to hurricane maria and had to decide what to do after the impact of the hurricane + make sure to communicate with student body and senators
 - c. Ulysse: Can you provide us with examples of time that have grown as individuals?
 - i. Answer: grew through first semester especially during exam time and reached out to different people when needed help + reach out during attorney general when need help
 - d. Greenaway: What experiences at UCF have prepared you for this position?
 - i. Answer: Started as political science major + able to compete in moot court + met with professors for helping with limitations and help + have lawyers advise me + senator worked with hispanic caucus and senate and had family issues + read student government statutes and put it in a document + CDC guideline

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- e. Mitchinson: As attorney general you will also be serving as judicial advisor, could you tell us about some of your goals and initiatives for the judicial advisor role?
 - i. Answer: removal and non accessibility of mediation as an option of student conduct hearings + resolved more peacefully
- f. Kehoe: It has been brought to the attention of the Elections and Appointments committee that you were dismissed from the 52nd Senate Session as a result of multiple unexcused absences: Can you elaborate on that? Were President Hall and Vice President Wilson aware of that when appointing you to this position?
 - i. Answer: President and VP were aware + dismissed because missed first meeting + family concerns + addressed concerns
- g. Gonzalez: Based on some of your responses, you seem to have an emphasis on communication. When you were dismissed from the Senate, why did you elect to not communicate with Senate Leadership and/or appeal your dismissal?
 - i. Answer: Had to take parental responsibility + not in right state of mind to take control of situation + healed through this time
- h. Huerta: Name a time you failed/were at a disadvantage, and how did you come back from that?
 - i. Answer: Had a strict coach for Moot court and failed the argument and made the entirely wrong argument + sat down with external sources and professor and discussed principles of first amendment
- i. Moscol: Let's say an ethical violation may have occurred in Student Government and an opinion is requested, what are the steps you will take pertaining to your position, and what UCF Title is involved with ethics?
 - i. Answer: Title 12 and Title 4 + will review the titles after the meeting

3. Debate

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- a. Power: in favor + prepared him for the position by experience + helps out career + statues used to hold him accountable
 - b. Calvert: Highly in favor + worked in professional setting especially in daily life + open communication + fair and balanced and abide by statues
 - c. Huerta: in favor + similar experience + learned from the experience + has experience with the law + sweetheart
 - d. Greenaway: in favor + answered questions + shared information and has good understanding + willing to learn
 - e. Jacobs: in favor + honesty + perseverance
 - f. Bonefont: in favor + came prepared and impressed
4. Vote Count: 11-1-1
- ii. Daniella Lopez - Chief of Staff
 1. Speech: I am a rising junior and majoring in business management. I am deeply rooted in my culture and I am a part of kappa alpha theta. Also I am a College Of Business ambassador and was a philithronpy chair for books for rwanda drive. I was a part of the executive cabinet by serving as the diversity and inclusion coordinator. Through this experience I made meaningful connections, seen inner workings and found my purpose in student government.
 2. Questioning
 - a. Kehoe: You previously served as the Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator under the La Rosa-Blanco administration: How do you plan on transferring the skills you learned in that position to the Chief of Staff position?
 - i. Answer: spoke to a variety of students and able to listen to students concern + empathy has grown + listening to everyone's need and being a resource
 - b. Bonefont: What is a change you would like to make compared to the previous Chief of Staff?
 - i. Answer: I will change the level of involvement with the division of student affairs + I believe it's important to maintain communication and collaboration + coordinators should just have the support and help
 - c. Jacobs: Tell us about a time you took the lead in a team project. What was the outcome of the project?

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- i. Answer: ran for chair position (1st leadership role) + oversaw committee and motivated the committee + helped raise money throughout the year + outcome: very successful and wanted to go to warehouse + donated money to the funds instead
 - d. Calvert: As Chief of Staff you will have to work closely with President Hall. Do you think you have a strong working relationship with her and can you describe one of her initiatives you plan to try and accomplish before the fall semester?
 - i. Answer: worked together for meeting with members event and created a bond + give honest opinion for the cabinet + support with external and internal communication + initiative I want to complete is establish training on roles of student government as a whole and working with leadership including roles and rules within each branch and it will improve collaboration
 - e. Aixala: If appointed as Chief of Staff, what will you most look forward to?
 - i. Answer: helping the cabinet and being a resource + want to be same resource I had during my run as a diversity and inclusion coordinator
 - f. Gonzalez: How do you plan on establishing strong interbranch relations and means for collaboration?
 - i. Answer: monthly outings + familiarity is key to have collaborations + create a fun environment and get to know each other at a personal level + fill in the blanks to include more collaboration by encouraging it
- 3. Debate
 - a. Huerta: in favor + hard working and talk about passion for student government for hours + encouraging
 - b. Greenaway: in favor + worked with during SGLC + supportive and willing to help + there for the ELC + determined
 - c. Kehoe: in favor + worked together in ELC + hardworking and passionate about events and initiatives

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- d. Jacobs: Good working relationship and gave specific examples on initiatives
- e. Gonzalez: in favor + passionate about role and helping out the cabinet + has experience to guide others
4. Vote Count: 12-0-0
- iii. Xelayris Martinez - Deputy Chief of Staff
 1. Speech: I am in my junior year and majoring in political science. I have a passion for serving the student body and am amazed by the support found within student government. I was a marathon relations board for knight thon and currently a lead intern for Marco Rubio. I was involved with SGLC and plan on implementing progress packets.
 2. Questioning
 - a. Kehoe: You also hold a position on the Knight-Thon Executive Board: How will you ensure that the two do not interfere with each other?
 - i. Answer: Student government is top priority + learned how to balance being at different things at once + to do list person + time management is key
 - b. Gonzalez: What initiative are you most passionate about and why?
 - i. Answer: working with the SGLC program and taught me to not sell my time short + working with students + want to impact students as a coordinator
 - c. Power: If approved, what do you hope to gain from your time in this position?
 - i. Answer: advocate of open communication + love to interact with others + gain a new group of friends and working with everyone and the other branches + cabinet is one piece of the puzzle
 - d. Jacobs: How would you describe your leadership style? Can you give us an example of a time you used your leadership style?
 - i. Answer: Lead interns for the office of Marco Rubio and staffers delegate jobs to me + learned how to collaborate + talked to other interns to get help with

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task + teach others and ensure they are confident +
make sure others feel valued

3. Debate
 - a. Kehoe: in favor + amazing and dedicated + great person and worked together in SGLC
 - b. Huerta: in favor + passionate + will help you no matter what + worked in SGLC and ELC
 - c. Greenaway: in favor + worked together in SGLC + put in the extra work
 - d. Layman-Williams: in favor + passionate and will bring that to the role
4. Vote Count: 13-0-0
- iv. Emily Bracht - Athletics Coordinator
 1. Speech: I am a part of kappa delta and was formerly involved with the Judicial Leadership Council and senator. I had experience with sports because I was a president of a sports team. My aim is for every student to feel involved throughout all the sports and to allow students to enjoy tailgating experience. The first step as athletic director is to reach out to students and increase the nightmare student section in the bounce house. I want to create a parade before the homecoming game, continue having watch parties at the bounce house and bring a mechanical bull to tailgating in memory mall. I want the athletic experience to be student led.
 2. Questioning
 - a. Moscol: What is your knowledge on CDC guidelines and how will you apply it to your position?
 - i. Answer: mask mandates are being updated, will take all new guidelines as time progresses into sporting events in the upcoming semesters.
 - b. Kehoe: I am not a sports/athletics person, how will you use your position to appeal to people like me?
 - i. Bracht: What year are you in?
 1. Kehoe: Rising sophomore
 - ii. Answer: I will tell you all about the Bounce House + out of this world experience + social event to hang out with friends

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3. Debate
 - a. Greenaway: in favor + passionate + was a senator + a lot to contribute + excited
 - b. Huerta: in favor + such a good job in position + very passionate + reach out to students
 - c. Bonefont: in favor + holding their own opinion + listens to concerns and hears out students
4. Vote Count: 13-0-0
- v. Adri-Anna Harris - Sustainability and Innovation Coordinator
 1. Speech: I am majoring in environmental studies with a minor in philosophy. I was a senator and the chair of the lqbtq+ caucus. I was an ambassador for the arboretum and assisted with implementation of the green fund and refunding sustainability initiatives. My incentives involve single-use plastic restrictions on campus, banning plastic glitters, RSO representative, and electronic recycling program. I want to make a student board and create a potential paid internship concerning making policies. I want to work with the athletic coordinator to use tailgates to expand environmental information and create a program called hammocking with Knightro. I want to continue EarthJustice week and expand the subtitativity stars to contain members from the Orlando community. I want to continue the Green assembly and spread more awareness around it.
 2. Questioning
 - a. Bonefont: How do you plan to dedicate time to this specific role considering all of your current responsibilities?
 - i. Answer: Time management + schedule myself with other times
 - b. Moscol: What initiative are you most excited about?
 - i. Answer: electronic recycling program + saw idea implemented at another campus + want to implement the program
 3. Debate
 - a. Bonefont: in favor + passionate about the issue + helped develop green fund + worked with previous coordinator
 - b. Greenaway: in favor + was previous coordinators events
 - c. Huerta: in favor + helped with green initiative + a lot of ideas

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4. Vote Count: 13-0-0
- vi. James Evans - Safety and Transportation Coordinator
 1. Speech: I am a rising sophomore and I am currently involved as a senator as a LJR chair and former FAO chair. I am currently an orientation team leader, a part of the student conduct board, and a lead scholar. My main intivitates are a mobile blue light, continuing an event called safety walk and creating a knight life bus.
 2. Questioning
 - a. Kehoe: You are highly involved on campus in addition to classes and a personal life so how do you plan to also dedicate your time to a 15 hour per week cabinet position?
 - i. Answer: planners + plan the following week and it lands on the calendar + track everything occurring in my life
 - b. Greenaway: How do you plan to ensure all students feel safe at UCF?
 - i. Answer: knowing about their resources + UCF PD relations is important and events found in proposal + understanding PD
 - c. Kehoe: Although UCF and the CDC have relaxed their covid guidelines, how do you plan to ensure student safety in terms of covid-19?
 - i. Answer: there isn't much to do on a legal standpoint + creating incentives for students getting vaccines + encouraging mask wearing as possible + reach out to housing to implement not testing students if they got the vaccine
 - d. Power: Could you please further elaborate on all three of your initiatives.
 - i. Answer: Mobile blue light system (360 bluelight) no matter where you are on campus + on your phone since most student have fun + knight life bus: limiting accidents + expand shuttle center or other services related + safety walk: worked UCF facilities and women caucus + walking around campus and finding lighting issues

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- e. Huerta: How will your senate leadership experience help you in your new role as safety and transportation?
 - i. Answer: helping out students during FAO chair and LJR chair + got to dive into interbranch relations + combining senate and SGLC experience
- 3. Debate
 - a. Huerta: in favor + passionate and very involved + best person for position + bring leadership position
 - b. Greenaway: in favor + great initiatives + very involved with many places on campus
- 4. Vote Count: 13-0-0
- 11. Member Discussion-
 - a. N/A
- 12. Miscellaneous Business-
 - a. N/A
- 13. Final Roll Call: 14/15
- 14. Adjournment: 7:13 PM

Key:

- P - Present
- A - Absent
- MTD - Move to Debate
- MTV - Move to Vote
- MTA- Move to Amend
- PP - Postpone
- PPI - Postpone Indefinitely
- GC - General Consent

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