



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
Elections & Appointments (E&A) Meeting
SG Conference Room
6.04.24
TIME 11:00 AM
[Zoom](#)

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 11: 12 AM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 4/5 (3)

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair DiChiara	sga_ea@ucf.edu	P	E
Vice Chair Collazo	sga_sci4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Caringal	sgacie1@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Jackson	sga_grst4@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Almenar	sga_grst1@ucf.edu	P	P
LJR Representative	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	-	-
Pro Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: [06.04.2024](#)
 - a. Approved by GC
4. Approval of the Agenda:
 - a. Approved by GC
5. Announcements from the Chair DiChiara-
 - a. Seeing athletics and the first round of justices
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair Collazo-
 - a. Good morning! Today is the first round of Justices!
 - b. In my role as Vice Chair, I am also the Secretary of this committee, responsible for recording the minutes of today's meeting. This includes documenting all speeches, questions, and debates. Therefore, I kindly ask everyone to speak calmly and clearly to ensure accurate minutes. Please enunciate your words. Additionally, be prepared for me to ask you to repeat your questions and answers to ensure the accuracy of the minutes. Lastly, please keep questions and debate germane (relevant).
 - c. Additionally, we will be following Robert's Rules of Order. Please do not speak unless called upon and be respectful of those who are speaking.

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Chair DiChiara: sga_ea@ucf.edu



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- d. Here are the questions for the [Associate Justice Appointees](#).
7. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. None.
 8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
 - a. Brodie: Are the Levines on this Committee?
 - i. Chair DiChiara: No
 9. Old Business-
 - a. None
 10. New Business-
 - a. Confirmations
 - i. Motion for S-Q-D: 5-10-10
 - ii. [Wyatt Wetzler, Athletics Coordinator](#)
 1. Speech
 - a. Gave a hard copy of his speech. I will attach the speech to the minutes soon.
 - b. The speech is located in the appointee's confirmation Materials.
 2. Questions
 - a. Deputy Lazo: Can you please elaborate on the merch initiative?
 - i. Wetzler: Happy to collaborative with the Digital Media Coordinator to create merch as well as making sure its awarded based on the point system.
 - b. Senator Almenar: Where can funds be allocated?
 - i. Wetzler: It will come from the Athletics budget
 - c. Deputy Lazo: Reduce plastics use during games?
 - i. Wetzler: A little difficult as there are a lot of students, but I will do my best to make sure students recycle and keep the area clean
 - d. VC Collazo: What experiences do you please have best prepared you for this role?
 - i. Wetzler: SGLC, ELC, Black and Gold
 - e. Senator Almenar: Do you have a connection with Athletics?
 - i. Wetzler: Not necessarily, however I have met with
 - f. VC Collazo: What is your plan to improve current pep rallies?
 - i. Focus on Space U games, incorporating merchandise. Incorporating marching band
 - g. Deputy Lazo: How do you plan on bridging the gap between academic students and athletics students?
 - i. Wetzler: Bring Athletes to the events

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- remain unbiased, I would remove myself from the situation and maintain impartiality.
- d. VC Collazo: You are approached by an RSO that feels their fiscal appeal was treated unjustly and unfairly, how do you handle that?
 - i. Grady: I would like to look at judicial rules and Title 5 to make sure that procedures were met and understand the process of fiscal appeals.
 - e. VC Collazo: How does the Judicial Council manage its internal committees?
 - i. Grady: 4 voting members must be within the committees to meet quorum, must meet concurrently, these meetings can be dissolved in a vote if it is found that the committee has accomplished its goal.
 - ii. Follow up: List all committees.
 - iii. Grady: Lists all four and leadership committee to plan JLC.
 - iv.
- F. VC Collazo: Internal progress reports?
- i. Initiative reports are a great way to maintain accountability and make sure they are working to achieve their goals. Also helps them when struggling to meet their goals and receive guidance from the rest of the branch.
- 3. Debate
 - a. DSR Lazo: Voting in favor, seems legit.
 - b. Almenar: Similar sentiments to DSR Lazo, voting in favor.
 - 4. Vote 2-0-1 **Confirmed**.
- iv. [Maya Netto, Associate Justice Seat #8](#)
- 1. Speech: Second year psychology student in Burnett Honors. Previously involved in SGLC and JLC. I want to make an impact and have meaningful experiences in the school I now call home. I have also served as undergraduate TA, serving on the RSO leadership, and symposium. Through JLC, I fell in love with its group collaboration, maintaining student body advocacy. The vulnerability of college students is found and helped with by the Judicial Branch in situations like parking tickets and student conduct help. I aim to expand the awareness of Student Government to high schoolers in the area to engage in participation as well as increasing the knowledge of UCF students to the services Judicial Branch offers.
 - 2. Questions
 - a. VC Collazo: Can you outline the impartial advising procedure?

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this dedication serving the community. Last year was in the SGLC and JLC program which allowed me to engage in the community, volunteered in midnight 5k. Member of the LEAD Scholars Academy and the Burnett Honors College. These opportunities have blessed me with the privilege to give back to the community.

2. Questions

- a. DSR Lazo: Explain time in JLC?
 - i. Rezek: Learned the function of the judicial branch, and learned how to serve the student body under Chief Justice Silva and AJs.
- b. VC Collazo: Situational. If a SG election is contested, what role does the Judicial Council play?
 - i. Rezek: The council will launch a review and investigate student government action, forming a decision from those findings.
- c. VC Collazo: What is the term limit for AJ's and specifically your seat?
 - i. Mine is two years and would start in 2024 and expire in 2026.
- d. SG Advisor Taylor: Is there a situation where the judicial council wouldn't see an election contest?
 - i. Rezek: Based on my knowledge of Title V, I don't believe that we wouldn't so long as it was a legitimate contestment after formal applications have been submitted.
- e. VC Collazo: An AJ is accused of campaigning for an SG election candidate, how do you handle this?
 - i. Rezek: Reviewing everything holistically, reviewing the evidence, and collaborating with the fellow justices, and if found to be campaigning would be a very biased action and goes against our code.
- f. DSR Lazo: Explain structure for penalty and noncompliance under Title IX?
 - i. Rezek: Beyond the scope of my review, to be honest.
- g. VC Collazo: Can you elaborate on Spanish translation initiatives?
 - i. Rezek: Would like to continue working with and continuing the goals of former CJ Silva, learning what she did to be so successful and collaborating with Latino organizations and continuing to translate.

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- ii. DSR Lazo: Follow up, how would translation services in person work?
 - 1. Rezek: Work with SAS to find translators and attempt in person services.
 - h. VC Collazo: Looking at your proposal, is ethical questioning going to be a guide for Justices or go through full rules and procedure
 - i. Would like to start it as a guide and allow it to develop based on justices and students interest and then allow it to become set in stone in our JRP, but beginning with letting it become a part of student services.
 - i. VC Collazo: Do you know Title VI?
 - i. Rezek: Unfortunately, I do not.
3. Debate:
 - a. Almenar: I will be voting in favor. He seems to have good integrity including efforts for translation.
 - b. Taylor: Despite not knowing that the contesting process, I would not hold that against him.
 - c. DSR Lazo: Voting in favor, candidate shows drive and passion for learning despite not knowing the specifics of certain titles.
4. Vote: 2-0-1 Confirmed
- vi. [Samantha Nerro, Associate Justice Seat #10](#)
 - 1. Speech: Criminal justice major and a minor in Spanish. For background, my story starts with starting in UCF and simultaneously becoming a citizen. Unfortunately, in that time, I had to go through administration and processes that were confusing to me and had little knowledge or advice to go off on. When I solved this, I wanted to make sure any student could attend college without knowledge barriers. This inspired me to join SGLC and JLC where I saw justices talk about the student situation and perspective of them throughout appeals and advising. Throughout my time, I saw that Title IX and impartial advising gave students so much knowledge and help that they otherwise would have been unaware of. Making SG a more comfortable space to come to and feel comfortable to ask their questions and make the most knowledgeable decisions. While I may not be the most knowledgeable, I have a strong
 - 2. Questions
 - a. DSR Lazo: Which titles/statutes are you aware of?
 - i. Nerro: I am well aware of parking appeals and assisting them with the process. I am also aware of Title 5 including

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- the boards we get to sit on including student conduct boards. I am also aware of JRP.
- b. VC Collazo: How does the JRP handle evidence collection?
 - i. Mentions first day after the CJ has set up case, they go through what evidence actually stands and what goes against golden rule handbooks as well as explain the process to the student.
 - c. VC Collazo: If confirmed how would you maintain unbiased?
 - i. My prior experience in working with a group that did not match my personal aspects taught me how to put aside my biases and listen to them, which I believe is the most important aspect of AJ's job.
 - d. VC Collazo: Could a justice assist in campaign?
 - i. No, as we must remain unbiased in the case that there is an election of
 - e. DSR Lazo: Which is more important, interpretation or letter of the law?
 - i. As time has passed, I have learned that not everything is black and white, and that there must be interpretation and understanding context for every situation and providing the proper accommodations.
 - f. VC Collazo:
 - i. We have to go through JLC mentees, part of an internal committee, undergo fiscal training, we used to have to go through DEI training.
3. Debate
- a. DSR Lazo: Voting in favor. Candidate has the necessary drive to learn all the statutes they were honest about not being the most knowledgeable about.
4. Vote 2-0-1 **Confirmed**
- vii. [Isabella Pazera, Associate Justice Seat #11](#)
- 1. Speech: Sophomore majoring in International Studies, my passion and drive for student involvement have not been contained and I wish to be a student leader and advocate in the Judicial Branch. Previous involvement in SGLC and JLC, where I learned about all the services the judicial branch offers as well as the close-knit bond the branch works with. As an AJ, I hope to serve the UCF Student body by remaining impartial with my initiatives such as expanding marketing strategies and up to date legislation for all branches.

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2. Questions:

- a. DSR Lazo: Explain in depth any statues/titles
 - i. JRP, the Judicial Rules and Procedures which lays out all the rules and committees of the Branch and the different roles. Student Body Constitution and Title V.
- b. VC Collazo: Can you name the Articles within the Constitution?
 - i. I can name a couple, Article 1: Rights of Student Body, Article II: Legislative Branch, Article III: Executive, Article IV, Judicial?
- c. VC Collazo: What boards do judicial sit on?
 - i. Student conduct, grade appeals, two others.
- d. VC Collazo: Imagine a scenario of a AJ having a conflict of interest in a case they are hearing, how would you proceed?
 - i. Ask them to recuse themselves and if not, I would bring that up and express my concern to leadership.
- e. VC Collazo: Different types of parking appeals rulings?
 - i. I currently cannot fully answer but upon training I will be able to.
- f. VC Collazo: Which initiatives will you prioritize?
 - i. Up to date filing system, creating a tracker whereby all three branches are updated on their workings and initiatives, maintaining communication and accountability between the branches. For judicial, this means justices submitting progress on their initiatives and seeing if that aligns with other branches.
- g. DSR Lazo: How do you plan on maintaining accountability within judicial?
 - i. Emphasizing a culture of knowing when and what you did wrong, for example, if I didn't recuse myself from a case when I should have and take the appropriate consequences.

3. Debate

- a. DSR Lazo: Voting favor, candidate brings initiatives that encourage communication between the branches and emphasizes accountability.
- b. Almenar: Similar to DSR Lazo, voting in favor.

4. **Vote 2-0-1 Confirmed**

11. Member Discussion-

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- a. VC Collazo: Today went well, but I am concerned about education about the judicial branch and JRP including Title 5. Please bring more questions for next time as I see these candidates could be more knowledge.
12. Miscellaneous Business-
 - a.
13. Final Roll Call: 3/5 (3)
14. Adjournment: 12:45 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
- S-Q-D – Speech, Questioning, Debate

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