



MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 9:09 AM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 5/4 (3) **Quorum is verified.**

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair DiChiara	sga_ea@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice Chair Collazo	sga_sci4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Caringal	sgacie1@ucf.edu	E (9:36PM)	P
Senator Beneche	sga_sci2@ucf.edu	P	P
LJR Representative Courts	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representative Morissette	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: [08.22.2024](#) **Approved by GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by GC**
5. Announcements from the Chair DiChiara-
 - a. Seeing the appointed Senators tonight, Luke Brown (Supervisor of Elections) will be seen during a caucusing session (9/5), Anna Reed will be seen 9/4
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair Collazo-
 - a. Please ask germane questions!
7. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. Pro Tempore: Senator Orientation is done by me! So, I will be reaching out to you once you are confirmed by Senate.
 - b. Senator Beneche: Come to 63 south! Support Black Caucus!
 - c. LJR Rep. Courts: I am the Chair of the LJR Committee.
8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
 - a. Brodie: Introduces himself to the appointed Senators. Selecting and approving quality Senators. Please don't disqualify incoming senators for not knowing everything.
9. Old Business-

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- a. None.
- 10. New Business-
 - a. Confirmations
 - i. Motion S-Q-D: 5-5-5 **Approved by GC**
 - ii. Ravi Kamalakkannan for Graduate Seat #1
 - 1. Speech
 - a. Kamalakkannan: I am a Ph.D. Candidate. This hopefully my final year doing my Ph.D. I only have these opportunities due to UCF. I want to give back to my community. I want to provide more resources for students; undergraduate, graduate.
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. LJR Rep. Courts: Are you interested in joining in Committees?
 - i. Kamalakkannan: I want to join CRT and FAO.
 - b. Pro Tempore Morissette: Do you have a plan to execute your initiative about bringing awareness to opportunities for students?
 - i. Kamalakkannan: I want to use any resource to make sure students receive this information. Using email and display boards. I was previously an officer of RSOs so I have many different ideas how to share this information.
 - c. Pro Tempore Morissette: Can you name two of your senate responsibilities?
 - i. Kamalakkannan: Join committees, serve one academic year, and complete financial training
 - d. Senator Beneche: Do you have any time commitments that might conflict with your responsibilities?
 - i. Kamalakkannan: I have a remote internship from 9-5
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Senator Beneche: I think this candidate is great. He seems highly motivated.
 - b. Pro Tempore Morissette: He has a great platform. He is very organized. We love graduate representation in Senate
 - 4. Vote
 - a. 5-0-0, **Confirmed by E&A**
 - iii. Andre Brooks for Rosen College of Hospitality Management Seat #2
 - 1. Speech
 - a. Motion to PP **until September 4th meeting.**

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2. Questioning
 3. Debate
 4. Vote
- iv. Owen Sherman for College of Engineering and Computer Science Seat #1
1. Speech
 - a. Sherman: I am a freshman aerospace engineering major. I am from central Pennsylvania I'm excited to be here. I want to be involved in the SBA committee. I've only been on campus for two weeks, so I don't have initiative just yet. However, I did read over the SG Initiative tracker and the one I resonated with the most is recognizing Earth Day. Another initiative I want to get involved in is the Housing Competition regarding energy usage. Explains the initiative in detail. I want to be involved in the sustainability caucus.
 2. Questioning
 - a. Pro Tempore Morissette: When you came here did you immediately search for student government?
 - i. Sherman: My school didn't have a lot of clubs, so I knew I wanted to campus and join something like student Government
 - b. Chair DiChiara: Do you feel that being a freshman is an advantage or disadvantage?
 - i. Sherman: I want to learn. I can get up to speed quickly. I think students who've been here longer over look things.
 - c. Pro Tempore Morissette: Can you name two of your senate responsibilities?
 - i. Sherman: Having working knowledge of the SG's governing documents. Being assigned RSOs to advocate for.
 3. Debate
 - a. Pro Tempore Morissette: This candidate is outstanding. They did a lot of research. The candidate is well prepared.
 - b. Senator Beneche: This candidate is an upstanding citizen. His resume is polished. I'm glad you are joining SBA.
 - c. Chair DiChiara: I am happy you mentioned Sustainability because I am the caucus chair. I see great potential in the candidate.
 4. Vote

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- a. 5-0-0, **Confirmed by E&A**
- v. Renee Plancher for College of Engineering and Computer Science Seat #8
 1. Speech
 - a. Plancher: I am a transfer junior from Valencia College. I am a student representative from Winter Park. I think it's important to highlight that transfer students don't know how to get involved. They are clueless about how to get started. My biggest interest in becoming a Senator is provided a voice for women in stem.
 2. Questioning
 - a. Pro Tempore Morissette: Did you say that your initiative includes office hours?
 - i. Plancher: yes. I want students to be able to voice their concerns.
 - b. LJR Rep. Courts: How would you use your experience as a transfer student to help other transfer students know more about SG?
 - i. Plancher: Create more awareness about transfer events. Transfer students have a misconception about how to get involved and I want to make sure they have a clear understanding.
 - c. Senator Beneche: Are you interested in joining any Caucuses?
 - i. Plancher: LGBTQ+
 - d. Senator Caringal: How many caucuses and committees are you required to sit on?
 - i. Plancher: Two.
 - e. Senator Caringal: How many unexcused absences can you have?
 - i. Plancher: I don't remember exactly.
 3. Debate
 - a. LJR Rep. Courts: I really like this candidate. You did get the answer questions. I will be voting in favor.
 - b. Senator Beneche: I'm very interested in this candidate. I am happy this candidate will be joining be caucus. I will be voting in favor.
 - c. Chair DiChiara: I was a transfer student. They come in and don't know what to do. Ensuring students are comfortable is very important. I think it's great that another transfer student will be joining Senate. I will be voting in favor.
 4. Vote

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- a. 5-0-1, **Confirmed by E&A.**
- vi. Zachary Gaudio for College of Engineering and Computer Science Seat #9
 1. Speech
 - a. Gaudio: I am with the College of Engineering. My major is in aerospace engineering. I am involved in different organizations club, including INR Club. I have gained an understanding of people who come in and out of the club. Something that I've noticed with clubs is that there is a difficulty in transferring power. Organizations forget to reregister. They don't know how to request funding. Engineering RSOs build things. I will be pushing for RSOs to be mindful of safety.
 2. Questioning
 - a. LJR Rep. Courts: what Committees are you interested in joining?
 - i. Gaudio: CRT and FAO; Open to LJR
 - b. Senator Caringnal: Can you tell me about Dean meetings?
 - i. Gaudio: That is where senators advocate for policies and changes that will benefit the college.
 3. Debate
 - a. Senator Beneche: He is very knowledgeable. Very willing to help students in his college. Voting in favor.
 - b. Chair DiChiara: I think it's important for RSOs to function independently but also being aware they are representing UCF. Voting in favor.
 - c. VC Collazo: I will be voting in favor of this candidate. I am really interested to see how he handles advocating for RSOs in relation to transfer of power. That is something that is difficult/not peaceful at times. We usually delegate RSO responsibilities to Knight of the Round Table so I am interested to see how you will work with them.
 4. Vote
 - a. 6-0-0, **Confirmed by E&A**
- vii. Emma Cerda for College of Science Seat #6
 1. Speech
 - a. Cerda: I am a Pre-Vet major. I was the service chair of CVI. I've been a dancer and have a dancer cord. My interest in Senate started when I sat in for a meeting and FAO committee. I want to advocate

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for students who are Queer, in Steam, and have disabilities. For someone who is neurodivergent is difficult to get involved, especially in stem and research. Queer students have a bit of a disadvantage when coming into the Biology Field. STEM is very competitive. I want to help students find research opportunities through businesses, professors and so much more. I recently have ran into a problem with RSOs being financially transparent. Interested in join ORS and LGBTQ+ Caucus.

2. Questioning

- a. Senator Carignal: Have you considered joining CRT?
 - i. Cerda: I have, but I must look at my schedule.
- b. LJR Rep. Courts: Name some your senate responsibilities
 - i. Cerda: Finically Trained, required to attend Senate meetings, attend dean meetings.

3. Debate

- a. LJR Rep. Court: Voting favor. She named almost all of our senate responsibilities. Also, would love a seat buddy.
- b. Senator Beneche: Voting in favor. Has a neurodivergent, queer, and STEM student I think it so important to advocate for students like me. I love your commitment to disability.
- c. Pro Tempore Morisette: Her initiative is very Niche. I know this candidate and I know she is very organized. She is well prepared.
- d. Chair DiChiara: Voting in favor. You are offering ways to help students, like the ones you've mentioned, is definitely need.

4. Vote

- a. 5-0-1, **Confirmed by E&A**

viii. Anna Reed for College of Arts and Humanities Seat #4

1. Speech

- a. Motion to PP **until September 4th meeting.**

2. Questioning

3. Debate

4. Vote

11. Member Discussion-

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12. Miscellaneous Business-

a.

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13. Final Roll Call: 6/4 (3) **Final Roll Call is verified.**
14. Adjournment: 10:06 AM

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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