



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
Elections & Appointments (E&A) Meeting
SG Conference Room
10/23/2024
9:00 AM

E&A MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 9:04 AM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 3/4 (3)

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair DiChiara	sga_ea@ucf.edu	E (P: 9:07AM)	P
Vice Chair Collazo	sga_sci4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Beneche	sga_sci2@ucf.edu	E (P 9:13 AM)	P
Senator Patel	sga_med1@ucf.edu	P	P
LJR Representative Courts	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representative Morissette	sga_pro@ucf.edu	A	A
Supervisor of Elections Brown	sga_ec@ucf.edu	A (P: 9:28 AM)	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: [10.17.2024](#) **Approved by GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by GC**
5. Announcements from the Chair DiChiara-
 - a. None.
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair Collazo-
 - a. Welcome Senator Patel! Please keep questions and debate germane.
7. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. LJR Rep. Courts: When Speaker Pohlmann posts the special session time, if you can't make it make sure to put in an absence request. Also it is the joint AG and LJR Event today at 3 in the Chamber, there will be pizza and candy 😊
 - b. Pro Tempore Morissette: None.
 - c. Supervisor Brown: I had my meeting with Daniel. There are no plans to change the Election Statues. Removing SG Advisor as a signatory for violations.
8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-

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- a. SGLCer Intros!
9. Old Business-
 - a. None.
10. New Business-
 - a. [Confirmations](#):
 - b. MSQD: 5-5-5, **Approved by GC**
 - i. Senator Owen Sherman for College of Community Innovation and Education Seat #3
 1. Speech
 - a. Senator Sherman: I started out the semester as in Aero Space Major and I am switching to a Political Science Major: Pre-Law. I am a member of SBA and have been an involved member of the Senate.
 2. Questioning
 - a. Vice Collazo: MTD, **Approved by GC**
 3. Debate
 - a. LJR Rep Courts: Love Owen. He did really great during the scavenger hunt. MTV, **Approved by GC**
 4. Vote
 - a. 4-0-0, **Confirmed by E&A**
 - ii. Rajan Jinadra for College of Sciences Seat #10
 1. Speech
 - a. Jinadra: Good Morning! Senators. My name is Rajan Jinadra, and I am a proud freshman at UCF, majoring in Data Science with minors in Statistics and FinTech. I stand before you today with a clear purpose: to earn your trust and your vote for the Senate position representing the College of Sciences. First, let me thank you for your dedication and time. UCF is not just one of the largest universities in the United States with over 70,000 students, but it is a beacon of opportunity. Ensuring every voice is heard and that we take action in the best interests of our student body is not just a responsibility—it is a mission I am ready to take on. If elected, I won't just meet expectations; I will raise the bar, striving every day to serve and uplift our community. Though my time at UCF has just begun, I am already deeply connected to this university. As an international student, UCF is my home away from home, and I am committed to giving back to this community that has welcomed me so warmly. By joining the Senate, I will channel this sense of belonging into real, impactful work that benefits all students.

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Looking back at my leadership experience in high school, where I served as Academic Chair in student government, I learned how to lead with purpose and work collaboratively. I was also involved in clubs such as - Key Club, Student Ambassadors, and Dance Marathon—positions where I wasn't just part of a team, but where I learned to drive change, represent my peers, and act as the first point of contact for students, staff, and guests alike. These roles honed my leadership skills, and I am ready to bring that same energy and vision to UCF's Senate. Currently, I work at Chick-fil-A, where I get the opportunity to engage with a wide range of peers from freshmen to graduate students, allowing me to listen to their thoughts, experiences, and opinions on UCF. It's this connection with students across different backgrounds that drives my passion to advocate for their voices and ensure their concerns are heard at every level. As I embark on this next chapter at UCF, I bring with me these experiences, eager to contribute, learn, and grow. I am actively involved with the Indian Student Association, Knights Kangna, and I'm working with the Data Science Research Team, pushing forward the recognition of Data Science as a STEM major. These opportunities have only fueled my desire to be part of something bigger, to make a real difference through Student Government. I may be new here, but that only means I have more room to grow, improve, and champion our students' needs and aspirations with fresh eyes and relentless determination. UCF is a place of unlimited potential, and together, we can make it even greater.

2. Questioning
 - a. LJR Rep. Courts: Do you have any initiatives?
 - i. Jinarda: Yes. International students lack the resources to transfer between internships.
 - b. Chair DiChiara: Do you know your responsibility?
 - i. Jinarda: Working with one of the Committees.
 - a. DiChiara: Do you have the time for the Senate?
 - i. Jinarda: Yes. I know how to manage my time
 - b. VC Collazo: MTD, **Approved by GC**
3. Debate

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- a. Senator Beneche: I was reading through his resume, and he seems very verified. He's knowledgeable on SBA. I will be voting in favor.
 - b. LJR Rep. Courts: MTV, **Approved by GC**
 4. Vote
 - a. 5-0-0, **Confirmed by E&A**
 - iii. Bobby Escobar for College of Health Professions Sciences Seat #3
 1. Speech
 - a. Escobar: Good morning. I am a transfer junior majoring in Social Work. In high school I was Class President and Secretary. I was Chapter president for my fraternity in my community college. I am the Latin/Hispanic Caucus Chair at UCF Dems. Increase student involvement in local and federal processes. I want to join GAP.
 2. Questioning
 - a. Senator Patel: Are you interested in any committees?
 - i. Escobar: GAP
 - b. Senator Beneche: Caucuses?
 - i. Escobar: Latin and LGTBQ
 - c. Senator Courts: Ideas on how to increase student involvement?
 - i. Escobar: I am aware of senators utilizing Knights Vote and I plan to support them
 - d. Chair DiChiara: How will you make sure Social Work is Represented?
 - i. Escobar: I am involved within the Social Work Community.
 - e. Senator Beneche: Prior Commitments?
 - i. Escobar: Orientation Leader; schedule is pretty flexible. I am a member of volunteer UCF. My duties as senator will come first
 - f. Senator Beneche: MTD, **Approved by GC**
 3. Debate
 - a. Senator Beneche: I will be voting in favor. Love that he plans to be joining my caucus. He seems very involved with his college and Major.
 - b. LJR Rep. Court: MTV, **Approved by GC**
 4. Vote
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 - iv. Hunter Thoss to College of Business Seat #2
 1. Speech

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- a. Thoss: Currently a Junior majoring in Real Estate. Ever since I came to UCF, I've gained a lot of passion. I've been wanting to join the SG since late august. I've been communicating with RSOs like the Muslim Student Association. Transfer students should be given a pamphlet during orientation. COB needs Maintenance. The water filters are red, and the door handles are missing. I want to take these initiatives to SBA.
 2. Questioning
 - a. Senator Beneche: What caucuses do you plan to join?
 - i. Thoss: Disability. I have autism and ADHD.
 - b. LJR Rep. Courts: Do you know any of the responsibilities of a Senator.
 - i. Thoss: Fiscal training. Ethics Training. Join a committee.
 3. Debate
 - a. Senator Beneche: I will be voting in favor. He seems very passionate. He's put in a lot of work despite not being a Senator. Refreshing to see a fellow neurodivergent person join the Senate.
 - b. LJR Rep. Courts: I will be voting in favor. He said the chapter and title of the responsibility:
 - c. Senator Patel: Very qualified. Voting in favor.
 4. Vote
 - a. 5-0-0, **Confirmed by E&A**
11. Member Discussion-
- a. VC Collazo: Remanded three bills, the one E&A will be seeing is removing when senators switch colleges they have to go back through E&A. I think it is a bit of a waste of time when they are simply switching their seat and think they should just go through senate. The two other bills will be seen by LJR, expands E&As scopes in the statutes. If it passes the bill that goes with it will modify non-compliances.
 - i. Supervisor Brown: Wouldn't having Senate oversee violations for elections take a lot of the duties and responsibilities of the Election Commission?
 1. VC Collazo: E&A has jurisdiction to issue non-compliances for appointments but not elections, but that's the second part of our job.
 - a. Chair DiChiara: Also, to clarify, it would only be for the senate's part of the election process. We would not be overstepping.
12. Miscellaneous Business-
- a. Senator Beneche: Queer Market Day next Tuesday from 12 PM to 4 PM. Please come and volunteer.

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- b. Chair DiChiara: For SGLCers contact Haleema if you want to learn about Downtown campus.
 - c. Supervisor Brown: Shameless plug, vote for me for HOCO
13. Final Roll Call: 6/4 (3)
14. Adjournment: 9:44 AM

Key:

- P - Present
- A - Absent
- MTD - Move to Debate
- MTV - Move to Vote
- MTA- Move to Amend
- MSQD – Motion for Speech, Questioning, & Debate Time
- PP - Postpone
- PPI - Postpone Indefinitely
- GC - General Consent

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