



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
Elections & Appointments (E&A) Meeting
SG Conference Room
11/06/2024
9:00 AM

E&A MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 9:04 AM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 5/5 (3)

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair DiChiara	sga_ea@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice Chair Collazo	sga_sci4@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Beneche	sga_sci2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Patel	sga_med1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Escobar	ju392513@ucf.edu	P(9:20am)	P
LJR Representative Courts	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representative Morissette	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P
Supervisor of Elections Brown	sga_ec@ucf.edu	P (9:21AM)	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. Usual business
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair Collazo-
 - a. Good morning, everyone! Unfortunately, I cannot be with you today as I will be attending the Veterans Salute Ceremony this morning. Additionally, as I am not present someone has to perform the duties of Secretary.
 - b. Please be sure to ask germane questions and keep debate germane.
 - c. I will try to be back before the end of the meeting to answer any questions you have regarding my bill.
 - d. Also, please give a warm welcome to Senator Escobar! His first meeting as a voting member!

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7. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. LJR Rep. Courts: Will be seeing 2 internal bills, 1 resolution and normal absences in LJR
 - b. Pro Tempore Morissette: Starting to push out initiative Tracker, started in SBA and will continue until the end of the semester
 - c. Supervisor Brown: None
8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
 - a. None
9. Old Business-
 - a. None
10. New Business-
 - a. Bills:
 - i. MSQD: **5-5-5**
 - ii. [Internal Bill 56-19](#) [Updates to Title III: Modifying the Process of Senators Changing Their College] [E&A Vice Chair Collazo]
 1. Speech
 - a. E&A Vice Chair Collazo: Good morning, E&A! I'll keep this brief, as many of you are already familiar with the concept behind this bill. The purpose of this bill is to streamline the process for Senators who change their major during their term. Currently, when a Senator switches colleges, they are notified of being out of compliance and then given one week to change their major back to align with the college they represent. In most cases, however, the Senator instead applies for an open seat in their new college, undergoes an interview with the President or designee, is appointed, then presented to E&A for review, and finally confirmed by the Senate. This bill proposes two changes to simplify this process: (1) It removes the one-week waiting period Senators must observe before being presented to the Senate. (2) It waives the requirement for E&A to review these Senators again. In essence, this would allow a Senator who is switching colleges to be appointed and confirmed on the same day, saving time for both the Senator and E&A. Since the Senator has already been elected or appointed and therefore has the experience and qualifications for the role, additional due diligence from E&A is unnecessary, as is the one-week wait after appointment. Typically, confirmations for these Senators take less than five minutes in both the Senate and E&A. For those concerned about due diligence, please remember that either I or the E&A Chair motions to vote during the Senate floor

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confirmations. If more questions or debate are needed, we can hold off on the vote to allow for thorough consideration of the candidate. I hope this explanation clarifies the intent and function of the bill. The other changes you'll see are technical adjustments. I'm open to any amendments the committee may suggest. Thank you!

2. Question

- a. Pro Tempore Morissette: What is the benefit of keeping the senate body confirmation?
 - i. Chair DiChiara: Still holds the premise of the body acknowledging the switch under the senatorial responsibilities; Also, to inform the body of any new initiatives/goals with their new college

3. Debate

- a. Senator Beneche: Voting in favor, bill is pretty self-explanatory, E&A doesn't need to see the individual again
- b. Senato Escobar: Voting in favor, saves everyone some time
- c. Chair DiChiara: Responsibilities typically don't change, it's a change of heart with their academics.

4. **Vote 6-0-0, Internal Bill 56-19 Passes Favorably in E&A**

b. Confirmations:

- i. Materials
- ii. MSQD: 5-5-5, **Approved by GC**
- iii. Colin Petrie for College of Business Seat #3

1. Speech

- a. Petrie: Integrated Business student, Junior, Founding Father of Delta Tau Delta, hopes to become a certified financial planner after college. Wants to get involved in Senate to further his involvement and make a big positive impact while doing so. Would love to become a part of FAO, has done similar work in his director of finance position. Would like to inform students about the free resources and software available to them through pamphlets and other forms of news distribution. Would like to allocate more money to the Speech & Debate Team through FAO

2. Question

- a. Senator Beneche: Really liked your speech, How do you think your experience with People Power for FL would help you expand your reach in Senate and help you develop your goals?

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- i. Petrie: Helped me meet people who were involved in activist roles, never have done anything like that before so it helped me broaden my perspective. Delta Tau Delta Director of Finance, I have developed budgets, coordinated communication between the board members, and created official documents.
 - b. Senator Beneche: Do you have any caucuses you would like to join?
 - i. Petrie: Doesn't currently remember
 3. Debate
 - a. Senator Beneche: I see how much work he is putting in, I like how he knew which committee he wanted to be in, FAO is a great choice. If selected, I suggest joining the CRT Committee. Would love to see what they do in Senate
 4. **Vote 3-0-2, Confirmed by E&A**
- iv. Nina Rodriguez for College of Sciences Seat #6
 1. Speech
 - a. Rodriguez: First year majoring in political science, prelaw track. I am striving to attend law school after graduation. I have made many connections and found my way around campus. I feel comfortable here already due to the fact that I joined the Housing leadership Institute before starting here at UCF. Many Transfers and First Year students feel overwhelmed here and don't know where to start. My main goal is the senate would be to make UCF feel smaller for students. It's difficult to find a starting point which causes students to not get involved at all. I will strive to make a path for them. Creating a sense of belonging will give these students a chance to succeed in their collegiate career.
 2. Question
 - a. Senator Beneche: How do you feel that your freshman perspective may shape your goals here in senate?
 - i. Rodriguez: I understand how scary it may be to come to a university the size of UCF, being away from home can be very scary. I understand the fear but also the excitement of the students that want to branch out.
 - b. Senator Beneche: Interested in any committees or caucuses?
 - i. Rodriguez: Interested in the SBA Committee
 - c. Chair DiChiara: Senate Responsibilities?

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- i. Rodriguez: Be the voice for student body, work with the RSOs
3. Debate
 - a. Senator Beneche: Voting in favor, needs more freshman voices in senate. I also really see the value in the Housing Institute, was apart of it myself, these experiences will help her be a great addition to the senate.
4. **Vote 6-0-0, Confirmed by E&A**
- v. Dyne Smith for College of Community Innovation and Education Seat #4 **PP TO CACUS 11/7, Approved by GC**
 1. Speech
 2. Question
 3. Debate
 4. Vote
- vi. Nicholas Benwick for College of Sciences Seat #7 **PP TO CAUCUS 11/14, Approved by GC**
 1. Speech
 2. Question
 3. Debate
 4. Vote
- vii. Daisy Trejo-Hernandez for College of Computer Science and Engineering Seat #1
 1. Speech
 - a. Trejo-Hernandez: Current senior major in computer science. Undergraduate Research Assistant. I want to increase the transparency of what happens in Student Government to the student body. I would also like to revamp the way we provide information to freshman, its a lot which is great but is information overload.
 2. Question
 - a. Senator Beneche: Can you name two duties as a senator that your supposed to do?
 - i. Trejo-Hernandez: Represent your allocated RSOs, sit on one committee, and be financially trained
 - b. Senator Beneche: any committees or caucuses you're interested in?
 - i. Trejo-Hernandez: CRT and Disability Caucus
 3. Debate
 - a. Pro Tempore Morissette: Voting in favor, knows what she wants to do, knows her responsibilities, would be a great addition to senate
 4. **Vote 6-0-0, Confirmed by E&A**

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viii. Grace Rudie for College of Engineering and Computer Science Seat #7

1. Speech

- a. Rudie: Computer Science Major with a minor in Theatre, from Cincinnati, moved down here because of the opportunities UCF has. Last year, was apart of SGLC and got to attend many Senate meetings. Ended my internship so now i have time to allocate to SG. Apart of STEEL and FTPLA. Lots of involvement with RSOs in my college. Has an initiative proposal, focused on individual needs, RSO needs, and CECS needs. RSO should understand the funding process, informing students how to structure their advising appointments to make it more efficient for them.

2. Question

- a. Senator Beneche: What made you want to go the legislative route against your ELC background?
- i. Gracie: I enjoyed going to Senate a lot last year, I primarily joined ELC due to their volunteering background. I participated in women caucus events and others
- b. Senator Escobar: How would you say your previous experience in SG and other organizations have impacted your leadership skills?
- i. Gracie: Having mentors that have done things I would like to do as a senator has taught me many skills, like time management. As a part of the honors college and RSOs have taught me event planning and how to get senators involved
- c. Senator Beneche: Committees and Caucuses?
- i. Gracie: Women's Caucus, would be interested in SBA, LJR, or E&A

3. Debate

- a. Senator Beneche: Voting in favor, uniquely qualified due to her experience in SGLC. Experience around campus will help her be a well-rounded senator
- b. Senator Escobar: Voting in favor, lots of experience in and out of SG.

4. **Vote 6-0-0, Confirmed by E&A**

11. Member Discussion-

- a. Supervisor Brown: Alyssia was present for this meeting; we need to put together a doc to track Election Commission attendance.

12. Miscellaneous Business-

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a. None.

13. Final Roll Call: 7/5 (3)

14. Adjournment: 9: 55AM

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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