



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government  
Elections & Appointments (E&A) Meeting  
Student Government Conference Room  
01/08/2025  
10:30 AM

## E&A MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 10:33 AM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 7/7 (4)

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3. Approval of the Minutes: [E&A Meeting Agenda 11.20.24.docx](#) **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. Hi everyone! As Chair DiChiara stated in his announcement, I will be Chairing today's meeting, therefore, I need someone to be Acting Secretary for today's meeting.
  - b. We have 1 Bill, 1 confirmation, and committee projects to discuss today.

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- c. Election Commissioner tracker starts today.
  - d. As the election season approaches, my suggestion is to remain impartial and do not involve yourself in any of the presidential campaigns. The committee is involved in many aspects of the election process, including recalls. Our responsibility is to ensure the Election Commission runs the election in compliance with the statutes. With that being said, we will do everything in our power to support the commission to ensure the election runs according to our governing documents.
7. Announcements from Committee Members-
- a. LJR Rep. Chair Courts: Having our first meeting today, will be seeing three internal bills and two absences.
  - b. Pro Tempore Morissette: None.
  - c. Supervisor Brown:
    - i. I hope y'all had a great holiday break!
    - ii. I obviously echo what Andrew just said. Along with a reminder that anyone can report Election Violations and create an affidavit that allows EC to easily act. I'll be happy to explain to process to anyone who may need to know this info!
    - iii. Currently we are accepting applications from within the commission for the Assistant Supervisor position which will hopefully have an appointment by next Thursday.
8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
- a. Brodie: Welcome back, I am glad to be back as well. Wanted to echo the statements of impartiality, as many of you may be running in the election. You can't be fully impartial due to this fact, so don't stress too much about remaining impartial.
9. Old Business-
- a. None.
10. New Business-
- a. Bills:
    - i. [Internal Bill 56-24](#) [Updates to VI: Allowing Election Commissioners to Hold Caucus Leadership Positions] [Pro Tempore Morissette]
      - 1. Speech: SQD: 5-5-5
        - a. Pro Temp Morissette: I want election commissioners to have the ability to be in caucus leadership as it currently exists anywhere. It doesn't impede their impartiality, so there is no reason why they should not be allowed.
      - 2. Questioning
        - a. MTD, **Approved by GC**
      - 3. Debate
        - a. Senator Beneche: Looks good, move to vote.

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4. Vote: 6-0-1 **passes on first reading**
  - b. Confirmations:
    - i. Jessica Vitarelli for Election Commission Seat #7 (PP to 1/15)
      1. Speech
        - a.
      2. Questioning
        - a.
      3. Debate
        - a.
      4. Vote:
    - ii. Zoey Rubin for Rosen College of Hospitality Management in Seat #1
      1. Speech: SQD: 5-5-5
        - a. Rubin: Hi my name is Zoey Rubin. I wanted to join senate because there is no one representing Rosen, and it is needed as it has had many achievements in the recent years. It is a little hard to represent I understand as it is 30 minutes away, but I am prepared as I am in touch with many peers and love to take on initiatives. I was in SG in high school and am a freshman. Would like to represent my peers in this way
      2. Questioning
        - a. Senator Beneche: Any committees or caucuses that you would like to join?
          - i. Rubin: CRT
        - b. Pro Tempore Morissette: Can you name two senatorial duties
          - i. Attending weekly meetings and being a part of minimum one, max two committees
          - ii. **MTD, Approved by GC**
      3. Debate
        - a. Senator Rudie: I think this person is a great candidate, knows requirements so super qualified. I will be voting in favor
        - b. Senator Escobar: Also believe this is a great candidate, freshman and representing an underrepresented college.
      4. Vote: 5-0-1, **confirmed by E&A**
  - c. Non-Compliance: None.
11. Member Discussion-
- a. Bills in Progress:
    - i. [Election Statues Changes Ideas](#)
    - ii. Supervisor Brown: List of other things (possible duplicates)

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1. Adding Declaration of Candidacy to definitions (**Smith**)
  - a. Chair DiChiara: Hiiiiii, I will be working with her on this, I gave Luke's email to her
2. 601.4 (D): Clarity for "Online Petition" (**Talk to Sup Brown**)
  - a. Senator Brown: There is no clarification of the many petitions that we can do, assume that it is for declaration of candidacy
    - i. VC Collazo: Clarify to say what?
    - ii. Student Government Advisor Taylor: It used to be on paper and you could pick up the petition as soon as the semesters starts. Just saying that you must hand them the rules regarding signatures so that they do not get in trouble by the university
3. Add Canvas course update requirement for every other executive session (**Talk to Brodie**)
  - a. Supervisor Brown: Stephanie wanted to make it a requirement to use the canvas course. The second part is a fragment from her first year as there was a time period where she had no credentials but believes that she needs access to be able to successfully complete her job.
4. Add to 601.5 Duty to provide Assistant and Supervisor all necessary credentials to do work (e.g. NQ, Canvas, KnightConnect, etc.) (**Morissette – Conversation**)
  - a.
5. 601.1 & (E 1-3): (**DiChiara**) Increasing the number of commissioners from 10 to 12 or 14
  - a. (D):
    - i. Updating when the 6 (or 7) commissioners are appointed to reflect the change in seats
    - ii. Create a timeline for appointments of positions:
    - iii. Supervisor of Elections appointed no later than the last week of Summer A
    - iv. Assistant Supervisor of Elections appointed no later than the last week of Summer B
    - v. Applications to become an Election Commissioner should be opened by the first week of Summer A
  - b. Chair DiChiara: Will sit down with Luke at some point to structure this, will probably talk to you to Brodster
6. 601.4 (F): (**DiChiara**)

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- a. Inclusion for 2 hours of work within the SG office per week prior to the election.
  - b. Chair DiChiara: I got this done, will send when I finish, the other bill above
7. 604.1: **(Escobar & Beneche)**
- a. No presidential candidate shall have members of SGLC aid in campaigning
  - b. No candidate shall openly discuss their candidacy or platform within the Student Government and OSI offices.
    - i. Senator Beneche: Pretty straightforward, stops candidates from using SGLCer aid in elections. Also makes it to where candidates cannot talk about policies in the office.
      1. Pro Tempore Morrissette: Are ELC meetings public?
        - a. VC Collazo & Student Government Advisor: Not historically but all SG meetings are public so technically yes.
    - ii. Senator Rudie: If a member of ELC wants to be a part of the
      1. Supervisor Brown: In some years it hasn't been separate, so the aim is to ensure impartiality so that all have a fair and equal chance when running. There is obviously some favor for those who have helped with running the election, as it has historically been a trend of ELCers helping becoming cabinet members
    - iii. Senator Rudie: Last year I felt like it was a personal initiative to do so as I was in ELC; I understand setting this precedent but i want clarification so to anticipate the pushback
      1. Student Government Advisor Taylor: Last year was a bit of an outlier as the individuals running were not previous student government agents. Historically, it is and historically it has been something that we have seen. Making my opinion because i have the floor, I agree that the problem exists and should be addressed but i worry because it is singling out ELC. Preventing those people

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from supporting their mentors because they built these relationships and chose this council is a worry that I have.

- a. Chair Collazo: Could be argued as a first amendment violation as well, maybe change bill language to say that the individual has to reach out the campaign. In regard to those students being appointed to cabinet, i guess its more of senate's duty to recognize that they were a part of the campaign.
  - i. Senator Rudie: Maybe it can't be in an ELC endorsed environment, i like the idea of not campaigning in the office.
- iv. Pro Tempore Morrissette: Did they ever actively encourage you to campaign in ELC?
  1. Senator Rudie: No, we had to do it ourselves. It was never discussed
- v. Define active campaigning
  1. Active Campaigning – Includes any display or distribution of tangible items or electronic media for a candidate/ticket for an elective office of the student body that promotes any campaign, advertisement in campus news and/or radio, email, phone/video calls, or any other media where the candidate is asking at mass for support from voters, including any attempt to solicit votes. (Title VI)
- vi. Supervisor Brown: I would like to clarify that it's not just an ELC single out, there were also members of SLC as well who were not ever seen after. The goal of this is to protect everyone as the leadership councils' goals are to help them learn, not endorse
  1. Student Government Advisor Taylor: On that point, that is important. It is a hard line, as if you put yourself behind a candidate and they lose there are consequences. I don't remember any places in the election statutes regarding promising positions.

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8. 604.2: **(Patel)**
  - a. No candidate shall campaign within the Student Union or Library, RWC, etc
    - i. VC Collazo: Does this not already exist?
      1. Supervisor Brown: They are technically allowed to campaign everywhere except for those places.
        - a. VC Collazo: Than it is already there.
      2. Supervisor Brown: I think this was supposed to be more of a they can't discuss campaigning in those areas
        - a. VC Collazo: Isn't that technically campaigning though? Trying to figure out of this is a necessary change to make or not.
9. 604.5: **(Collazo)** Clarification on how Judicial can invalidate an Election
  - a. Statues: (Fla. Stat. § 102.168)
  - b. VC Collazo: I have been in the deep dive on supreme court on how to do this. States determine their own rules according to SCOTUS. We just have to create a procedure for how a candidate can contest an election.
    - i. Student Government Advisor Taylor: It is there.
      1. Collazo: To my understanding they are wanting clarification
  - c. VC Collazo: What is the requirements for contesting an election?
    - i. Supervisor Brown: We have it on paper
      1. VC Collazo: So meaning it is currently under the discursion of EC, goes to Judicial Council of EC is involved in contentment.
  - d. Only thing we could clarify is to set the grounds. I can look at the grounds for the state of Florida
    - i. Supervisor Brown: That is what EC needs as it gives EC no grounds
      1. Student Government Advisor Taylor: I think this is the point as the more clarification, the more limits there are for contesting. Leaving it open allows for the unexpected circumstances. It can be any grounds.

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- i. VC Collazo: Chair DiChiara and I want to look over the goals and initiatives of cabinet just to make sure what they brought to E&A is coming to fruition. Not today though.
  1. Pro Tempore Morissette: Will we also be doing this for the Chief Justice?
    - a. Collazo: Yes, but we're focusing on cabinet first.
- ii. VC Collazo: This isn't a disciplinary measure in any way, just means of checking to see what they are doing in regard to their initiatives. Overall it looks like they are on track, but that is a bit of a prelude to next meeting. Broken down into the following categories.
  1. Supervisor Brown: If doing chief justice, why not all branch heads?
    - a. VC Collazo: That is the end goal.
      - i. Student Government Advisor Taylor: Curious why this is an E&A initiative
        1. VC Collazo: We approve of them.
          - a. Student Government Advisor Taylor: Senate also approves them; you are supposed to keep E&A and EC accountable. If anything, this would most likely be something that LJR would do.
            - i. Chair Courts: Makes sense as LJR oversees non-compliances for everything but Title VI.
        2. Pro Tempore Morissette: I think it should go in order of timelines, so Senate first so that those individuals can finish their goals before the end of the session. Thoughts, Courts?
          - a. Chair Courts: I think there is a bit of a line as we have to think about how accusatory it could come across as.
            - i. Morissette: I think that if it is something we have allocated finances to then we should go over it
        3. Student Government Advisor Taylor: This would go to the finance office. If there is an issue, it would go to LJR.
- iii. Cabinet
  1. Administration

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2. Student Affairs
  3. Communication
  - iv. Judicial
  - v. Senate
  - vi. Election Commission
13. Final Roll Call: 7/7 (4)  
14. Adjournment: 11:35am

**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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