



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
Elections & Appointments (E&A) Meeting
Charge on Chamber
01/22/2025
10:30 AM

E&A MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 10:33 AM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 7/6 (4)

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Vacant	sga_ea@ucf.edu	-	-
Vice Chair Collazo	sga_sci4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Beneche	sga_sci2@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Escobar	sgachps3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Rudie	sgaecs7@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Patel		P	P
Senator Gaudio	sgaecs9@ucf.edu	P	P
LJR Representative, Chair 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	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: [E&A Meeting 1/15/2025](#) **Approved by GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by GC**
5. Announcements from the Chair Vacant-
 - a. None.
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair Collazo-
 - a. We will be seeing 3 confirmations and discuss election statutes legislation. Will have Chair nominations, have been offered DLEG position.
 - i. Senato Gaudio: When confirmed, we would not have chair and vice chair correct?

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1. VC Collazo: Yes
7. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. LJR Rep. Chair Courts: Dean meetings; make sure you are telling me, the ELA, and the Pro Tempore if you will not be present.
 - b. Pro Tempore Morissette: None
 - c. Supervisor Brown: None.
8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
 - a. D: I am here
9. Old Business-
 - a. None.
10. New Business-
 - a. Bills
 - i. None
 - b. Confirmations:
 - i. Dinmukhamed Muratov to College of Engineering and Computer Science Seat #2
 1. Speech **SQD: 5-5-5**
 - a. D: I started my career of having net positive impact on society in seventh grade. I established my rocketry team, which was really good for team building skills. When i moved to the US in high school i established two clubs in high school. The first was rocketry and the second was entrepreneurship. That one was more successful than the first as there were more interested people. We invited CEOs that helped some of my friends get their current jobs. At my community college i was in SGA. Even through it was a small SGA and my college had only around 10,000 students we were able to have a big impact. I was also granted the opportunity of being SGA vice president and this was a learning experience. Here it is larger with stricter rules and people. That is why I want to try my best to get into this new environment with you guys and promise to do my best in this position. I like to be an honest person, and will apply skills that I have learned to improve our student government so that we can serve the student body.
 2. Questioning
 - a. Senator Escobar: What Committee are you interested in, and how would you use those skills?
 - i. D: I want to join FAO, because of entrepreneur skills. Also maybe in E&A because I like to interview people.
 3. Debate

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- a. Pro Tempore Morissette: Will be voting in favor. Love his passion for advocacy.
 - b. Senator Gaudio: Like this guy, wish he would be sitting closer to me.
 4. Vote:
 - a. 6-0-0, **Confirmed by E&A**
 - ii. Niklas Luecht to College of Engineering and Computer Science Seat #8
 1. Speech
 - a. Niklas: I was born in germany, moved when I was 9. In my highschool i founded my school's german culture club. There werer around 80 members and this took up most of my time in senior year. I joined the solid works and german clubs here. I am also on the tennis team, IM tennis team, and SG soccer team. I was exposed to SG last semester because my best friend is in SG. It's a good pastime to watch the Senate meeting livestreams, as I like how every day is different. Collaboration is what I have been working on and I think this is the best opportunity. I would like to join FAO because I have seen their impact, would like to be in Sustainability Caucus because UCF is a very green campus and I would like to keep it that way for future students.
 2. Questioning
 - a. Pro Tempore Morissette: Are there any specific advocacy efforts?
 - i. Niklas: I want to let the students know that they have a voice and can reach out to their senators. I don't think that students are fully aware that they are able to do this.
 - b. Pro Tempore Morissette: Econ and Mech Engineering.
 - i. Niklas: Chose because my mom told me I was good at building with legos; really want to consult for engineering, and you need economics in order to do so.
 - c. Pro Tempore Morissette: Who is your best friend
 - i. Niklas: Sherman
 - d. VC Collazo: Where in Germany is your family from
 - i. Niklas: Born in NW Germany. I have family in a lot of Germany, also lived in Singapore.
 - e. Senator Gaudio: Free Wednesday from 1-2
 - i. Niklas: No
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- a. Senator Patel: Will be voting in favor, appreciate how passionate and involved he is
 - b. Senator Escobar: Also voting in favor. Even as a freshman he is very involved
 - c. VC Gaudio: Very passionate in soccer, sure he will be passionate in senate
 - d. Senator Collazo: will also be voting in favor. Also lived in Germany for five years because dad was stationed. Best 5 years of my life.
4. Vote:
- a. 6-0-0 **confirmed by E&A**
- iii. Tyler Borges to Rosen College of Hospitality Management Seat #2 **Postponed until next regularly scheduled E&A meeting**
1. Speech
 2. Questioning
 3. Debate
 4. Vote
- iv. Alyssia Wright of the Election Commission to serve as the Assistant Supervisor of Elections. PP to January 24, Senate Meeting
1. Speech
 2. Questioning
 3. Debate
 4. Vote
- c. Non-Compliance: None.
11. Member Discussion-
- a. DiChiara: Bill Progress
 - i. DiChiara: 601.1 & (E 1-3), 601.1 F **DONE**
 - ii. Smith/DiChiara: Declaration of Candidacy, **DONE**
 - iii. Collazo: Contest **DONE**
 - b. Bill Discussion:
 - i. [Election Statues Changes Ideas](#)
 - ii. Supervisor Brown: List of other things (possible duplicates)
 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?

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- 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)**
 - 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

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- 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 Morissette: 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 to become 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 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

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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.

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.

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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.
 - ii. Supervisor Brown: Part of the issue is that this isn't about ECs ability to contest but JC's
 1. Brodie: Clarify
 - e. VC Collazo: Maybe putting the phrase "included but not limiting to"
 - i. Student Government Advisor Taylor: Yes, this sounds good. However unless there is a problem to solved I don't

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know if you need to go through the motions. It wouldn't harm though.

10. 604.6: (**Pro Tempore**) (E): Should include any form of bribery or coercion such as receiving a point in a fraternity or sorority-for voting for a candidate, (RSOs)
 - a. VC Collazo: When it comes to Greek council, I look at it the same way I look at the members that attend conventions. We could add something about coercions.
 - i. Supervisor Brown: Remember that we fund them
 1. Student Government Advisor Taylor: We do not unless they are RSOs.
 - ii. Wouldn't this say that we actually don't have the ability to restrict them?
 1. Student Government Advisor Taylor: This wouldn't be restricting them, this would be restricting the candidates.
 - iii. Senator Rudie: This would be more of a general statement to all, not just Greek council, right?
 1. Yes
 - iv. That being said they would still be able to hand out things, right?
 1. Yes, only educational material.
 - iii. Chair DiChiara: **Send the completed bills to the E&A email and Collazo**, I already got Escobar & Beneche's, it helps us stay organized and I can review them before the next meeting
 - iv. Internal Bills:
 1. Template on Teams
 - a. Under Senate -> Files -> Legislative Templates -> Internal Bill
 - v. **Move to Informal: Approved by GC**
 1. Chat about possible bills

12. Miscellaneous Business-

- a. Nominations and Election of the E&A Chair
 - i. Nominations
 1. Senator Gaudio
 2. Senator Escobar
 - ii. Election **postponed until next regularly scheduled E&A meeting**
- b. Ice breaker: Which Element would you bend?
 - i. Varela: Fire; I don't want to get invaded all the time

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- ii. Gaudio: Air; I wanna fly and move fast
- iii. Escobar: Water
- iv. Morissette: Water; scary
- v. Brown: Water; healing
- vi. Courts: Water; scary
- vii. Niklas: Water; i like the cold
- viii. Patel: Water; healing
- ix. Brodie: Water; i think that fits my personality
- x. Collazo: Water; water and air have close connections to spirits.

c. **Move to Formal: Approved by GC**

13. Final Roll Call: 7/6 (4)

14. Adjournment: 11:24 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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