



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
Elections & Appointments (E&A) Meeting
Charge on Chamber
05/29/2025

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 6:20 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 13/14 (8)

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Escobar	sga_ea@ucf.edu	P	P
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Senator Rickett	sga_grst4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Roehrkaske	sgaecs10@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Beneche	sga_sci2@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Kapinos	sga_ba4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Candiloro	sga_sci3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Trejo-Hernandez	sgaecs13@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Gaudio	sga_ecs3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Metellus	sgaecs8@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Lipner	sga_ugst1@ucf.edu	P (6:31 PM)	P
Senator Reed	sga_cah2@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P

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LJR Representative Sherman	sgacie3@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: [05.28.25](#)
 - a. **Approved by GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda:
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5. Announcements from the Chair
 - a. Escobar: Good afternoon. We have two confirmations today, so we should be efficient and effective in our questions and debate.
[E&A Questioning Diary](#)
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair
 - a. Chau: Same reminders as before: be germane, ask relevant questions or note on-topic points, and do not abstain unless there is a conflict of interest!
7. Announcements from Committee Members
 - a. Gaudio: As you can tell, LJR has elected their E&A Representative! Please be kind to him, he will give his first report to you all at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members
 - a. None
9. Old Business
 - a. None
10. New Business
 - a. Confirmations – [Materials](#)
 - i. Athletics Coordinator: Dwayne Jones
 1. Speech
 - a. My name is Dwayne Jones; I grew up in a small area a few minutes away from Tampa. I am a son of a farmer- I was taught drive and hard work which was ingrained in me. I wanted to be a part of SG and athletics has always been a part of my life. I want to be a part of athletics but afar. Athletics creates a strong community which is a strong pillar for SG. If confirmed, that will be my main purpose, using our athletic outlets for student purposes. I was a part of ELC, etc. I learned how to cultivate student leadership and understand the inner workings of SG. Through this experience, I engrained myself

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through our athletic teams. I have helped local events and teams like Orlando Valkyries. I and other college students got the chance to talk with industry individuals. Having these experiences led me to this position- passion and optimism will help me with this goal. Health and wellness- SG and RWC, if confirmed and will encourage a healthy school life and athletic balance. Will work hand in hand with sustainability. Holding and hosting tailgates and introducing Frost Warning- an initiative that will replace our current tailgates, pays homage to our returning coach- include food trucks, Marching Knights, and Speakers, etc. If confirmed, I will continue to grow and maintain the connections that the Athletic coordinator currently holds- like with alumni and involving students from satellite campuses. Excited and honored for this role, I will be committed to continuing to support and grow our program and support our athletes.

2. Question

- a. Metellus: With your Frost Warning initiative, if this is a new thing that is big, are there any alternatives or details that you plan on changing in case this event cannot happen?
 - i. Yes, there are backup plans- there are other areas that we can move it to, for instance Memory Mall, etc.
- b. Reed: Looking through your initiatives, do you have any ideas to uplift women sports that may not receive as much attention?
 - i. Women sports are also very important, I plan on working with the Women Caucus, I also plan on hosting an event that will increase attendance for those events.
- c. Lipner: I saw that you have initiatives for merchandise for those events- do you include women for those events as well?
 - i. Yes, there will be merchandise for the events and for both men and women.

3. Debate

- a. Metellus: Voting in favor, very in-depth initiatives with the amount of detail these events have. I am interested in seeing how many events will be held. Frost Warning is super creative, and I hope these are feasible events. I think they are great, have a good head on

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their shoulders and know how to foster these events, and have lots of experience.

- b. Reed: Voting in favor, blown away by proposal and resume. These ideas are so unique, and a lot of students, staff, and athletes will benefit from these. I'm very excited to see these ideas.
- c. Kapinos: Voting in favor, extremely qualified, worked alongside with them in SGLC- saw their tenacity and passion for anything they do. I think this will be one of the best candidates for this position. MTV.

4. Vote:

a. 14-0-0

- i. Confirmed by the E&A Committee.

ii. Safety and Transportation Coordinator: Emely Lopez

1. Speech

- a. Thank you for your time. My name is Emely Lopez. At a young age, I believed in being an advocate because of my mother- although she went through barriers as an immigrant, she still went through hurdles with resilience, leadership, and use her voice. Because of her, she inspired me to make space for others who are often overlooked. I want to make safe accessible environments to make students thrive. I went through SGLC and ELC, through these programs- I felt myself grow to make myself heard in UCF. The job position is to relay information and to put students' needs first. Students shouldn't have to worry about their wellbeing or future opportunities. No student should have to carry fear on their back. Safe environments foster student success. This past academic year, I was able to serve as Chair for Knight-A-Thon. The goals could not have been reached through SG agents. I quickly became passionate about SG because there was a group of diverse students who wanted to improve their community. This is why I was interested in the Executive Branch. This position sparked interest in me- if appointed I plan on working with our PD and Parking and Safety Department. I used my experience as a FY student to explore my ideas- I took notice of how some areas on campus were lacking light or blue emergency buttons. I also look forward to collaborating with members of the SG branches like SBA, Disability Caucus, and

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Women Caucus. Thank you for listening to me. I yield the rest of my time.

2. Question

- a. Gaudio: In your proposal, they are dependent on someone else footing the bill. What do you plan on doing if it falls through?
 - i. Important to use student voices as a voice as redirection, I plan on taking Qualtrics redirections in case initiatives cannot be carried out.
- b. Gaudio: The ones that would be covered by the safety and transportation budget, have you done any analysis to get an idea of how much money would be used?
 - i. A big plan of mine if appointed, I will take the time to meet with the Comptroller to see this year. I don't have an idea of what it looks like this year. I want to see a financial plan to see the initiatives that we could take this year.
- c. Reed: Interested in the active shooter initiative, can you speak in depth about the initiative and how it would be executed?
 - i. I looked at the website for shooter prevention training. It is done by the FBI offices. Our nearest FBI office will be in Tampa- that will be my first step, to reach out to them and plan an event at the union. If unable to, PD also receives this training from the FBI.
- d. Lipner: Could you elaborate on the parking initiative that you have? Confused on the purpose and would like to see more context.
 - i. Influenced by President and VP's initiatives to check students' vehicle status. A helpful tool for them to check for tune-ups, we will work with mechanics and the Safety and Transportation department to see if this is attainable.
- e. Lipner: For the Libra garage, do you have any concerns about students feeling scared to walk back to their vehicles and living community?
 - i. I want to have more lights around campus; I look forward to continuing with that initiative to help deal with those concerns for the Libra garage.
- f. Metellus: Could you go into detail about signage and lanes for scooters and bikes?

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- i. I would love to work with parking and transportation services; lanes would increase mobility around campus. It would increase transportation. In terms of signage, Mercury and Apollo communities would have 10 MPH per hour, so students can remember what rules are in place.
- g. Metellus: PD doesn't like to have initiatives surrounding that. If there is pushback against this initiative, how would you work around that or alternatives?
 - i. I do look forward to making changes to my proposal. Ideas are constantly changing on campus- I want to be informed by students to cater to their needs.
- h. Roehrkasse: Any plans to reach out to students about your plans?
 - i. I look forward to working with the Communications Department. They have skills in creating graphics and videos that would cater to students.
- i. Candiloro: Active shooting training, how would you gain traction for this event or incentives for students?
 - i. Love to have merchandise to drive students to this event. Merchandise is something students are drawn to, snacks, etc.
- j. Reed: Bus rental initiatives, can request a UCF shuttle, any provisions to enact in mind to ensure shuttles are being used properly?
 - i. I want to work with parking and transportation to see their availability in terms of shuttles, would determine with a case-by-case basis, RSOs may have different needs, having everyone traveling together.
- k. Lipner: Do you have any concerns about charging EVs on campus?
 - i. EVs are on the rise since students are trying to be more environmentally aware, I would love to increase the number of EV charging stations. It would be a great initiative since we are lacking EV stations.
- l. Chau: For the UCF app, how would you implement live updates on maps and how feasible would it be?
 - i. I would love to work with UCF IT to see how feasible it is. Features would be really helpful; it can be difficult to see

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what is happening on campus, but having access to this on your phone would be beneficial.

- m. Trejo-Hernandez: Could you elaborate on your Lyft Passes initiative?
 - i. Passes can only be used for main campus and want to expand it for auxiliary campuses. Epic Universal has seen an uptake on riding apps, would love to work with Lyft to see what they can do in terms of expanding geolocations.
- n. Trejo-Hernandez Follow Up: Would the passes be valid from Thursday evening to Monday for the auxiliary campuses as well?
 - i. I want to see what can be done with them, would like the policies on the main campus to apply to auxiliary campuses as well.
- o. Lipner: Seeing as budgets are often limited and we must stretch them, which initiatives would you prioritize first?
 - i. Initiative that I would like to work with the most, enhanced lighting on campus- an initiative that has been consistent with SG terms, would like to see initiatives continue until completion is reached. It is important to work on the goals of those before us.

p. MTD

3. Debate

- a. Metellus: In favor of this candidate, like the number of initiatives that she has- has a lot of ideas that she wants to incorporate. I hope a lot of them are feasible and there is support. Many of them are important, especially active shooter training. Should they earn this position I wish them the best of luck.
- b. Lipner: This position is extremely impactful; I am overjoyed to see that this candidate is chosen- initiatives are clear and overarching. If so, she has knowledge behind it. Voting in favor.
- c. Gaudio: Very ambitious initiatives, very good, we also need to see conservative initiatives because they are too ambitious. A lot of them require other people's approval and also, I saw how most of these initiatives are reliant on the budget. These initiatives demand a lot of money and need to see a plan- it needs to be a reasonable amount. You still need to keep cost in mind; a bunch of things are

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being thrown out, and the actual thing will come out later. I urge the rest of the committee to consider the achievability of the initiatives.

- d. Reed: Voting in favor, many candidates don't have access to the budget; these are rough estimates that the individuals are able to do. If the candidate can have access to the budget, it will be easier to see where this money can go and see which initiatives are available. Some initiatives in the proposal can most definitely be completed. Overall, the proposal is good, and the candidate noted their first month. I understand the concerns; I have faith nonetheless that the initiatives can be executed. This position is a huge deal on a large campus like this.

- e. Hameed: MTV

4. Vote

- a. 12-2-0

- i. Confirmed by the E&A Committee.

5. Motion to adjourn pending final roll call.

11. Member Discussion

- a. None

12. Miscellaneous Business

- a. None

13. Final Roll Call: 13/14

14. Adjournment: 7:04 PM

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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