



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
Elections & Appointments (E&A) Meeting
UCF SG Conference Room
06/07/22
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 5:32 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 8/7

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Guel	sga_ea@ucf.edu	P	E
Vice-Chair Almenar	sga_sci1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Borges	sga_hm1@ucf.edu	P	P
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Senator Hall	sga_sci5@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Holmes	sga_sci6@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Huerta	sga_sci7@ucf.edu	E	E
Pro Tempore Representative	sgadsr@ucf.edu	P	P
LJR Representative	sga_med2@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of the [minutes](#): Approved by GC
4. Approval of the Agenda: Approved by GC
5. Announcements from the Chair-
 - a. Hello All! I will be on zoom today. Join the [zoom](#) with camera on pls! We are only seeing 3 justices today as well as a senator's confirmation (Vihan!!!). We will see 5 confirmations next week and then 4 the following for the Judicial branch!
 - b. Reminder to be as professional and kind as possible during these confirmations.

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- c. We should be ending earlier so all can attend the Vigil if desired- my goal is for everyone to be out of committee by 6:45 for the vigil. ! Please let me know if you ever need anything.
 - 6. Announcements from the Vice Chair-
 - a. June 11th march for our lives protest in orlando.
 - 7. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. Pro-Temps Office
 - i. Everyone now has completed the New Senate Orientation!
 - ii. Legislation workshops:
 - 1. Thursday, June 9th at 1 pm
 - 2. Monday, June 13th at 2 pm
 - iii. Working on planning Fiscal and Robert's Rules workshops for this semester
 - 1. Committee/caucus chairs: please reach out to PT Ciresi and/or DLeg Wangen if you would like any of these 3 workshops run within your committee and we can get that scheduled
 - iv. Legislation is due on Wednesday at 5pm! Please ensure any legislation is being submitted to both Pro Temp Ciresi and DLeg Wangen!
 - v. Please fill out the [Involvement Tracker](#)
 - 1. This is not just for being in Senate, this is for attending events, whether SG or otherwise, writing legislation, and other involvement that goes beyond simply being a sitting senator or completing the duties of any position you hold within Senate. We're looking to recognize involvement going beyond the basic requirements.
 - vi. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me or anyone else in PT's Office!
 - 8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
 - a.
 - 9. Old Business-
 - a. Appropriate/Inappropriate [Questions](#)
- Chair Guel yielded the Chair to Vice-Chair Almenar
- 9. New Business-
 - a. Judicial [Confirmation Materials](#)
 - b. Justice Sample [Questions](#)
 - c. Arianna Lestrade

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i. Speech

1. Been a justice for 2 years, basically reapplying. Learned a lot about working in a team. Very different from Senate bc they have to work so closely. Difficult for many SG agents to separate being a student and an SG agent. Given these positions bc of care for others and willing to sacrifice for others. SG agents are ok with sacrificing in order to allow others to feel included and be heard. Judicial Council isn't really seen as a branch and isn't heard a lot. Wants to expand Operations budget instead of dipping into OPS. Wants a Day at the Courthouse run by Judicial. Would love to partner with SLS, advocate for all of SG, inform students on how to change there names, partner with teachers and law professionals about LSAT prep. Branch cohesion, wants to hold social events and have all branches collaborate on those events.

ii. Questioning

1. Borges: Can you name 2 responsibilities of a justice?
 - a. Retreat, which is amazing. Serve on different appellate boards (Parking appeals, fiscal administrative decision appeals, not super common; grade appeals, students aren't very informed on)
2. Domino: Greatest achievement as a justice?
 - a. Judicial Outreach Committee is very new, got big Spring 2022, which has allowed them to expand outreach with things like Juice with the Justices. Grown as a leader, was chair of JOC, hard to accept that she was fit for the position and capable of being a leader.
3. Borges: Favorite part of the Student Body Constitution?
 - a. Helps to give checks and balances to SG. Acknowledges rights that students have

iii. Debate

1. Borges: Speaking in favor, very experienced, passionate, and driven.
2. Hall: Nominee is great, very qualified, liked Day at the Courthouse initiative. Glad to hear interest in cross-branch collaboration

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3. Patel: Very experienced, leadership position in Judicial right now, in favor
- iv. Vote
 1. 7-0-0
- d. Lisyibet Silva
 - i. Speech
 1. Got to be on Precedent and JOC committees this past semester. Got to meet amazing people, learn about the parking appeal process, and assist with outreach. Never afraid to speak out against something, even if she's the only one. Always feels comfortable asking questions about the JRP (Judicial Rules of Procedure)
 - ii. Questioning
 1. Holmes: Could you give insight about what you learned from your judicial mentor?
 - a. Had 2, one through JLC and one through SGLC. As Sampada's mentee, learned a lot about what it's like to be a justice, not necessarily what's in Title V. Learned about how much like a family it is. Got to be Lilianna's mentee, who drove her to get a certificate and taught her more about the logistics of being a justice
 2. Borges: 2 responsibilities?
 - a. Serve on parking appeals, grade appeals, fiscal admin appeals
 3. Borges: Term length?
 - a. 2 years
 4. Borges: So, to preface, we brought up things related to SGLC when it came to the executive cabinet, so out of fairness, I will ask the same to any SGLCers being appointed, including justices and election commissioners. So, did you meet your point requirements?
 - a. Yes, and exceeded them!
 - iii. Debate
 1. Foster: Met her in Juice with the Justices, she was incredible in explaining the branch. Love the initiatives

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2. Hall: Met the nominee when they reached out about presenting the Judicial Branch to his RSO. Shows initiative to educate about the branch and get it out there more. Voting in favor
3. Borges: I think meeting the point requirements shows dedication and initiative within Student Government and is a good indicator of positive actions in their positions, and this individual not only met the point requirements but I am happy to report she went above and beyond and also went to many judicial events while in SGLC. She was also an active justice, and I am happy to say I am voting in favor.
4. Patel: Met her at Juice with the Justice. Very passionate, knowledgeable, has experience. In favor
- iv. Vote
 1. 7-0-0
- e. Shelby Morgan
 - i. Speech
 1. Wants to write and influence foreign policy in the future. Enjoyed being a justice this past semester. Loved working with hardworking and like-minded people and wants to continue to develop relationships. Got to be on Parking Appeals Board and go to Judicial Outreach events. Wants to have a positive impact. Wants to create a guide for new justices, teach them about the boards, writing rationales. Would love to improve tabling and make connections with the Office of the President and college deans. Wants to expand outreach and work with Comms to use social media to do so. Enjoyed seeing all the work being done and would love to continue being a justice.
 - ii. Questioning
 1. Borges: Could you expand on the rationale writing?
 - a. Normally one of the assistant chief justices would write it, but sometimes they're absent. Would love to have an outline of some sort. With election violation hearing, they wrote a really long rationale and it would've been useful to know how to write it

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2. Borges: Favorite part of the Student Body Constitution?
 - a. Title V (Judicial Branch Statute), Title VI (Elections Statute)
 - b. Borges: Clarifies, the constitution?
 - i. Election statutes?
3. Borges: Favorite part of judicial statutes?
 - a. Requirement of diversity training, thinks its really important to be able to work with and help all students
4. Borges: So, to preface, we brought up things related to SGLC when it came to the executive cabinet, so out of fairness, I will ask the same to any SGLCers being appointed, including justices and election commissioners. So, did you meet your point requirements?
 - a. Was close, but didn't. Was really upset over it, but made sure as a justice that she could go to as much as possible. Works Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Learned from mistakes and will certainly do better
5. Foster: How would you improve as a justice from last term?
 - a. Would love to step into a leadership role, external assistant, committee chair, other

iii. Debate

1. Borges: I think the fact that she didn't meet the point requirement would be an issue for me if she had not attended judicial events as an SGLCer, but she did! As one of the SGLCers to be appointed and confirmed into the judicial council during SGLC I have also seen her in action and she has proven to me that despite the points, she is dedicated and has initiative. I am concerned with the response to my Constitution question, but I believe that was just a misunderstanding. I will be voting highly in favor.
2. Hall: Will be voting in favor, she brings experience and passion. Will be able to help the new justices
3. Holmes: Met her at DATC, she was very passionate, will be voting in favor

iv. Vote

1. 7-0-0

f. Vihan Yalamanchili

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i. Speech

1. Changing major from Biomed to Health Sciences, could not continue being a biomed major. Still plans to push for inclusivity and environmentalism. Wants to encourage better practices among faculty among difficult classes because the lecture halls are very large and students have very little interaction with the professors and TAs. Pushing for the university to have more materials for classes. Pushing for respect, accountability, and for people to lessen “scandals”. Deeply cares for and wants to demonstrate transparency and accountability. Wants to be clear that SG is not the corrupt organization many students think it is.

ii. Questioning

1. Foster: What are 3 things you’ve learned as a senator?
 - a. Value of checks & balances. Originally thought executive authority was very important, has shifted in seeing the tension and importance of branches checking each other. Value of being civil and polite. Senators are held to a different student than politicians. State/federal legislators are able to say what they wish, while we are held to higher standards of ethics and morality. This behavior should set an example showing that we can do better. Value of working with those you disagree with. Has had many disagreements, but maintained good working relationships bc of an environment of civility and respect and understanding that everyone has good intentions. Ideology and partisanship can be issues in society, they do not have to be problems in SG.
2. Borges: What have you accomplished/done as a senator?
 - a. Chair of LGBTQ+ caucus. Has communicated to many different queer RSOs that SG is here for them and are supported by the caucus. Working on allowing pronouns on ID cards if desired. Also changing Knights emails to match gender identity. Has also worked on environmental issues like the recycling resolution we saw previously. Scrutinized executive appointees to ensure accountability and have

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gotten clarification from the AG about her understanding of the relationship between the AG and Senate.

iii. Debate

1. Holmes: Highly in favor, has gone in depth on college plans, initiatives for the LGBTQ+ Caucus and has seen the effect they've had so far
2. Foster: Echoes Holmes. Yalamanchili is very driven and outspoken, was voted in for a reason.
3. Patel: Understands leaving Biomed, Yalamanchili has been a great senator, he is also a chair that we should not lose.

iv. Vote

1. 7-0-0

10. Miscellaneous Business-

a. Ice Breaker:

11. Final Roll Call: 7/7

Adjournment: 6:22

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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