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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 5:30PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 9 /8

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Guel	sga_ea@ucf.edu	P	P
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Senator Holmes	sga_sci6@ucf.edu	P 5:35p m	P
Senator Huerta	sga_sci7@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Cox	sga_ugst1@ucf.edu	P	P
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-

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- a. Hello All! We will be seeing 4 AJ confirmations, chief justice confirmation and internal business!
 - i. We will see external business first and then internals
- b. Proud of you for the questions last week and all the work you've done!!!! <3
- c. Title VI
- 6. Announcements from the Vice Chair-
 - a. Good Evening everyone! Once again if you want to update the minutes to better represent things said just let me or the chair know. Also I ask for y'all to speak a bit slower so I can take more accurate minutes.
 - b. In this week's JC's Movie time I am recommending one of my favorite films: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. (2013)
- 7. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. Pro Temp Rep
 - i. Pro Temp Ciresi will not be here from today through June 29th and will resume her responsibilities on Thursday, June 30th. If you have any questions please refer them to DLeg Wangen or DSR Foster as she will not be available.
 - ii. Legislation deadline is 5pm on Wednesday, all legislation must be submitted to both Pro Temp Ciresi and DLeg Wangen.
 - 1. If you need an extension, it must be requested before the regular deadline, and that request should be sent to both Pro Temp Ciresi and DLeg Wangen.
 - 2. If you only submit your legislation or extension request to Pro Temp Ciresi and not also to DLeg Wangen, no one will see it until Pro Temp Ciresi returns on June 30th.
 - iii. Please fill out the [Involvement Tracker](#)
 - 1. Reminder: We're looking to recognize involvement going beyond the basic requirements.
 - iv. 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. None.
- 9. Old Business-
 - a. Appropriate/Inappropriate [Questions](#)

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- b. Judicial [Confirmation Materials](#)
- c. Justice Sample [Questions](#)
- 9. New Business- 5 min speeches, 20 min questioning, 20 min debate.
 - a. Reinaldo Morales Cruz - AJ Seat #1
 - i. Speech Decided to apply because wanted to be more involved in the community. Always had interest in rights. Is a senior. Has had fair share of club and committees experience on campus. Is actively looking for ways to get involved. I Want to have this new experience. Thinking about the responsibilities of the job and thinks can do a good job.
 - ii. Question
 - 1. Wangen: what part of being a justice are you most exited for?
 - a. Parking appeals, did not know there was an appeal process.
 - 2. Borges: explain 1st and 14th amendments?
 - a. Took classes discussing free speech, abortion rights, due process, equal protection laws. Has written papers with small organizations about these topics.
 - 3. Borges: what statute describes judicial?
 - a. Title 4 - The judicial Branch
 - i. Title 5 is correct answer as stated by sentaor borges
 - 4. Cox: is the letter or spirit of the mall matter more to you?
 - a. Sways more with the times and curcubstancal situations. Sees more excitement in different situations.
 - 5. Cox: can you define restorative justice?
 - a. Can not.
 - 6. Borges: how long does your term last?
 - a. 2 years, is a senior so does not know how it will end.
 - 7. Domino: which part of the constitution do you like best?
 - a. Fan of the amendments, likes the bill of rights. More important amendments after the bill of rights.
 - 8. Borges: what is you favorite part of the student body resolution?
 - a. Tricky to answer, likes how it sums up duties of judicial.
 - iii. Debate
 - 1. Borges: He has worked a lot with matters that involve things I believe would be beneficial for a justice to know, such as interpreting

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documents, dealing with hard situations and ambiguity, and generally just legal things. He didn't know a ton about specifics, but he knew the general concepts and I think he can grow to be a great justice, so I think he's qualified.

2. Domino: his research and academic knowledge is a valuable asset to role if confirmed.
3. Holmes: will vote in favor, even though did not hit everything on the mark, his passion will take him far.
- iv. Vote 8-0-1 confirmed
- b. Carly Berthiaume - AJ Seat #2
 - i. Speech: Excited for the opportunity to be a part of something bigger. The best way to describe themselves is as a super passionate individual. She really wants to be in this position. For students who are hesitant to get involved and take opportunities. Has goals and initiatives for this position. I Want to be as involved as possible. Is a part of honors congress.
 - ii. Questions
 1. Cox: Is the letter or the spirit of the law more important to you?
 - a. The spirit is more important, with underlying meaning.
 2. Borges: Elaborate on initiatives?
 - a. Came from a very involved high school, use marketing strategies to get more people involved. Use modern forms of communication. Honors college has a way of communicating to their students that can be applied in SG.
 3. Hall: What specific thing is judicial are you most excited for?
 - a. Ability to provide counsel to students. Student conduct boards, judicial outreach committee.
 4. Borges: how long does your term last?
 - a. Two years, depends on seat for these appointments.
 5. Holmes: a situation where you had to be unbiased?
 - a. Was elected to national honors society in highschool, had to be unbiased when picking cabinet positions.
 6. Borges: what title describes judicial?
 - a. Title 5.
 7. Borges: what's your favorite part of the student body constitution?

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- a. Ethics code, to avoid abuse of power.
- iii. Debate
 - 1. Hall: Candidate is very qualified from previous experience and energy. Appreciates desire to help students, will be an asset.
 - 2. Wangen: likes initiative with outreach and informing students of their rights.
 - 3. Patel: has no doubt that will go above and beyond in position.
 - 4. Borges: issues with constitutional questions, is qualified.
- iv. Vote 8-0-1 confirmed.
- c. Yuka Kimura - AJ Seat # 10
 - i. Speech: Rising sophomore, outside of SG volunteers in ORMC, past 2 semesters joined SGLC and JLC, has met great friends and mentors. Wants to change transparency, updates to website to include judicial opinions. Working with the Judicial leadership council. Wants more outreach and collaboration with other branches. Will work this ILA and Chief of staff.
 - ii. Questions
 - 1. Cox: Can you define restorative justice?
 - a. The victim and accused talk and gives accused opportunity to learn?
 - 2. Cox: How can this be applied in Judicial branch?
 - a. Believes it is already in use?
 - 3. Cox: Is the letter or spirit of the law more important?
 - a. Spirit of the law is more important.
 - 4. Wangen: how has time in JLC prepared you?
 - a. Forming connections.
 - 5. Domino: if you could change or amend a part of the student body constitution what would you change?
 - a. The referendum, increase from 15 to 20 percent.
 - 6. Hall: how will you use time management between your responsibilities?
 - a. Will be able to handle the responsibilities.
 - 7. Borges: did you hit your SGLC point requirement?
 - a. Yes.
 - iii. Debate

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1. Cox: we should vote in favor.
 2. Hall: agrees, has been very involved and active and has only heard good things of nominee.
 3. Borges: will vote in favor, hit point requirements.
 4. Wangen: will vote in favor, loves how it brought attention to the steering committee. Was great in JLC.
 5. Patel: has good experience JLC has good resume with volunteering.
- iv. Vote 8-0-1 confirmed
- d. Ayaka Kimura - AJ Seat #8
- i. Speech: Rising sophomore, was in SGLC and JLC. learned about the branches and how they work together, has made many connections. Was brought to judicial due to how justices work directly with students. As a justice things to focus on are outreach, updating website. Outreach on working with caucuses, like disability caucus. Volunteered at ORMC and special olympics.
 - ii. Question
 1. Borges: any initiative you would like to speak more of?
 - a. More critical thinking activities in JLC. Working with student conduct and academic integrity offices, learning more of parking transportation office. Was thinking of having other departments working together for JLC events.
 2. Borges: what statute describes judicial?
 - a. Title 5.
 3. Cox: can you describe restorative justice?
 - a. A way for the victim and accused to come together for the accused to learn from their mistakes.
 4. Domino: what would you change about the SG constitution?
 - a. No changes, but would like to see proper translations.
 5. Borges: did you reach your SGLC point requirements?
 - a. yes.
 - iii. Debate
 1. Borges: did meet point requirement, has much experience in SGLC. has great experience.

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2. Hall: all that he has heard is good thing for nominee and sister.
Absolute confidence will be great.
 3. Homes: candidates came well prepared. Has good concept on how judicial branch works.
 - iv. Vote : 8-0-1 Confirmed.
 - e. [Sage Kehr](#) - [Chief Justice](#)
 - i. Speech: Rising junior, studying political science, serves as national merit ambassador, part of korean culture club, was in SGLC and JLC. grew to be an associate justice. Then applied to become external assistant. Learned how to manage a team. And serve as a mentor. Now serves as interim Chief Justice. Is happy to take on this role.
 - ii. Question
 1. Cox: is the letter or spirit of the law more important?
 - a. Spirit is more important, Words are important but laws are made with intent. Constitution is an example of this debate. Our morals of society change so do our laws. SG is an educational system, judicial branch should align with Spirit of the law, servers as an educational opportunity for students.
 2. Wangen: how do you intend to expand involvement in caucuses?
 - a. Thinking of joining a caucus himself, wants to expand judicial involvement in the caucuses, having a voice in the caucus for the students.
 3. Domino: what are 2 things you have accomplished or are proud of>
 - a. Proud of the transition into intern Chief Justice, had assistance from previous Chief Justice. Another thing is how judicial has begun to shift to assist graduate students. Not sure if is due to outreach but likes being able to help all students.
 4. Hall: What do you envision day at the court house to be?
 - a. What would like for it to be is basically similar to day at the capitol, exploring and learning. Has not done day at the capitol, would need help from GAP and GAC.
 5. Hall: to clarify, florida supreme court or within orange county?
 - a. Whichever is possible?

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6. Cox: Can you describe restorative justice?
 - a. Bringing the victim and the accused together to discuss.
 7. Borges: Can you describe the_
 - a. Explains the document.
 8. Borges: Are you able to explain Title 5?
 - a. Explains title 5.
 9. Borges: As head of judicial, where do you see checks and balances and what action will you take to ensure fairness?
 - a. Every branch should have them. Talked about censure bill process with brodie to possibly create judicial review. Create legislation for this. Wants to bring in everyone involved to work together.
 10. Borges: how do you perceive your position compared to other justices?
 - a. This position does not really vote on things, in the past there has been a family atmosphere. Philosophy of keeping everyone equal.
 11. Hall: What were the values you were looking for during judicial interviews?
 - a. If they knew what student rights were? Do they know why Judicial exist. Wanted to see goal sheets and what they could add.
 12. Domino: in your platform and goal, it talked about clarifying title 5?
 - a. Higher document being SG constitution over the statutes.
- iii. Debate
1. Almenar: Sage has done a good job as intern chief of staff and I will voting in favor
 2. Borges: loves initiatives, clearly done research and has experience. Proven effective chief justice. Best person for the role.
 3. Hall: echo sentiments, has done a good job as interim chief justice. Good character. Everyone appointed to judicial are all of quality.
- iv. Vote 6-0-3 confirmed.
- f. Recess: 6:42pm
- g. Reconvene : 6:47 pm

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10. Member Discussion:

11. Miscellaneous Business-

a. Vote of No Confidence on Chair Guel

i. [Cox Speech](#)

ii. Cox Questioning

1. Borges- Can you elaborate more on the censure and how it relates?
 - a. Cox: she does not understand robert's rules which is important for a chair.
2. Guel: Why did you believe I lied about going to a family event?
 - a. Cox: Acting Chair Almenar shared this information with me.
3. Domino: Could the family event be the hockey game?
 - a. Cox: Not aware of any family events where one should drink?
4. Hall: Did someone make a motion to end the meeting?
 - a. Cox: One motioned for a recess
5. Borges: I motioned for a 5 minute recess and she decided to give 4.
6. Huerta: Can you elaborate on Guel not understanding Roberts Rules?
 - a. Cox: I don't think she understands because she speaks out of turn.
7. Guel: Can you explain why meeting with a candidate is bad?
 - a. Cox: I think it looks suspicious because you met with him before E&A
8. Guel: How could I help someone get into a position with my position?
 - a. Almenar: The statement was made after a meeting, where you said you could help him get in?
9. Guel: Chair hall did you feel like I meant I was going to help him get into senate with my meeting?
 - a. Hall: I did not interpret it like that, but I heard you say he was your boy.
10. Domino: Foster, how did you interpret this statement?
 - a. Foster: I didn't hear the context but I would not have said it if it were me.
11. Domino: How do you interpret the statement "that's my boy?"

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- a. Foster: Honestly it's up to interpretation but again it's not something that should not have been said.
- 12. Patel: Did you file this because of the seizure?
 - a. Cox: No I filed it because I don't believe she can hold the position based on previous actions.
- 13. Foster: How would you have handled the situation as a chair, Senator Cox?
 - a. Cox: I would have had everyone stop and check on the senator.
- 14. Hall: Did anyone motion to adjourn?
 - a. Cox: They motioned for a recess, but never adjourned.
- 15. Guel: Do you believe I am solely responsible for this?
 - a. Cox: Not solely responsible but this does fall on your shoulders.
- iii. Guel Speech I did not have a speech written up, I will address concerns how they are written. I should have reacted better, I was not a paid employee, and I was not aware that this was even happening. I did not have training, I did not see any paramedics or know the extent of the situation. I met Samuel because he was running for Senate, and I told him there were open seats since he changed his major. I am a fan of him and just expressed it in that way. I met with the candidate for digital media coordinator to give him my perspective, and other people were doing so as well. Regarding the lightning game it was a birthday gift and I'm of legal age there wasn't anything I was trying to hide. I mentioned at the women's empowerment conference that my attitude can be seen as malicious. I understand where this is coming from but I don't agree with this. I don't want SG to be my life this isn't a fair representative of who I am, I've worked hard as chair and I hope you all can see that.
- iv. Guel Questioning
 - 1. Holmes: Do you think it is appropriate to send videos of yourself intoxicated to another student government agent?
 - a. Guel: I don't think anything is wrong with this, I'm of age and Vice Chair Almenar was asking what I was doing. This was more of me sending my friend a video of what I was doing.

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2. Almenar: Guel texted me and asked how the meeting went, we discussed the game. The context is, Almenar was watching the game and asked, "lets see them selfies" This was out of curiosity of me wanting to know if i can see Guel on the screen. This wasn't me asking for evidence.
3. Hall: Was this sent after E&A was over and were you with your family?
 - a. Guel: yes and yes.
4. Borges: I heard you say Brandon greenway is your bestie is this true.
 - a. Guel: This was a loose term he is not.
5. Borges: Do you think this could be seen in a bad light?
 - a. Guel: yes, but my intentions was not for it to be bad.
6. Borges: Could this be seen as bad during E&A regarding your relationship with Brandon?
 - a. Guel: it could be seen in a bad light, like anything but a lot of people ask me about Samuel.
7. Domino: Why do you abstain in votes because you're chair, or because of personal relationships.
 - a. Guel: Both.
8. Hall: is it correct in the E&A minutes that you abstained from Greenaway?
 - a. Guel yes
 - i. Borges: Guel voted for him on the floor.
9. Borges: Are you aware cabinet members are saying you saved the comptroller?
 - a. Guel: I cannot control what other people think.
10. Borges: Do you think debating in favor and meeting with the president and the Vice President allowed the comptroller to pass?
 - a. Guel: It could be perceived that way, I was impressed by him the second time around. My opinion of him changed. My meetings with the president and the Vice Presidents are not malicious. Almenar has asked to sit in on some and has.
11. Dominio: Do you find it professional to turn the meeting over to someone else for a personal event?

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- a. Guel: I was blessed to go to this hockey game. I briefly came to the committee meeting and I took the appropriate route.
- 12. Borges: Would it have been okay for me to take a break on my birthday?
 - a. Guel: yes you work really hard and you deserve a break.
- 13. Hall: Were you paid when you attended the family event?
 - a. Guel: No.
- 14. Hall: Did you feel like you could run the meeting VC Almenar?
 - a. Almenar: it was just three confirmations so yes.
- 15. Borges: I had a panic attack during this meeting, do you think it was okay to have the meeting go on?
 - a. Guel: I'm sorry you went through that, I was not sure how to respond, I would change this if I could go back. I did not know what was going on.
 - b. Borges: I told Guel she was having a seizure and was unresponsive.
 - c. Guel: You did not say she was passed out.
 - d. Borges: I said she was unresponsive.
- 16. Almenar: What have you done as chair since then to see how this can be handled better?
 - a. I'm not aware of many mistakes happening. I consulted with many people and asked my mother who is a nurse what would I do.
- 17. Hall: Regarding Micheal Samuel as E&A Chair, do you think you should avoid conversations about potential senate candidates?
 - a. Guel: For sure. I'm loose with my words but i can see how this can be perceived as wrong.
- 18. Foster: What would you do differently on May 31st if you could do anything different.
 - a. Guel: it would not have been advantageous for me to check on the person. I should have checked on each member, and ask what they would have wanted done. I would've adjourned the meeting and called 911. I would like more information on the protocol.

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19. Borges: Why did you reduce the recess from 5 to 3 minutes.
- a. Guel: I don't know. I cannot give you a clear answer. I was under the impression everything was okay.
 - b. Brodie: I believe there was a motion, it was a 3-3-1 ties so Guel decided on a 3 minute recess this is what happened but not 100% sure.
 - i. Guel: i don't remember a tie breaker happening, and then I broke the tie and decided with a 3 minute.
20. Foster: Almenar, had you been chairing the meeting what would you have done?
- a. Almenar: I would have attempted to recess the meeting, taken the vote, and checked on Sam. I would have withheld the meeting until everything was resolved. I would have tried to call 911.
21. Guel: This is not accusatory. Why did you not do this then, as E&A leadership Almenar.
- a. Almenar: I was taking minutes. I apologize if I did not convey this to you. I did want to recess but Borges made the motion.
 - b. Borges: Dleg Wangen made the motion. I only told Guel Ciresi had the seizure.
22. Hall: Why was 911 not called.
- a. Guel: I don't know it was hard to think straight.
 - b. Borges: The Pro Temp reps had to leave, we communicated with Sam's boyfriend on what to do, he gave instructions. He said if it lasted a minute longer 911 should have been called.
23. Foster: did E&A feel like they could competently do their job during this.
- a. Patel: i was not mentally there. I don't even remember my Vote I didn't feel there.
 - b. Borges: I almost had a panic attack, I almost passed out where I got home, i felt like I could not assess the comptroller properly.

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- c. Hall: I felt as if the committee did not know the full extent was going. However at the bare minimum there was definitely a mood change during the meeting.
 - d. Domino: I was stunned to hear a seizure happen, I thought things were under control. I was focused because I thought things were calmed down.
 - e. Guel: It is impossible for anyone to sit here and say they could think straight the mood change was noticeable.
 - f.
- v. Debate
- 1. Huerta: I study Pre-Law, in a court of law, assumptions are not enough in a court of law. Everyone is saying they could not concentrate. I get it, why don't we give Daisy that same grace. Everyone in the room, feels like they would do something differently. I've been around Ciresi for 3-4 seizures. 99% of the time she or her boyfriend says it's not that big of a deal, it happens a lot. I have a feeling the issues we have with Daisy can be solved with a 1 on 1 conversation with her. Going forward, we should sit and talk to someone if we have issues with them. She could have done things better like end the meeting. This no confidence is unfair.
 - 2. Holmes: I won't be voting in favor, I think we should have talked about this. This should have been discussed in a conversation. The questioning did not pertain to the no confidence. I will not vote in favor.
 - 3. Domino: Emotions were high during the meeting. I learned from my time here, motions need to be made for actions to be taken. A motion should have been made. A lot of us would not know how to respond in this situation. It was fight or flight.
 - 4. Cox: A no confidence means you have no ability in her to be chair. That is all, the questioning was not focused on people feeling unsafe and uncomfortable. I did not come to Guel because I do not feel comfortable with her. I told Custis I was resigning on the 31st. She did not know what to do herself regarding this. (Custis)

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5. Hall: The June 7th event has been clarified. Going to a hockey game is a family event. Guel expressed she should not have said that regarding Samuel. Speaking on when she met with the digital meeting coordinator. I spoke to the coordinator, I told him that Ciresi's feelings were valid, don't invalidate them on the floor. This does not warrant a vote of no confidence. Anyone could have made the motion to adjourn, however, nobody did. We all could have acted better in this situation because there is learning and growth. This is not fair. I will be voting no. We need to have grace with each other.
6. Guel: I was not going to debate, but I understand where Cox is coming from. I do not want to invalidate their feelings. I wish I knew This does not take account into who I am. I would love to have another meeting about this. This is coming from someone who recently joined the committee. I apologize if I made you feel this way and created this environment.
7. Borges: I was caught off guard. I had concerns regarding the comments made on Samuel and Greenaway. They were light hearted but concerning. There were ethical issues with this. I also see issues with the seizure but it seems like this is cleared up. Chair Guel did not do everything the best. I feel like I may have done slightly better, she did protect me from the Vice president. However, she had threatened to send me to student conduct. I still have concerns about biases.
8. Hall: I think it should be more professional, because you are the chair. I understand the concern. There are a lot of people who cast the first stone in senate. A lot of things can be misconstrued. People can abstain at there own discretion. I don't think this has reached the level of the chair being ethically compromised.
9. Holmes: Nobody is new to many relationships with Guel. I have said I've been uncomfortable being alone with Guel. I feel there can be moderated meetings and member discussion. I think relationships can get better.

vi. Vote 1-4-5

b. Guel: will host one on ones

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- c. Almenar: please reach out to anyone if you have been offended or think you may have offended anyone throughout this process.
- d. DominO: same sentiments of Chair and Vice-CHAIR
- e. Hall: These conversations start top down, congrats we got through all of judicial.
- f. Holmes: question for brodie: can there be legislation that suggest some sort of conversations be required prior to a vote of no confidence.
 - i. Brodie: short answer yes.

12. Final Roll Call: 10 /8

13. Adjournment: 8:21 PM (Added by Brodie based on Google Docs record of edits)

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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