



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

**UCF Student Government**  
Elections & Appointments (E&A) Meeting  
UCF SG Conference Room  
07/18/22  
5:30 PM  
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## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 5:34 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 7/8

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3. Approval of the [minutes](#): GC
4. Approval of the Agenda: GC
5. Announcements from the Chair-
  - a. I apologize for being late - I had 4 scans today at Nemours!
  - b. We will see 4 senate confirmations - one withdrew his application + Exec and legislation!

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- c. VC Almenar will be chairing until I get there in person! S/O to him :)
  - 6. Announcements from the Vice Chair-
    - a. Good evening everyone, please speak clearly so the minutes can properly represent what was said.
    - b. Today's JC movie of the week is: Arrival
  - 7. Announcements from Committee Members-
    - a. Foster: don't forget to CC me on the minutes from your committees
  - 8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
    - a. AG Moore — Hello everyone! I emailed Chair Guel and Chair Borges earlier today with my official recommendations for revising Title VI. I'm more than happy to share that with any of you or Chair Guel can pass that along as well. If anyone does wish to take any of my recommendations and turn it into legislation, I'd love to sponsor that Bill! Thank you all!
  - 9. Old Business-
    - a. [EC Material](#)
    - b. [EC Questions](#)
    - c. [Senate Materials](#)
    - d. [Senate Questions](#)
    - e. [Questions for each position](#) for exec
    - f. [Exec Materials](#)
  - 10. New Business-
    - a. Ayden Traynor - College of Arts & Humanities Seat 1
      - i. Speech - Minor in music and diplomacy, was inspired by student government in High School. Was afraid to join SG but from time on orientation he was inspired to join. The Netherlands has great infrastructure, roads, streets. The US combines both very inefficiently. Around and on campus. Over 250 injuries and 11 deaths due to bad infrastructure around UCF since 2015. Nothing has been done on this issue. Wants to work with Rep Smith to improve infrastructure. Improve safety on students on campus and off campus. I want to work on healthy foods. Work with knights pantry and the arboretum. Bring in more healthy foods on market Wednesday
      - ii. Question
        - 1. Damarla: any past experiences that prepared you for senate?

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- a. Boy scouts, was pretty active on campus with first year experience.
  2. Foster: what is title 3?
    - a. Is about the legislative branch.
  3. Hall: what committees would you be interested in?
    - a. Gap. wants to work in the state department, knows rep smith, and SBA.
  4. Holmes: How do you overcome challenges and a time when you did face a challenge?
    - a. Is very open to ideas and what people have to say. One change they had to overcome was in junior year of high school, to perform a play in 8 minutes. It's all about solving problems and creating solutions. Had 2 days to memorize the script and perform. Everything fell apart during performance and forgot lines but kept on going and improvised, placing 8th in the world.
- iii. Debate
  1. Holmes: highly in favor of the candidate, will be a great addition to the senate. Loves to see such an ambitious individual.
  2. Hall: echo sentiments of Holmes. Likes initiatives, is very fleshed out. Willing to work with people and listen.
  3. Patel: will be voting in favor, really likes initiatives. A whole 7 page paper on initiative.
- iv. Vote 5-0-2 confirmed.
- b. Ashley Tribble - College of Arts & Humanities Seat 2
  - i. Speech: Has had experience in Student Government in middle and highschool. Was excited for the opportunity to be in student government. It's interesting to see people representing people other than themselves.
  - ii. Question:
    1. Hall: What committees would you want to serve on?
      - a. SBA to see where
    2. Foster: what are two requirements you must complete as a sitting senator?
      - a. I don't know

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3. Hall: What initiatives are you most passionate about and why?
  - a. Would like more interdisciplinary requirements, would like to make sure programs are funded the way they need to be.
4. Holmes: How does your experience make you qualified to be a senator.
  - a. I'm in lead scholars which has helped me get experience in being a leader. I am also an intern at the arboretum. This can help me learn how to work with Senators as well as on different committees. Interning here has helped me gain experience to become a sitting Senator.
5. Holmes: Can you give an example of how you represented someone other than yourself?
  - a. In high school I did mock government. We did mock trials and as a team we had to understand how fellow lawyers would work together.

### iii. Debate

1. Holmes: Even though she did not know the requirements a sitting senator must fulfill. She knew a lot about what committee she wanted to sit on and why; she can learn statutes.
2. Hall: She has a lot of relevant experience and statutes can be learned fairly quickly. I'm excited to see what she does, and will be voting in favor.

### iv. Vote 6-0-1 confirmed.

#### c. Yashica Modha - College of Business Administration - Seat 1

- i. Speech Rising senior studying economics with a minor in political science. Is a part of pegasus group which is a high finance club. Chose to run for senate to make contacts with businesses and give RSO's and students the resources we have to offer. I want to advocate for women mainly women of color, since there are a lot of women of color in the college of business. There's a lot of RSO's that have a lot of women and I want to help market resources for them.
- ii. Question

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1. Hall: If confirmed what committees would you want to sit on.
  - a. SBA- to advocate and CRT to help people travel and network.
2. Hall: Requirements of a sitting senator?
  - a. A year commitment and sit on one committee.
3. Damarla: What is your biggest weakness and how can SG help that?
  - a. English is not my first language. I struggle with it sometimes and want to work on public speaking skills.

### iii. Debate

1. Hall: She is great and has a lot of college initiatives. She wants to be more comfortable speaking english. Her UCF experience shows a commitment to leadership, she has a lot of knowledge and experience.
2. Patel: As a senior she can help the college of business and her resume is impressive.
3. Holmes: The representation for the college of business is great. Her resume and initiatives look really good.

### iv. Vote 6-0-1 confirmed.

#### d. Seth Nimbargi - College of Business Administration - Seat 3

- i. Speech Business econ major, with minor in philosophy. Apart of the debate team and has two finals under his belt. Has found the club redfield project which focuses on keeping people safe from sex trafficking. The debate knowledge with psych, and philosophy has helped him hone his knowledge; being able to understand people from debating will allow him to have impact. Debat rounds have helped him also gain experience. Wants to look at how he can impact people with solving problems. Wants to look for the truth in the policy of the senate to better help people. He values education, community and policy. Believes promoting education is of utmost importance. Wants to focus on helping business students gain a clearer sense of direction. Wants to further improve knight connect to help business students find clubs they would do well in. Wants people to understand themself more. Safety is a huge priority and wants to focus on safety so people can be educated and grow. Wants to focus mainly on sex trafficking and raise awareness.

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## ii. Question

1. Hall: if confirmed what committees will you sit on?
  - a. SBA to keep students safe and a financial committee.
2. Hall: Can you name the statue requirements. Vote, represent RSO's attend the dean and public meetings. Be accessible to RSO's and understand the senate rules, and go through financial training.
3. Holmes: How did debate help you understand rules and how can you apply this?
  - a. You learn rules as you go, and when judges give you feedback you learn whether you adhere to the rules or not. The judges will tell you whether you adhere to the rules and you learn and get better.
4. Patel: Would you like to join a caucus?
  - a. I would like to join the womenxs caucus. It aligns with my club.

## iii. Debate

1. Hall: I'm biased because I also debated in HS. But he is great I also loved the idea that that he started his organization to raise awareness.
2. Patel: I liked the fact he wants to join the womenxs caucus. He is really prepared.
3. Foster: he is really well spoken, and his debate experience makes him great. He was also to name statues really well.

## iv. Vote 6-0-1 confirmed.

### e. [Jade Collins](#) - Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator

- i. Speech Going on her fourth year with a major in political science on a pre law track. Minor in theater studies, is an event manager at the student union. Has watched a lot of students come to the heart of campus to celebrate their culture. Wants to advocate for others around her. Was able to tour different schools to talk about issues in her community such as race, and learned to appreciate other cultures. She has collected a 15th page document talking about discrimination and injustice, was able to talk to the superintendent to

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raise awareness. Would love to continue the work to make sure students who aren't heard will have their voices amplified.

ii. Question

1. Holmes: Can you name some caucuses?
  - a. Named all but disability
2. Damarla: Has any experience at UCF made you apply for this position.
  - a. Was in a theater class and discussed how art was made and how it told a story, she only wanted to look at art from artists of color and expressed this to her teacher. She gained an appreciation for other people's willingness to appreciate people looking at art from artists of color.
3. Holmes: How will you use this position to support people.
  - a. Reach out to each caucus and make a master list of what events are going on around campus. Wants to use senate connections to educate students on what's happening in the world, and how different UCF students are affected. Student government should get this information out to the students.
4. Hall: What do you see the long term goal of the interfaith council being, how will you enhance its purpose?
  - a. Having a discussion with student leaders from different RSO's and and wants to raise awareness on how different religious practices work. I Want to build a close circle of leadership, and this council will give us the tools and opportunities to reach out to students.
5. Damarla: How will you ensure there are individuals of diverse backgrounds?
  - a. Wants to look at groups that are active and wants to reach out to these students and others. I Want to pick their brains on how they will utilize this.
6. Hall: How will you reach out to other UCF organizations?
  - a. She would be willing to reach out especially when it comes to LGBTQ+ organizations to see how they view solidarity. Has seen a lot of new knights coming, and wants them to see

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representation on campus. She has an initiative to have stickers posted around the different campuses, so people know this is a safe space.

7. Domino: What is the first thing you will do in this role?

a. Reach out to caucuses, post the stickers.

iii. Debate

1. Damarla: She has a really fleshed out plan and she will impact people. She has a lot of great initiatives and answered all the questions wonderfully.

2. Hall: Looking at the initiatives they're great she understands the position well. She isn't just focused on existing ideas but has both proposed great new ideas. She will show that student government really values diversity and inclusion. She will be a huge asset to SG

3. Domino: Echoes the sentiments of hall, she is diversified in many aspects and has internal and external knowledge of what goes on in and out of UCF. She is the embodiment of this position .

iv. Vote 6-0-1 Confirmed.

i. Recess at 6:36pm back at  
6:39pm

f. [Courtney McLain](#) - Government Affairs Coordinator

i. Speech: Sophomore double major in Journalism and Pre-Law. Throughout her first year she has gotten very involved, in a law fraternity, works for the union, is in turning point, and college republicans. Works for the US senate and does journalism. She wants to work for the government one day, and feels like her experiences can help SG; attends a lot of events and networks. Is a really effective communicator and can meet with anyone in Orlando. Had a dream to be in SG, and has applied to many positions, will be a great advocate.

ii. Question

1. Damarla: What are ways you will be unbiased and impartial?

a. I will leave my politics at the door, that is not me. When I worked for the United States senate. Someone's background

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does not matter with immigration I had to help people every day, it is about family and I help everyone.

2. Damarla: relationship and goal with gap?
  - a. Will attend every meeting if she needs to, wants to get students more politically active, and wants to be a big resource for the gap committee.
3. Holmes: When have you had to prioritize someone's needs and represent them?
  - a. I have had many jobs and my political views have never gotten in the way. I do not talk politics on the job, I've never lost a friend to politics this is something I strive to do.

### iii. Debate

1. Holmes: Regardless of affiliation. I like the candidate, she seems really fair.
2. Foster: I will vote in favor because she wants to focus on voter representation which is really important.
3. Almenar : I will abstain, but will encourage others to speak in favor. I hope to have productive conversations. I think representation is important and I look forward to working with her.

### iv. Vote 4-0-3 Confirmed.

9. [Internal Bill 54-17](#) [Updates to Title VI: The Election Statutes][Chair Borges]
  - i. Speech; Many aspects of Title VI need to be modernized. This will help EC operate more effectively. Nobody has written a bill yet. EC needs to work with what is actually going to be happening. I spoke to AG moore and she sponsored and helped with amendments.
  - ii. Question
    1. Holmes: Can you give more insight on what prompted you to do this?
      - a. I worked close with the former E&A chair. The end of summer is approaching and I felt like this needed to be done. I spoke to the former chair of E&A and the AG about this.
  - iii. Debate
    1. Holmes: I like that Borges took the initiative to do this. We talked about this and finally got around to this.

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2. Hall: Working with Moore to craft this will help EC was a good idea and this will help them improve; it was good to get this out now.]

3. Foster: likes the bill, many people have talked about wanting to do this.

iv. Vote 7-0-0 Confirmed.

## 11. Member Discussion:

a. Hall: Has abstained from vote on Gac due to position in Gap.

-Informal 6:59

-Return to formal 7:23

## 12. Miscellaneous Business:

- a. Ice-Breaker: favorite snack?
- b. Brodie: cinnamon buns
- c. Patel: baby carrots
- d. Duane: Oreos
- e. Holmes: Apples and peanut butter
- f. Damarla: Smoores
- g. AG moore: cheez its
- h. Foster: a heated up honey bun
- i. Borges: Chocolate
- j. Hall: Mozzarella sticks, chips and guac.
- k. Almenar: Chocolate covered raisins.

13. Final Roll Call: 7 /8

14. Adjournment: 7:26 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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