



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
Elections & Appointments (E&A) Meeting
Charge on Chamber
07/16/2025

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 3:04 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 9/10 (6)

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Escobar	sga_ea@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice Chair Chau	sgacie1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Rodriguez	sgachps4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Matthews	sga_sci7@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Rickett	sga_grst4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Roehrkas	sgaecs10@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Beneche	sga_sci2@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Trejo-Hernandez	sgaecs13@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Gaudio	sga_ecs3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Lipner	sga_ugst1@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representative Kapinos	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P
LJR Representative Sherman	sgacie3@ucf.edu	P	P
Supervisor Presley	Sga_ec@ucf.edu	E	E

3. Approval of the Minutes: [07.09.25](#)
 - a. **Approved by GC.**
4. Approval of the Agenda:
 - a. **Approved by GC.**

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5. Announcements from the Chair

- a. Escobar: Good afternoon committee, I have a sad announcement to make today. After today's meeting I will unfortunately be resigning as Chair. This comes after unforeseen financial circumstances and an increase in responsibilities starting fall. I truly appreciate the trust you've placed in me with this committee. I will still be continuing my work with elections as an intern with Ballotpedia starting today! But due to these circumstances I will be stepping down as E&A Chair. We have two pieces of legislation to see today, are there any questions for myself?
 - i. Lipner: Will the resignation be for the Chair position or a resignation for Senate as a whole?
 - 1. I will just be stepping down as the Chair of the committee; I will still be in Senate.
 - ii. Kapinos: Sorry to see you go, hopefully everything works out. When stepping down, what would be the procedure with newly electing a chair?
 - 1. Next week the chair elections will happen. It will be similar to the beginning of the session where anyone can be nominated, and nominations will go from there.

6. Announcements from the Vice Chair

- a. Chau: None.

7. Announcements from Committee Members

- a. Gaudio: Hey, folks. Just as a heads up, your unexcused absences will be reset to zero when we go into the fall semester for those of you who have accrued them. I just spoke with the Attorney General regarding his revision to his 2nd opinion and that should hopefully be posted if not today, then sometime this week.
- b. Rickett: Won a scholarship from A2O platform. I posted it in the chat, super excited and wanted to let everyone know not to give up! All constituents should be encouraged to apply!

8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members

- a. Hameed: We are having our fiscal workshop happening soon on Thursday at 5 PM. Same senate link. A really helpful workshop in order to represent RSOs, please come!
 - i. Gaudio: How soon is soon?
 - 1. Soon.

9. Old Business

- a. None.

10. New Business

- a. Internal Bills
 - i. [Internal Bill 57-09](#)
 - 1. Speech

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- a. Lipner: Already have discussed this bill before. Just writing out the procedures to ensure that every student who needs a name change can get a name change and avoid potential violations.
- 2. Questioning
 - a. Gaudio: Move to strike “denied” and replace it with “not approve”
 - i. I second the motion.
 - b. Chau: Motion to move to debate.
- 3. Debate
 - a. Rickett: Move to vote/I move to the previous question.
- 4. Vote
 - a. 9-0-0
 - i. Bill passes first reading in E&A.
- ii. [Internal Bill 57-10 Updates to Title VI.docx](#)
 - 1. Speech
 - a. Gaudio: Motion to adopt this bill in committee.
 - i. Adopted.
 - b. Escobar: Cleaning up Title 6 for run-off elections. Last year, we had a bill where presidential elections we have ranked voting. This removes all mentions of run-off presidential elections because of past legislation. It’s cleaning up Title 6.
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. Rickett: If there is a situation and there is no mention of a run-off election in statutes. How would the judicial branch be able to look at any piece of legislation or Title statutes to see if there are any problems with a runoff.
 - i. As it stands, there is no run-off with presidential elections because of past legislation.
 - b. Rickett: So, there will be no way there would be a runoff in any circumstance?
 - i. In the bill we passed last session, there are no runoffs for presidential elections. However, senatorial elections still have runoffs. But since there are no presidential runoffs because of our previous legislation.
 - c. Kapinos: Technical question; this legislation was submitted 24 hours to the Pro Temp, correct?
 - i. It was not.
 - d. Kapinos: Do you still want to see this bill even though it was not submitted in advance?

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- i. Hameed: Don't need to interject.
 - ii. Gaudio: Because we adopted the bill in the committee, we do not need to submit it 24 hours in advance. Pro Temp just needs to be notified in advance.
 - e. Lipner: Question to either Chair Gaudio and Chair Escobar, was the portion about run-offs that we discussed before- removed this session or past session? Or should we update that as well. When looking for statutory backing for the top 2 presidential candidates- would it be in a different title?
 - i. Gaudio: It in Title 6, it was in a completely different section of Title 6- specifically under the Duties of the Election Commission. I think that section is still there.
- 3. Debate
 - a. Gaudio: Move to see my amendment to see Chapter 604.3 D 1.
 - i. Speech
 - 1. Gaudio: What I'm doing is reinstating that text but only removing run-off. It's unlikely but there is a possibility that at a ranked vote that there is a straight tie, in that case there is no reconciling that with the current language. If there is a tie (including ranked choice) we have some sort of reconciliation.
 - ii. Questioning
 - 1. Chair Escobar: Does it make sense to keep it under the session or another session?
 - a. Gaudio: Could make more sense to put it in another section technically.
 - 2. Rickett: Can we specify the top 2 tickets in an event of a tie.
 - a. Gaudio: The provision is not in there, but with ranked choice- it will narrow down to the top 2 in itself. It would be redundant to add.
 - b. Lipner: Specifies that we are looking at the tied two tickets if that's your concern, it's provided within the statutory wording. I would be in favor of changing the D1 into E if that makes sense.
 - 3. Rickett: Move to debate.

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iii. Debate

1. Rickett: Move to vote/I move to the previous question.
 - a. Lipner: I object.
 - i. I rescind my motion.
2. Gaudio: Motion to amend my amendment through striking 601.3 E.
 - a. Chair Escobar: I second that motion.
3. Lipner: Move to vote.

iv. Vote

1. 9-0-0
 - a. Amendment passes in E&A Committee.
4. Vote
 - a. 9-0-0
 - i. Internal Bill passes in E&A Committee.
 - b. Chau: I yield the Chair back to Chair Escobar.

11. Member Discussion

- a. Gaudio: Briefly talked to the DCOS, she has one interview scheduled. Are we going to see any appointees on the Senate floor before the end of the summer semester?
 - i. Escobar: I also talked to the DCOS- there are interviews this week and next week, there are some happening today. If they are favorable, we will see confirmations next week- hopefully we will see them before the end of the summer if all is well.
- b. Rickett: MTIF.
- c. Gaudio: I will have a discussion with the Pro Temp, I want to pass a resolution to form an ad-hoc committee to see whether or not it's feasible to increase the AS&F budget- cross collaboration on this committee. If any of you guys are interested, let me know and I will keep you updated.
- d. Rickett: Does anyone know any of the potential confirmations, if any are grad students?
 - i. Gaudio: With current appointees, there are no graduate students- but there is a graduate student that is enrolling in the Fall who is interested in joining SG (they can't fill out the form because they are not in UCF yet). I did give them a small nudge to start before Fall.
- e. Lipner: Regarding the AS&F fee in that ad-hoc committee. Do we know if the Comptroller will be involved directly.
 - i. Gaudio: He is fully on board.
 - ii. Chair Escobar: Do we know the name for this committee.
 1. Gaudio: No because I am bad at naming things.
 - a. Kapinos: AS&F Budget Revision Committee?

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- b. Gaudio: I like AS&F Revision Committee for conciseness.
 - f. Gaudio: The Committee pushes the process of raising the AS&F budget, when an entire committee shows that they want it.
 - i. Lipner: I think that we should not call it a revision committee, which makes it feel disingenuous. It feels like the Comptroller's role is to do this.
 - 1. We can discuss this on the Senate floor then. Additionally, we do not know whether the resolution is going to be passed yet.
 - g. Rickett: MTF.
- 12. Miscellaneous Business
 - a. Icebreaker: Current obsession?
 - i. Chair Escobar: Linkedin.
 - ii. Chau: Bluelock anime.
 - iii. Lipner: RStudio.
 - iv. Rodriguez: Bossanova.
 - v. Gaudio: Anything involving manufacturing with nylon.
 - vi. Sherman: Afternoon naps.
 - vii. Kapinos: Puzzles.
 - viii. Rickett: Graduating next year summer, starting MBA at Northwestern.
- 13. Final Roll Call: 9/10
- 14. Adjournment: 3:42 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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