



MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 12:35 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (8):

Name	Email	Initial	Final
1. Chair – President Blanco	sga_pres@ucf.edu	P	P
2. Vice Chair – Vice President Benitez	sga_vp@ucf.edu	P	P
3. Senate President Courts	sga_spkr@ucf.edu	P	P
4. Senate President Pro Tempore Hameed	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P
5. Chief Justice Pazera	sga_cjus@ucf.edu	P	E
6. External Assistant Chief Justice Marie Villadarez	sgjcexternal@ucf.edu	P	P
7. Supervisor of Elections Presley	sga_ec@ucf.edu	P	P
8. Assistant Supervisor of Elections Collazo Borges	sga_aec@ucf.edu	P	E
9. Ex-Officio - A&SF Committee Chair	sga_asf@ucf.edu	V	V
10. Ex-Officio - Scholarship Committee Chair	sga_scholarship@ucf.edu	V	V
11. Ex-Officio - Caucus Leadership Committee Chair	N/A	V	V

3. Approval of the Minutes –
 - a. none
4. Approval of the Agenda –
 - a. none
5. Open Forum –
 - a. none
6. Announcements from the Chair, President Blanco –

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- a. Not too much decision making, intro meeting, discussion items, getting consensus from leadership.
7. Announcements from the Vice Chair, Vice President Benitez –
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8. Announcements from Committee Members –
 - a. Assistant Supervisor Collazo Borges – As the senator who proposed this initiative through legislation last session, I thank this Board for being receptive to having a place for feedback.
 - b. Senate President Courts: The Last meeting of Senate is next week.
9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members –
 - a. Chief of Staff Pearson – Brunch with the branches is on Wednesday, and Athletics/Pep Rally is on Tuesday. Athletics Coordinator Dwayne Jones will announce it at Senate.
10. New Business – **MTIF**
 - a. Mutual Expectations for the Year
 - i. President Blanco – Open lines of communication, mediate any future misunderstandings. If you need to have a discussion with someone, go straight to them. We are all colleagues and professionals, and I am open to setting up 1-1 meetings. During the fall, the Executive Cabinet will have office hours established and posted. Excited to work with this team and looking forward to the year ahead. Servant leadership is always looking out for the Student Body.
 - ii. Vice President Benitez – Representing the student body is the most important value to keep in mind. Avoiding conflict is a positive outcome and allows for Student Government to be represented in a positive light, and as representatives of the Student Body, ethical and respectful behavior is always important. ILA Reed, Pro Tem Hameed, Chief of Staff Pearson, and VP Benitez can provide PR ready questions.
 - iii. President Courts: In the legislative branch, Senators must be PR trained before speaking to the media. Make sure when you are leaving the Charge On Chamber you are respectful of decorum. Open line of communication, regardless of what branch you are in or what leadership role you have.
 - iv. Assistant Supervisor Collazo Borges: Personal and professional relationships have to be kept separate, and keeping in mind that disagreements are not personal, we all want the best for the Student Body as SG Agents. We can advocate for our branches while still being respectful.
 - b. Scheduling

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- i. President Blanco: Monthly meetings on Thursdays before Senate. 4:45 PM. TBD. Beginning of the month? August 21st – First Thursday of the Fall Semester. Meeting will be hybrid. Send calendar invites to the Executive Cabinet, preferred method of scheduling.
 - c. Student Government Caucuses
 - i. Ex-Officio Seats:
 - 1. Pro Tem Hameed: How does the process for Ex-Officio seats work for this year? We should determine a structure.
 - 2. Assistant Supervisor Collazo Borges: No limits on Ex-Officio Seats, up to the Chair of the caucus. The Caucus leadership Chair would determine those lines of communication.
 - 3. President Blanco: If the Caucus leadership Chair has any questions or concerns about appointments or the process, it shall be reported to this committee and discussed in this forum.
 - 4. Senate President Courts: Once the Caucus leadership Chair is elected, we can have a conversation to establish new procedures and responsibilities.
 - 5. Assistant Supervisor Collazo Borges: What is the timeline for ADSPB officers to join Student Government Caucuses?
 - 6. VP Benitez: Next scheduled meeting.
 - ii. Funding:
 - 1. Comptroller Drinkwater: Fiscal bill from the 56th session and a specific budget line already provide a concrete item for caucus funding. \$2,500.
 - 2. Senate President Courts: To properly disburse and allocate funds, \$2,500 would be a limited contribution. Since there is an increase in the number of caucuses, more funding is needed. Wishes that Caucuses feel free to come to all three Branches and the Election Commission in order to gain support and create community within SG.
 - 3. Pro Tem Hameed: Budget hearings for Caucuses or already established budgets are decided by leadership. We should also create the expectation that all SG agents should collaborate and support caucus initiatives, showing up if you can even if its only for a little to show support.
 - 4. Assistant Supervisor Collazo Borges: We should allocate funds and allow them to decide their own spending.
 - 5. President Blanco: We will split their budget in half and allocate timely manner to ensure fiscal responsibility and allow them to decide their spending. The expectation is that an ERF should be submitted to

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Comptroller Drinkwater for review and his signature. Send a representative of the Executive Committee to the Caucus Leadership meeting - Attorney General Altuna (Vice Chair of LGBTQ+) and External Assistant Chief Justice Marie Villadarez (Vice Chair of AAPIA).

6. Pro Tem Hameed: Discussion of responsibilities for the Caucus Leadership Chair. Wants to establish a stronger chain of command.
 7. Assistant Supervisor Collazo Borges: When writing this legislation, the Caucus Leadership Chair and their responsibilities were left broad to ensure that they could statutorily address all needs, concerns, and questions and report to the Branch heads.
 8. President Blanco: Allow for an individual to be elected to the role, play it by ear, and cross the road when we get there.
 9. Senate President Courts: Allow for the individual to take the role into their style without establishing a concrete outline for them.
- d. Election Commission Priorities:
- i. President Blanco: Congratulations to Supervisor Presley and Assistant Supervisor Collazo Borges. Yielding the floor to Assistant Supervisor Collazo Borges.
 1. Structure
 - a. Assistant Supervisor Collazo Borges: 14 commissioners now, we have 5 committees surrounding the commission. Fiscal & Budget Committee, Marketing and Outreach Committee, Legislative, Precedent, and Rules Committee, Culture and Experience Committee, Candidate Affairs Committee. Create these committees to have leadership opportunities to allow the team to apply their skills.
 2. Election Commission Leadership Council
 - a. Assistant Supervisor Collazo Borges: Since I took part in SGLC, I have always sought out opportunities to engage EC. Coordinators and budgets are a working conversation; we are looking to establish our leadership council. This will allow for the commission to improve outreach and retention. Improves the morale and sense of belonging for the commission, as well as highlighting the importance of the election. Expectation of privacy for candidates, change culture of EC being swept under the rug. Seeing the struggle of the EC as a member of E&A motivates our efforts to seek more

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- opportunities for the EC. We are not a branch, but we do deserve higher standing.
- b. President Blanco: More ways to highlight EC, but my main concerns are financial. EC has a set budget for the campaign season.
 - c. Senate President Courts: SGLC and SLC tentative budget is \$1,800.
 - d. Comptroller Drinkwater: Each branch contributes its portion; the Executive Branch just puts in the ERF for the whole organization. \$3,300 and polos are \$500, the cost for EC would be \$1,500.
 - e. Supervisor Presley: Receptive to that budget and believes that it is feasible.
 - f. Assistant Supervisor Collazo Borges: Volunteer opportunities during the election time, and making sure ECLC is a conversation we can begin.
 - g. President Blanco: Worried about conflict of interest and the possibility of ECLC 'ers violating Title VI and Title XI.
 - h. Supervisor Presley: EC would go into executive session and make sure these meetings are confidential.
 - i. Chief Justice Pazera: Apologizes for EC feeling unheard, has questions about SGLC. August and September were difficult for coordinators, and what lesson plans and logistics look like?
 - j. Assistant Supervisor Collazo Borges: We believe this change is positive, and we are prepared for the fiscal responsibility. We would like to have the opportunity to have some ECLCers for the spring semester. Former Chief Justice Silva went into executive session and removed JLCers from private discussions.
 - k. Supervisor Presley: Curriculum was about the statutes and how violation hearings are conducted. They would not be participating in confidential discussions.
 - l. President Blanco: Maybe a compromise can be weekly reports by EC in order to allow and amplify the needs of EC.
 - m. Chief of Staff Pearson: Including EC more in lesson plans, weekly reports, social media presence to help outreach, including more events such as EC Day in October. How would EC maintain a strong presence and allow for ECLCers to feel present and included?

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- n. Supervisor Presley: Informational sessions, EC internal activities, tabling with EC, mentor-mentee program, sit in on our general body meetings.
- o. Chief of Staff Pearson: We want to figure out a way to maintain them engaged throughout the school year.
- p. Supervisor Presley: We prepare throughout the whole year, and a lot of the early preparation is marketing and promotion materials.
- q. President Blanco: Weekly tabling initiative – Director of Communications Ayup.
- r. Assistant Supervisor Collazo Borges: Allowing the Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor to be mentors throughout the experience.
- s. Chief Justice Pazera: Unfair to SG Caucuses.
- t. Assistant Supervisor Collazo Borges: More presence for EC and more opportunities to allow students to find their passion through EC.
- u. Chief Justice Pazera: EC Day in SGLC or weekly reports, as President Blanco mentioned?
- v. Assistant Supervisor Collazo Borges: Lesson plans can be changed to add time to allow for EC. The three branches have time during the two semesters for all lesson plans, while EC only has one day.
- w. Chief Justice Pazera: Mentors are randomly assigned and apologizes but she must leave the meeting early.
- x. Chief of Staff Pearson: Appreciates the eagerness and the motivation to ensure everyone in SG is seen and heard, but is worried about logistics and wishes to create a push for SGLCers to attend meetings, and also allow for a weekly report at SGLC. Including attending EC general body meetings in the point system to create a motivating factor to become more involved and seek out the election commission.
- y. Attorney General Altuna: Leans either way and remains neutral but is worried about any statutory changes.
- z. Senate President Courts: They are all confirming changes. Also wants to address to make sure that SGLCers have an enriching and fulfilling experience.
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meetings. Does not believe participating would create bias as EC would go into executive session. Hopes to establish a permanent ECLC coordinator for the 2026-2027 school year.

- bb. President Blanco: Tabling discussion for next meeting.
Recommendation is that EC should meet with ILA Rudie, Chief of Staff Pearson, External Associate Chief Justice Marie Villadarez, and Internal Associate Chief Justice Hoffner.
- cc. Assistant Supervisor Collazo Borges: Thanks the Board for the realistic and honest feedback.
- dd. President Blanco: Next items – Spring ECLC? & Coordinator?
TBD.

3. Election Commission Location

- a. Assistant Supervisor Collazo Borges: An office location is necessary for the EC to continue its important work, being proactive is imperative, and it allows candidates to have a designated place for privacy.
- b. President Blanco: Structurally and architecturally, there is no space in the SG office. We can begin discussions for a satellite office either in OSI or in the Union in general. This solves the problem because it provides privacy for the EC and candidates. Determine what's more important, being in the SG office or a separate space.
- c. Assistant Supervisor Collazo Borges: Our preference is the computers next to Brodie's office.
- d. Speaker Courts: Senators use their laptops and desktops near the high tops, so we don't mind allowing you to use that as the EC space.
- e. President Blanco: After this meeting, we can designate official desktop locations in that area. If there is ever a scenario that you need an office space, do not hesitate to reach out. As the year goes on, we can discuss other options.

11. Miscellaneous Business –

- a. Ice Breaker
 - i. If you were a person on Love Island, who would you be?
 - 1. Assistant Supervisor Collazo Borges: Huda
 - 2. External Associate Chief Justice Marie Villadarez: Iris + Amaya
 - 3. Pro Tem Hameed: Huda as well

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4. Senate President Courts: If Pro Tem Hameed is Huda, Jeremiah? Actually, Chelley.
5. Supervisor Presley: Marcel – Nicolandria's son.
6. Comptroller Drinkwater: TJ
7. Vice President Benitez: Iris + Zac
8. President Blanco: Olandria
9. Chief of Staff Pearson: Amaya + Olandria, VP Benitez suggested Nic.
10. Attorney General Altuna: Elan + Amaya + Hannah
12. Member Discussion –
 - a. None
13. Final Roll Call –
 - a. Same as initial minus Chief Justice Pazera and Assistant Supervisor Collazo Borges
14. Adjournment – 2:31 PM.

Key:

- P - Present
- A - Absent
- V- Vacant
- MTD - Move to Debate
- MTV - Move to Vote
- MTA- Move to Amend
- MSQD – Motion for Speech, Questioning, & Debate Time
- MTIF – Move to Informal
- MTF – Move to Formal
- PP - Postpone
- PPI - Postpone Indefinitely
- GC - General Consent

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