



# JUDICIAL BRANCH

**UCF Student Government**  
Judicial Council Meeting  
Room 219  
[03/11/2025]  
[5pm]

## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 5:00 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 6/6

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Daniel Rivera	sga_cjus@ucf.edu	E	E
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Victoria Marie Villadarez	sgajc13@ucf.edu	P	P
Krystal Porlles	sgajc14@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: Justice Bella
4. Approval of the Agenda: Justice Maddie
5. Announcements from the Chair-
  - a. Hello everyone, we will be looking through the edits we had made on the JRP today! Please be extra patient with me today.
  - b. Sam doesn't have her glass...
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair-
  - a. Hello guys, Sam is going to do great today, but we will have a lot of content to go over so it's time to lock in lol.
7. Old Business-
  - a. We will get back to resource binders and their contents after Spring Break!
8. New Business-
  - a. Section 4
    - i. Rule 4.03

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1. Outline what the duties and powers of a vice chair is.
- ii. JEC
  1. Session to semester to year to give more leeway
- iii. JOC
  1. Make the difference between what External and JOC does clearer.
  2. JOC is in task of doing large scale events.
  3. We are not going to include the ability to excuse
- iv. JAM
  1. We do not have to review this; it has been approved by committee.
- v. Rule 4.09
  1. The Chief has appointed Chairs
  2. Something already being done is within the power of chief
- b. Section 7
  - a. JRP Section 7 Edits
    - i. Krystal
      1. Rule 7.02.2
        - a. The Council may exclude relevant evidence
        - b. Prejudice takes it out because all prejudice is unfair according to definition search
          - i. Prejudice is just a bias
          - iii. Unfair example: gendered prejudice
          - v. Change the word unfair to arbitrary
        - c. Confusing the issues: take it out because it is already covered on D
          - i. Deemed it as informal
          - ii. Disagreement was brought up on whether to do this or not.
          - iii. Write it so all of us understand what it is
          - iv. Word it
        - d. D:
          - i. We agree on taking out wasting time
        - e. Take out relevant
          - i. Something can be relevant to the topic
          - ii. We should still keep it because it allows us to take out relevant evidence
      2. Rule 7.04
        - a. Moving the definition to the definition area in section 1.02

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- b. Move Statement to definition section and move everything up
        - c. Disagreement on whether to keep it there or move it.
          - i. Declarant is only on this section
          - ii. Statement is throughout the document
          - iii. Move it to a definition section
      - 3. Rule 7.05.2
        - a. Expunging from the record = not considering it
    - ii. Bianca
      - 1. Rule 7.03
        - a. Question:
          - i. Do they even have access to our precedent standings?
            - 1. Sunshine State Law, they could public request us and use it as a precedent.
          - ii. "Shall be considered" - not necessarily done
        - b. Our records are not up to date- Precedent Discussion
      - 2. Question: do we have a timeline when evidence should be received for us.
        - a. Include in 7.01 types of evidence permitted [Never mind]
        - b. We could include "no later than 24 hours before your hearing"
        - c. Rule 7.02.1.A
          - i. Evidence is not relevant if not submitted 24 hours before.
  - i. Rule 7.02.2
    - a. We agree on taking out wasting time
  - ii. Rule 7.04
    - 1. Moving the definition to the definition area in section 1.02
    - 2. Only move statement to the definition section
- c. Section 8
  - a. JRP Section 8 Edits
    - i. Madeline
      - 1. Section 8.01 #4
        - a. Do we want to enforce it?
          - i. We see the value of questioning, so the people know who they are talking to.
          - ii. We do not think it is necessary
          - iii. Change the "must" to "may"

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- iv. Change to be similar to judicial review
- 2. Fix the numbers on section 8.01 [Brody]
- 3. Number 6.A
  - a. Change it to -A justice can vote for council to recess, and pass if it is a majority
  - b. This way we have it in statutes so we can recess
- 4. 8.02.1
  - a. It can all be in one line
    - i. Chief Justice or designee... [put it into a list]
    - ii. No because those are all different actions
- 5. 8.02.2 C
  - a. Grammar incorrect
  - b. Instead of contrary put false or misleading
  - c. Take out to the information
  - d. Take out (pursuant to Rule 1.03.4)
- 6. 8.02.4 C and D
  - a. This pertains to cross-examination
  - b. The argument is not to take out but to rewrite
    - i. Take out then
    - ii. Change one by one to individually
- 7. 8.02.5
  - a. Take out be able
  - b. Change it to "may ask"
  - c. Make an agenda template for this hearing since it is not something the chief justice has
- 8. 8.02.7 I
  - a. Shall announce results to decisions
  - b. Put a period after 8.A
  - c. This one was later taken out because we do not actually go back into the room and announce our results.
- 9. Rule 8.04 Disruptive Behavior
  - a. Fix the formatting
- d. Section 9
  - 1. Rule 9.01.4
    - a. "via monthly check-in"
    - b. Sam was thinking to add resources as an appendix
    - c. Title IX is a different process, and we removed and will be possibly adding to another document
    - d. We already have impartial advising material

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- e. This is more of a question, but do we do these monthly check-ins, I feel like if you do not want to participate you would just tell leadership?
  - i. I do like: “opted in and opted out at any given time”
  - ii. via monthly check-in with Judicial Leadership
  - iii.
- 2. Rule 9.01.4
  - a. I guess I have more questions since we haven’t done Title 9 advising, but do we do check in every time we take one?
- 3. Rule 9.03.2
  - a. Justices may consult the Impartial Advising Resources.
  - b. I believe we could put the appendix here
  - c. Make sure to include during announcements that when jlcers are going through e&a this section was deleted
- ii. Section 9:
  - 1. There are instances where cases make advisors uncomfortable
  - 2. Rework the section because a lot of this section is made to talk about Title IX advising
  - 3. Restrictions on Impartial Advising: Disclosures
    - a. We do not have to have specifics because we have a binder
  - 4. We could keep general provisions
  - 5. Rebuild the section
- e. Section 10
  - i. Bianca
    - 1. Rule 10.02 Order
      - a. Having a formula for it is nice for newer chiefs
      - b. Possibly reorganize it
      - c. Technical- Brodie
    - 2. Move 3 and 4 to Rule 10.02
  - ii. Krystal
    - 1. Rule 10.02 Order of the Review
      - a. We adjourned and then deliberated
      - b. Delete Section 8: 7.I

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- i. We did not adjourn the meeting until after the meeting
      - 2. Visually record the section – is taking meeting
      - 3. Wording Rule 10.01
        - a. The *comma* does not need to be there
  - f. Section 11
    - i. Clause which restricts justices from asking irrelevant questions
      - 1. Rule 11.04.D Questions from the Council
    - c. JRP Section 11 Parking Appeals
      - i. Current language for question restrictions:
        - 1. "No member of the Judicial Council shall ask the appellant questions that are **personally identifiable**, or irrelevant to the parking citation appeal being considered." Thoughts?
        - 2. Thinking of eliminating Personal
          - a. We can ask personal information if it is not personally identifying information
          - b. Take out invasive
        - 3. Currently thinking including it under 11.04 (2d)
          - a. However, it can be a bit weird to have it in a general area dedicated to the procedures of the hearing so many making it it's own section?
            - i. **Add it to the subsection**
          - b. 11.05 Restrictions on Personal or Irrelevant Questions, or just Restrictions on Questioning in Parking Appeals
          - c. Prohibited Questions
            - i. Should we do prohibited questions or general topics? Maybe even both? Have the general topics with questions as examples?
            - ii. Health and religious information are irrelevant
            - iii. Put all the stuff for PPI and also have examples for disabilities
            - iv. Financial information is not something we should ask
              - 1. Do not request it but accept it
              - 2. The Chief Justice as the chair can say no to a question
                - a. Write it under questions in the order of the hearing [rule 11.04.D]
            - v. Daniel will get back to us!

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- vi. The Chair can decide whether something is relevant or not relevant
- g. Section 12
  - i. Bella
    - 1. Do we want to edit, it did just get written in the fall
  - ii. Bianca
    - 2. Possibly the change from shall to must for rule 12.02 point 3
- h. Section 13
  - i. Victoria Marie (absent but thriving)
    - 1. 13.01.1 "All parts of a hearing must be recorded..."
      - a. must vs may
        - i. Is there a reason we record and keep audio/visual recordings of hearings?
        - ii. Okay if we do! Was just unsure of the importance of keeping these recordings vs just keeping minutes like we usually do
        - iii. We don't record executive section because they are private
        - iv. Could we say there must be a kept record instead
        - v. Do we need to record
        - vi. Is minutes enough recordings are good for training purposes
        - vii. We may record and do not need it in the language as it is an option
        - viii. Executive sessions can be recorded but ONLY for our training purposes
        - x. We will change must to may to leave it to our discretion
    - 2. Confusion and possible clarification between 13.01.1 and 13.01.2
      - a. 13.01.1 "All parts of a hearing must be recorded, except for executive sessions."
      - b. 13.01.2 "must record the minutes of all parts of the hearing, with the exception of the deliberations of the Council"
        - i. Is deliberation recorded, not in terms of minutes, but the audio/visual recording 13.01.1 refers to?
  - ii. Krystal

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9. Member Discussion-

- a. Congrats to Maddie, yayyyyyy
- b. Massive BJ's Pizookie

10. Miscellaneous Business-

- a. **Question of the Day: If you had to swap lives with a fictional character for a week, who would you choose?**

11. Final Roll Call: 6/6

12. Adjournment: 5:46 PM

SAI

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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