

University of Central Florida Student Government Association



Governmental Affairs and Policy Committee (GAP)
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UCF Student Union – Senate Workroom
January 27th, 2020 | 5:30 PM
Senate Work Room

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 5:36PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum

<u>Name</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Final</u>
Chair Galloway	sgagap@ucf.edu	P	P
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Senator Hyman	sga_ecs5@ucf.edu	A	A
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LJR Rep. Ben Rembaum	sga_ba6@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representation	sga_pro@ucf.edu	E	E

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3. Approval of the Minutes:
 - a. 01-13-20
 - i. Approved GC
4. Approval of the Agenda :
 - a. 01-27-20
 - i. Approved GC
5. Announcements from the Chair
 - a. Fun Historical Fact: Napoleon was once attacked by a horde of bunnies
 - b. Thank you to Bonefont and Slaughter for attending Zak's Transportation initiative event
 - i. Zak: If you have class or obligations then its fine to not come but we are bringing in these people for you guys and the student body.
 - ii. Rebekah: Last week's meeting was cancelled since we didn't have much on the agenda and instead of a meeting, I hoped we would all go to the event
6. Announcements from the Vice-Chair
 - a. We can finally start the newsletter!
 - b. If anyone is interested in helping Tufo with the forgien affairs column let me know
 - i. Bonefont: What exactly is the forgien affairs column?
 1. Raz: It's the same as the other sections... A link with a summary of what is explained in the article in case students want to look into it.
7. Announcements from Committee Members
 - a. GAC Zak: Howdy! Basically, everything I talked about in senate. If you have any questions about any of the legislative priorities trackers Ill drop it in the drive.
 - i. Vancura: How can we help? I am interested.
 1. Zak: I am waiting to hear back from Murphy and Yoho on the congressional town hall. If you want to help, passing out flyers, etc. Details are still being worked on. If you want, we can coordinate beforehand in order to see where yall can help. I am going to try to see if they have time to meet with you guys.
 - ii.
 - b. LJR Rep:
 - i. Reviewed, in depth, titles 1-3
 1. If you have any questions please ask!
 - ii. Seeing 11 Absences and 1 Blanket excuse
 1. Send in absences if you haven't already
 - iii. 2 Internal bills
 1. Rebekah: What are the internal bills
 - a. Rembaum: One of them is adding ethics training before you join senate and another is about some changes to the exec branch but has been postponed. I will put them in the drive.
 - i. Rebekah: Who is introducing them?
 1. Rembaum: Colton Flynn and Emma Custis

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8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members
 - a.
9. Old Business
 - a. Survey
 - i. Rebekah: I wanted to ask what you guys thought about it? Should we put it out or just start tabling? I like the survey because depending on what we find out from the survey we know where to gauge our focus.
 - ii. Zak: I don't have a problem with a survey but I want to make sure that we have the right information in the survey since not that many students know about the charge your vote campaign, it might be more beneficial to just hand them information.
 - iii. Rembaum: Why don't we make the survey and have information about where to vote at the end of the survey.
 - iv. Raz: If we do the survey it can't be super long because then students won't ever get to the end
 - v. Bonefont: If you're concerned about awareness, Zak's idea works best but a survey could help us with info for years to come.
 - vi. Rembaum: Questions can be like "were you aware of this..."
 - vii. Rebekah: Well that's what Zak is saying, it's just an extra step.
 - viii. Zak: Us having an idea of awareness doesn't matter as much because we are able to inform them by giving them information and being more straightforward. These events are difficult and last minute because we are working at the mercy of these other people (Legislators).
 - ix. Bonefont: It might be useful to send out an after survey and while its true that we could send the information out, it might not work unless we ask "Did you know?" I think we should focus on timing because the survey could help with awareness and isn't completely invaluable.
 - x. Vancura: Isnt that an SBA thing?
 - xi. Raz: We are actually working on it with SBA as a collab
 - xii. Rebekah: Why do you think this is an SBA thing?
 - xiii. Vancura: Because we are asking for the opinions of the students which is SBA
 - xiv. Zak: Thats why I was asking about what the nature of the survey is because the role of this committee is government.
 - xv. Bonefont: It isn't really an awareness thing but its more of an assessment "are we doing our job correctly" We need to know what people think in order to make sure we know that we are serving our purpose.
 - xvi. Rebekah: Its sending out an assessment to see how well we are doing as a committee.
 - xvii. Albar: I think we should have the survey to see what we can focus on.
 - xviii. Rebekah: The assessment is great for end of semester but as of right now I am more concerned with awareness. I am starting to lean on Zaks POV because we should assume that nobody knows and just send out information.
 - xix. Zak: I can see the survey having 5 big events that we did and we ask them how they want to be notified about these events and have them put the info in. We could give them that

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option. I was talking to the rep about the low attendance rate since we advertised it several ways. When we did the round table committee we had 20-30 people in attendance.

- xx. Bonefont: What is the exact idea of the survey that you are proposing
- xxi. Rebekah: Originally I wanted to spread awareness but as Zak said, its just adding that extra step. That's why I wanted to ask the committee.
- xxii. Albar: Why don't we combine between the survey and the flyers.
- xxiii. Raz: I like the idea of an assessment at the end of a semester to make sure that we did our jobs right and as for awareness, I think its safe to assume that nobody knows information and just hand them information.
- xxiv. Bonefont: I like that but a round table as part of the assessment. Effectively, a survey is not urgent.
- xxv. Zak: I think there's a difference between solicitation and dissemination. We have to decide what's important to us as a committee. Why ask them if you can just let them know. I would like to see our legislative priorities tracker on the socials.
- xxvi. Slaughter: There is one problem when we talk about them being unaware. 50% of UCF voters that are registered go vote. I don't like the survey.
- xxvii. Rebekah: Thats what brody was saying about the survey because we don't know what people know
- xxviii. ELA Grodi: I know daniel robles wouldn't be in favor of posting about the legislative priorities on instagram, maybe twitter
- xxix. Bonefont: If people already know about things and aren't going, a survey isn't the tool. If we choose to do a survey the only one important to us is about legislative priorities.
- xxx. Zak: Unrelated theres NSLVE report on voting within universities. In 2016 48.3 voter turnout. We were about 9 points above average. Around 81% voter registration at ucf.
- xxxi. Gross: How do we measure the success about anything we do?
- xxxii. Raz: If we do the assessment at the end that's how we could measure, as well as voter turnout.
- xxxiii. Desai: Surveys are great ways to pull people and its a great way to pull people in
- xxxiv. Gross: I agree it's a good way to have a baseline
- xxxv. Rembaum: I am in favor of the survey because the answer lies in between both extremes.
 - 1. Vote on survey for awareness: 4-3-1 Passed (Rembaum, Vancura, Gross, Albar)

10. New Business

- a. Inter Committee relationships
 - i. We met with SBA and decided that GAP and SBA execs would be meeting biweekly.
 - ii. We decided that we can table with SBA and have one GAP member as well as one SBA member
 - 1. Bonefont: Theres a 99% chance I will not be able to table since I have to be at lake nona all the time
 - a. Desai: If you don't have an excuse, we expect you to be there

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- b. Slaughter: SBA passed Resolution 52-04. Since they are sending it to gov officials, we most likely will be getting that soon.
- i. Custis: If it doesn't relate to government, it belongs to SBA
 - ii. Bonefont: I actually heard about other affordable housing initiatives and now im wondering how it relates to GAP. It seems to be more of a student body
 - iii. Raz: We are here for the student body and we are the outreach to government officials. I think we can help.
 - iv. Zak: Just by looking at it, this doesn't look like it needs to go through GAP since it just states statistics. This is kind of vague since it lacks a solution. I don't understand the difference between this and our legislative priority.
 - v. Desai: I see where you are coming from. The way Atiya presented it to SBA is more off campus housing. She wanted it to work where she proposed a cap to off campus housing and encourage high officials to create a cap on housing.
 - vi. Zak: None of that is in that resolution.
 - vii. Desai: We need to make amendments
 - viii. Zak: Its on third reading... The amendments you're speaking on changes the integrity of the resolution.
 - ix. Vancura: Has Senator Alpine looked at different areas? You can't change the cost of apartment complexes.
 - x. Rembaum: Someone can bring it back to second reading which complicates it but it has to happen.
 - xi. Custis: PPI the bill
 - xii. Zak: The only amendment should be small and technical and not be filed with the intentions of changing the integrity of the resolution.
 - xiii. Rembaum: Not a lot of senate members are informed about it and, like my resolution, it passed because they don't know what Zak knows.
 - xiv. Rebekah: I remember it in senate as her making it known that she spoke with these 19 people and they were like ok great
 - xv. Raz: I don't remember any mention of a cap on housing.
 - xvi. Desai: I will talk to her about the concerns just brought up
 - xvii. Gross: She mentioned that she spoke to 19 people and she did research and she wanted to send this to make sure they will find a solution to this.
 - xviii. Zak: That is not what it says.
- c. Bonefont: Voters guide? I am not sure if we have that already but there are more votes besides just presidential elections
- i. Rebekah: How would you like to implement that?
 - ii. Bonefont: We need to be informed before even discussing putting it together
- d. Slaughter: What if we switch up our newsletter by promoting state events. We should promote this newsletters to poly-sci and business majors.
- i. Rembaum: I liked what you said but the GED classes are time consuming and the class to me feels like 9th grade busywork

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- ii. Bonefont: I like including that in the newsletters and I think it's a good way to cut down on how much is read.
- iii. Raz: I like that but we could include state events in our campus news section
- iv. Gross: Have we sent them to the deans? I get a lot of info through mine.
- v. Rembaum: I like the idea of hyperlinks, it gives us more room on the newsletters.
- vi. Rebekah: I actually thought of making a website but I am not allowed. Brody is gonna go talk to the people of the SGA website but some committees have pdfs and we might be able to get a PDF of the newsletters under our committee title. (Title 4)
- vii. Rembaum: I could look at it in committee and report back to you.
 - 1. 405.2 J

Updates/Articles of Interest for the Newsletter - Level Assignments

Local	State	Federal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Galloway ● Albar ● Bonefont- WFTV report on new public restrooms downtown ● City of Orlando official description ● 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hyman- https://www.tampabay.com/florida-politics/buzz/2020/01/13/ron-desantis-announces-lower-costs-refunds-for-florida-prepaid-college-savings/ ● Slaughter- https://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/education/article239685363.html?fbclid=I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tufo- intl https://www.wsj.com/articles/venezuela-maduro-ousts-opposition-head-of-national-assembly-11578263134 ● ● Vancura- https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/major-drugstore-chains-sue-doctors-in-sprawling-

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11. Member Discussion

- a. PP
 1. Local:
 2. State:
 3. Federal:

12. Miscellaneous Business

- a. RIP Kobe
- b. Rembaum: Read my resolution in senate and please research and ask questions 52-05
- c. KnightPac 2/5 at Hillel 7:00pm

13. Final Roll Call

- a.

14. Adjournment

- a. 7:32PM

Key:

P - Present
 A - Absent
 E - Excused
 MTD - Move to debate
 MTV - Move to vote

MTA- Move to amend

PP - Postpone
 PPI - Postpone indefinitely
 GC - general consent

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