

# University of Central Florida Student Government Association



Governmental Affairs and Policy Committee (GAP)  
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UCF Student Union – Senate Workroom  
 January 6, 2020 | 5:15PM  
 Senate Work Room

## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 5:26PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum

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Pro Tempore Representation

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3. Approval of the Minutes:
  - a. 11-25-19
    - i. GC
4. Approval of the Agenda :
  - a. 01-06-20
    - i. GC
5. Announcements from the Chair
  - a. Chair Elections will be today
  - b. Spring Debate in the planning stages
6. Announcements from the Vice-Chair
  - a. How was everyone's break?
  - b. Newsletter is back in action!
    - i. New composition method
    - ii. Foreign affairs column
  - c. Opinions on conducting new student survey?
7. Announcements from Committee Members
  - a. None.
8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members
  - a. Pro Tempore Davis- "Adrian has a new initiative tracker on the way. He will discuss it more on the floor."
    - i. If you want to participate in the upcoming IM Sports, reach out to Adrian.
    - ii. The committee of the month for the month of January is going to be the most competitive yet.
    - iii. Senator of the month will be decided for the month of January as well, by Fritz.
9. Old Business
  - a. Foreign affairs column for the newsletter -- Tufo
    - i. PP
10. New Business
  - a. Newsletter V3.E1
    - i. Publication Date
      1. Decided after Vice Chair is elected
  - b. Survey Creation
    - i. NCAA - Slaughter/Rotem

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1. Still in the works of being perfected
2. Hopefully will be ready by the end of the month

*Updates/Articles of Interest for the Newsletter - Level Assignments*

Local	State	Federal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Galloway</li> <li>● Albar</li> <li>● Bonefont</li> <li>● Rembaum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hyman</li> <li>● Slaughter</li> <li>● Raz</li> <li>● Guerra</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tufo</li> <li>● Vancura</li> <li>● Milgram</li> <li>● Orphali</li> </ul>

11. Member Discussion - PP

- a. Local:
- b. State:
- c. Federal:

12. Miscellaneous Business

a. Chair Nominations

- i. Galloway
- ii. Slaughter
- iii. Vancura
- iv. Tufo - decline

b. Speeches

- i. Galloway: Previous experience chairing the meeting and working on GAP as vice chair.
- ii. Slaughter: No formal positions in SGA, but wants to focus on delegating work as a leadership style. GAP could do more. We could approach RSOs that have a stake in legislation and have them help us. Trust is important and we should all work towards new goals. Wants to ensure a smooth transition.
- iii. Vancura: New to senate (2nd semester). Wants to take the approach of having each person on the committee showcase their talents. Initiatives include garage safety, helping committee members, and moving GAP in a new direction.

c. Questioning:

- i. Giorgi: When I see a perfect chair, accountability is important to me. Tell me one thing they did well and one that could be done better.
  1. Slaughter - The NCAA survey delegation went well but it could have been overseen by the chair.
  2. Vancura - The debate was a smoothly run, however, there were some times when people on the committee did not have enough work to go around.
  3. Galloway - Everything went well (DATC, DACH, Debate, etc), GAP is her life. Rachel worked directly with me to speak to Slaughter’s point about oversight and

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the barriers with the NCAA. Rachel has also asked for initiatives in order to give advice. I cannot say there is anything she could have done better, despite compliance issues we are here for the student body and should be accountable as members.

- ii. Orphali: Part of the responsibilities of GAP is to educate students on governmental affairs. How do you stay educated on political news and how to rank yourself on political knowledge?
  1. Vancura: Youtube, TV, CNN/FOX, push notifications. I immerse myself quite a bit on what's going on in order to formulate opinions.
  2. Galloway: CNN alerts, occasional articles, twitter. I would not rank myself very high on political knowledge - I do not invest myself in the media because they are paid to do a job. I prefer to speak with strangers to gauge their knowledge and beliefs. Political leaders and media do not always represent average opinions.
  3. Slaughter: Through this position, I want to mend the gap between us and the student body. We need to go to Tallahassee, I want to do Legislative Scholars, I did debate and debate camp, obviously I stay informed. 8/10.
- iii. Rembaum: What is your number one initiative that you wish to accomplish as chair - be specific.
  1. Galloway: My number one is to branch out and get back to speakers being invited. Especially from UCF administration, it helps us better connect with decision-makers on campus and affect the student body. Austin coming in from H4H was great, but speakers of authority and experience can be
  2. Slaughter: my biggest initiative is to keep people in the loop. Attendance is an issue today, I would want everyone to be prepared and efficient. I want to communicate our work and collaborate internally and with the student body.
  3. Vancura: Top initiative is putting mirrors in the parking garages. I have a vision to make the school a better place, the mirrors would be representative of the betterment of the school and long lasting impacts attributed to GAPs work.
- iv. Tufo: Are you looking to continue some of our old work (newsletter, etc) or do you wish to build upon it?
  1. Slaughter: We should do monthly newsletters instead of weekly. I would delegate this task. News develops.
  2. Vancura: I want to keep a lot of our traditions. I like the newsletter being biweekly. I want to emphasize and continue debates, and experiential trips like DATC and connecting with the students. I would like to add new ideas based on what the committee presents and what we are capable of.
  3. Galloway: I echo a lot of Vancura's sentiments. The biweekly schedule works for us. Students will not read something more in-depth. Links should be included in the letters. As a committee we can work very hard, but it is a team effort. We need to all try to work harder and put more effort in. We are powerful individuals, we can handle the work. There is no need to stop doing anything we are currently doing and we could build upon them.

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- v. Rembaum: How do you plan to improve relations with Exec?
  - 1. Vancura: I have gotten relatively close with exec, especially with GAC Zak, I think I could well with him and foster better relations with other members. Working in tandem with exec on big events, a strong relationship with the branch under my leadership is aimed for.
  - 2. Galloway: I value cohesion between branches. Personally, I would like to work on relations with not just exec but also judicial in their context of working with students. I have known Zak for quite some time and he has helped me with my personal initiatives. I have been recently in contact working with the director of comms for the newsletter to reach more students. Branch relations are important and keeping tensions low is my goal.
  - 3. Slaughter: I love Zak too. #supportGACZak. I have learned the hard way in terms of relations with other branches. Our public transportation system was an initiative of mine and I worked with Emmet to see what Senate could do to help him. This meeting kickstarted me and put me in contact with leaders on campus. However, after this Emmet presented a new contract and new information and I did not understand the gap. Secondly, I have worked to hold Diego accountable as scholarship chair despite many shortcomings in his leadership.
- vi. Rembaum: How do you plan on informing students about events and education for the 2020 elections.
  - 1. Galloway: see agenda for a new initiative. I will be looking to do this whether I am chair or not. This is to gauge student opinions and knowledge about WW3, 2020 elections, and on-campus polling sites. Additionally, we should table with SBA to foster greater communication between SGA and the student body.
  - 2. Slaughter: One thing we could do is provide support to CR and CD. We can help them host events and hear about their stances. This could increase awareness among the student body as well as tying in the community. This may help up their RSOs membership also.
  - 3. Vancura: Social media is our biggest asset. if we want to reach a generation of people who are buried on their phones, we need to reach them on their phones. I know there has been a push but we need to try harder and be specific about how we can advance our social media presence.
- vii. Rembaum: What is each of your availabilities like this semester.
  - 1. Slaughter: Academically T/TH, in my fraternity there are no events to plan so I hope to get more engaged with senate.
  - 2. Vancura: Academically classes MTW mornings and early afternoon; I would have ample time to dedicate to this position
  - 3. Galloway: Academically 2 classes in person, 2 classes online. I freed up a lot of my time by leaving a relationship.
- viii. Debate:
  - 1. Giorgi: I originally was not going to debate or vote, but after hearing everything I changed my mind. I came into this with a fresh perspective being new to sitting

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on GAP, so all of this is based on today's performance. I feared that GAP may begin to step on SBA's toes. I don't want GAP to be disbanded again due to overlapping interests, so I will be supporting Beka.

2. Rembaum: I liked everyone's answers but I thought Beka's solution for cross branch relations.

ix. Vice Chair Nominations

1. Rotem
2. Tufo - decline
3. Vancura - decline
4. Slaughter

x. Vice Chair Postponed

13. Final Roll Call

- a. Same as initial plus Senator Raz and Senator Albar

14. Adjournment

- a. 6:45 PM

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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