

University of Central Florida Student Government Association



Legislative, Judicial, and Rules Committee (LJR)
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UCF Student Union – Senate Workroom
Monday, January 13th
3:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 3:02 P.M.
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 9/13

<u>Name</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Final</u>
Chair Emma Custis	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
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Senator Rembaum	sga_ba6@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Rutledge	sgaec9@ucf.edu	A	A

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Pro Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P
Attorney General	Sga_ag@ucf.edu	P	A

3. Approval of the Minutes: Approved GC
4. Approval of the Agenda: Approved GC
5. Announcements from the Chair:
 - a. Welcome to LJR, Senator Guerra!
 - b. Happy Belated Birthday, Senator Rembaum!
 - c. Next Week's Meeting Time
 - d. Effective Communication
 - i. When I or the vice chair send something out in the group me please respond
 - ii. Please join socials and bonding
 - e. Joint Socials/Bonding
 - i. SBA has brought up the idea of joint socials not only with us but with other committees too
 - f. Committee Attendance
 - i. Please let me know if you're missing the meeting 24 hours in advance or as soon as possible
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair:
 - a. Hope you all had a great weekend!
7. Announcements from Committee Members:
 - a. E&A Rep: There is going to be 9 confirmations going through this week, all election commissioners. We will also see Vice Chair Regan on the senate floor on Thursday to confirm him into the College of Sciences.
 - b. SBA Rep: Joint socials
 - c. GAP Rep: Last week we had chair and vice chair elections
 - i. Talked about the newsletter and plans on adding an international section
 - ii. Senator Raz was elected Vice Chair
8. Announcements from the Pro-Temp:
 - a. Hope you all had a great weekend and great new year
 - b. We are going to make sure we get the committee for the month of January
 - c. We don't have the opportunity to play dodgeball. Make sure you fill out the survey if you're interested in playing this semester. I am sending it out again this week.
 - i. Did you send the survey to all members of SGA or just senate?
 1. Just senate
 - ii. When are one-on-ones starting?
 1. Like I said on the senate floor, I will not be announcing when we are doing it, but it is starting today
9. Announcements from the Attorney General:
 - a. I am looking forward to reviewing your bills

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- b. I will be available on Mondays this semester so you will be seeing more of me
 - c. If you have any questions about election commission, feel free to reach out
 - i. Chair Custis: I spoke with someone who is on EC. They said there are still 4 people on the commission but 8 people were appointed meaning there were 12 people appointed and there are only 10 seats. How does that work?
 - 1. AG Tuley: 2 Commissioners resigned that's why there were 8 appointments made. There resignations were sent to the EC email.
 - ii. Chair Custis: How did you choose the final person once the Supervisor of Elections resigned? To my knowledge there was someone who appointed when they didn't even apply to EC. I'm curious to see what was the process for picking people to join.
 - 1. AG Tuley: We wanted to make sure we had a full commission. We had done interviews with people over the break. I spoke with the Supervisor of Elections before he stepped down and sent me a list of the people that they felt comfortable with being commissioners. I looked over that list and I said that those people could fill in the available seats and shortly after three more seats opened up. After looking at applications again, there wasn't anyone there that I was comfortable with joining the commission. I met with Supervisor Trittin and Kyler and she suggested Senator Rutledge and said she has worked with him in the past and he has expressed interest in the commission. She thinks he would make a great addition the commission. He was in the office that day so we sat down with him and talked about his time commitments and the expectations from the job. He said he had knowledge about Title VI and I asked him some questions and he seemed very knowledgeable about it and I felt confident appointing him at that point.
10. Announcements from Non-Committee Members:
- a. Justice Dinkin: We are looking forward to working with you all and we are working on drafting a new judicial review and procedure and Title V
 - i. Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: If you happen to not be in the office, which seat are you?
 - 1. Justice Dinkin: Seat 7
11. Old Business:
12. New Business:
- a. Bills
 - i. Internal Bill 52-02
 - 1. Amending 308.4
 - 2. 308.3 states membership for FAO, CRT, E&A, and LJR. This is the exact same wording as 308.4
 - 3. There is no need to have LJR's separate committee membership. The only part that was relevant that was not already said was 308.4 B which would just become 308.3 A
 - 4. AG Tuley: Are there any planned changes to Title III at any point?
 - a. Chair Custis: Title III yes. There is another bill going through next.

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5. Vice Chair Regan: For 52-02 to 52-03, they both are in the same section and they're not technicals but they don't change the overall meaning of what that section is doing. Would you feel comfortable doing it together and then any other updates to that section making that one big bill?
 - a. Chair Custis: If you guys are comfortable making this one big bill I'm comfortable too. If we can amend it right now, let's do it.
6. Senator Alhaddad: In this bill we are striking 308.4 shouldn't we also include 308.5 and revising that to 308.4
 - a. Chair Custis: That would then become a technical, if I'm not mistaken.
7. MTD
 - a. Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: I don't see this being a problem in making this one big bill or two small bills. They seem like things we need to change anyways, as long as they get passed and get done, I see no problems with it.
 - b. Vice Chair Regan: I'd like to see them be just on big bill where we can go clean up Title III because I know there's there things that contradict with statutes. I would like to eventually PPI it.
 - c. Chair Custis: I'm for combining parts, but when we try to revise title III all at once, I am hesitant that there might be some parts that are contentious versus others that are not and a bill might fail. The reason I want to get it done ASAP because there are things that should be in effect now that aren't such as having a GAP rep. I know E&A tried to do a giant sweep of Title VI, but there are still problems with it.
 - d. Senator Rembaum: I'm not opposed to passing this right now and then doing a giant sweep of Title III.
 - e. Vice Chair Regan: I don't think there are things within Title III that would be continuous on the floor. I think if it got to the point that a certain thing got contentious we could just strike it out of the bill.
 - f. Senator Alhaddad: I would be ok passing these two bills quickly if it was time sensitive to senate. I think we need to uphold statutes seriously, not just another pdf. This looks reasonable and I think if this is a priority, then I would vote on this right now instead of PPI.
 - g. Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: Join these 2 that seem non-controversial, make that one bill, pass that one, and then go through Title III within 2 weeks and pair up things that we see can be passed together. Have the controversial stuff be one separate bill and tackle that later.
 - h. Chair Custis: Are you interested in seeing these two together, since they are all under Title 308?
 - i. Committee: Yes
 - i. Senator Rembaum: I personally like the additions. WE have been doing it all last semester and it wasn't in there and it needs to be there as a formality.

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- j. Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: Thank you Chair Custis for the snacks.
- 8. Motion to table Bill 52-02 and Bill 52-03; GC
- 9. Move to see amendments as a block
 - a. Adding an LJR rep in GAP
 - b. Change the wording to “multiple” committees because there are more than just SBA and E&A
 - c. If you’re on GAP you can’t be GAP rep
 - i. 7-0-1; Amendments passed as a block
 - d. Senator Rembaum: I’m in favor of all of this.
- 10. MTV
 - a. 6-0-1; Internal Bill 52-02 Passed
- ii. Internal Bill 52-03
 - 1. MTD
 - 2. MTV
 - a. 7-0-1; PPI’d
- b. Resolutions
- c. Absences
 - i. Senator Arslan Akhmetov (Full absence, 01/09/2019)
 - 1. Said he was going to be out of town
 - 2. Would be returning to Orlando late Thursday
 - 3. Did not send any documentation
 - 4. Senator Alhaddad: Did he send this email before or after?
 - a. Chair Custis: He gave prior notice that he wasn’t going to be resigned but he currently has an unexcused absence.
 - b. Senator Alhaddad: I know for the first senate meeting if you don’t show up, you’re automatically resigned?
 - i. Chair Custis: It’s only if you don’t give prior notice to me and Pro-Temp Davis
 - ii. Senator Alhaddad: What counts as a prior notice?
 - iii. Chair Custis: I count the written notice as an email or Knightconnect notice.
 - iv. Senator Alhaddad: So if I were to miss it, I could just write you an email and take it as an absence and instead of a resignation?
 - v. Chair Custis: Yes, as long as you give me prior notice that you are not going to be there that is what really matters in the resignation.
 - 5. MTD
 - a. Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: There’s really no explanation. He did have prior notice so this would just be an absence. I would not excuse it; if it had more explanation then I probably would.
 - b. DPT Guerra: I think we should PP until next week until we get more clarification.

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- c. Senator Alhaddad: I'm fine for the absence. I don't know the circumstances, but from January 3rd he knew he wasn't going to be there. He had plenty of time to explain why he wasn't going to be there.
 - d. Vice Chair Regan: Is he requesting an absence or notifying?
 - i. Chair Custis: Notifying. As long as he is notifying he is fine or can clarify the request.
 - e. Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: Is this not a formal application for an absence request?
 - i. Chair Custis: I said fill out the absence request and he said I can't find it and I sent him the page and how to do it.
 - f. Senator Rembaum: I'm having trouble voting for it because the email is not clear.
6. Motion to PPI
- a. Pro-con:
 - i. Pro: If this was PPI'd what would happen?
 1. Chair Custis: I would let him know about the decision and tell him to submit an absence request. I would say he has a certain amount of time to submit the request.
 - ii. Con: We are viewing it as an absence. Per senate rules, he wouldn't be affected negatively since he gave notice and we have enough time to look over it, if he still wants to request an absence.
 - iii. 6-1-0; Con: Move to voting procedures
7. MTV
- a. 6-1-0; PPI'd
 - ii. Senator Kamila Ismailova (Full absence, 01/09/2019)
 1. Gave notice that she was not going to the meeting.
 2. Promises the absence won't happen again.
 3. Vice Chair Regan: There's nothing in the email asking for an expungement?
 - a. No
 4. Sam: Did she fill out the form?
 - a. No
 5. AG Tuley: So we can't just assume? I don't think she just sending you an email to be like "Hey Emma, I wanted to know this." She was in Russia, we can't make an assumption for someone being across the world?
 6. Pro-Con
 - a. Senator Rembaum: She sent pictures that she was not going to be here. To my interpretation, she wanted to see it as an absence and get it expunged or not.
 - b. Vice Chair Regan: Senate rules says that she needs to notify if she is not going to be there. There is nothing in there that says she wants it to be heard as an absence or not.

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- c. 4-3-0; Pro: Remaining in questioning
7. AG Tuley: How many emails did you receive with people's flight plans?
 - a. Chair Custis: Just 2. I did get notice of people that were not going to be here that were submitted through Knightconnect. We are discussing if she bluntly asked if she wants it to be an excuse or not.
 - b. AG Tuley: Has it ever been communicated that senators must say specifically have to say the phrase "please expunge my absence" in order for it to be considered an expungement or is it just told "communicate to the LJR committee for absences?"
 - c. Chair Custis: It has never bluntly stated that you have to say certain words to request an absence.
8. Senator Alhaddad: To expunge an absence, do they have to fill out the form?
 - a. Chair Custis: No, it is not designated anywhere in Senate Rules that they are required to fill out the form on Knightconnect.
 - b. Senator Alhaddad: Did you contact her back asking if she wanted it expunged or was just letting you know?
 - i. Chair Custis: I did send her a follow up to say that it was going to be seen. If you want me to tell senate that if you are going to email me a request you have to say "I'm requesting an expungement" I can do so.
9. Senator Rembaum: I would like other committee members to look at Senate Rule 7.06. I'm confused on the wording on it, whether for requesting the absence to be expunged. Does it need to be written or just provide the evidence? I think it's open to interpretation
 - a. AG Tuley: I think this is pretty clear. I looked at the email for 30 seconds and yes she wants this excused. Even if she doesn't, if she sent it to the committee I don't know why the committee couldn't hear it? I don't think you have to say the phrase "please excuse my absence."
10. MTD
 - a. Senator Milgram: This case is similar to the last one, but neither specifically said they would like an expungement so I think we should do the same thing to this as we did as the last one.
 - b. Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: I agree with AG Tuley. She did provide documentation of her flight itinerary explaining why she won't be at the meeting, I think that is the key difference between both cases. I would move forward to either approve or deny this.
 - c. Senator Alhaddad: Since we have the AG here, if AG says we can look at this as we see fit. Then I think we can go forth voting on this.
 - d. Vice Chair Regan: If you wanted this excused, then I think you should explicitly say that you want it excused. If you wanted this excused say you want it excused if not just notify

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- e. AG Tuley: The reason I didn't feel comfortable speaking up about the last one being PPI'd was because there were other issues; he did not provide documentation or information. To me there were more issues in the last case were we decided to PPI. It's clear from a common sense perspective that she is asking for an excuse, so I don't have any issue voting for this I just don't think it should be PPI'd.
 - f. Senator Rembaum: I agree with AG Tuley. If this point of contention for the committee we are looking at this senate rule today and we can draft a bill or resolution to fix and I do think we should vote for it
 - g. Sam: In 7.06 B it says that he need to request the absence be excused. I want to go along with what AG Tuley has to say how ever this is what the Senate Rule says.
11. MTV
- a. 5-0-2 Absence excused
- iii. Senator Benjamin Milgram (Full absence, 01/09/2019)
- 1. I had a fever and was sick for the latter half of last week
 - 2. The student health center has a new way of verifying that you went in for a visit, but you can only send it to professors.
 - 3. MTD
 - a. Vice Chair Regan: The health center's online center sucks. I do believe that you were sick.
 - 4. MTV
 - a. 6-0-1; Absence excused
- d. Blanket Excuses
- i. Senator Alexis Larsen (Blanket Excuse to Leave Early)
 - 1. Blanket excuse until February 20th.
 - 2. Has nursing school clinical an hour away
 - 3. Starts clinical at 6:30AM, requiring her to be up at 4AM and on Friday she has clinical at 8AM and has to wake up at 6AM.
 - 4. Vice Chair Regan: What time does she want to leave?
 - a. Chair Custis: 10PM
 - 5. MTD
 - a. Vice Chair Regan: That is awfully early and I encourage you to vote in favor.
 - 6. MTV
 - a. 7-0-0; Blanket Excuse Approved
 - ii. Senator Milgram (Blanket Excuse)
 - 1. I have a class from 6PM to 7:20PM on Thursdays in CB1
 - 2. Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: Should this be a blanket excuse since we have 30 mins to call ourselves present and voting.
 - a. Senator Rembaum: We do have 30 mins but what if the class runs late and then he's late by 31 minutes?

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3. Chair Custis: Are you still in this class?
 - a. Senator Milgram: Yes
 4. MTD
 - a. Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: I'm fine with it. He will be at the meeting right after class.
 5. MTV
 - a. 7-0-0; Approved
12. Member Discussion
1. Senate Rule Revision
13. Miscellaneous Business
1. E&A Rep Elections:
 - a. PP elections until next week
 2. GAP Rep Elections:
 - a. Nominations
 - i. Senator Rembaum
 - b. Senator Rembaum: I went to the last two meetings and really enjoyed it.
 - c. MTD
 - i. Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: Great guy and I hope to see your reports next week.
 - d. MTV
 - i. 7-0-0; Senator Rembaum is GAP Rep!
 3. Senator Rembaum: Thank you for the cake and snacks!
14. Final Roll Call: 7/13
15. Adjournment: 4:36PM

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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