

University of Central Florida Student Government Association



Legislative, Judicial, and Rules Committee (LJR)
 Student Government Association
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UCF Student Union – Senate Workroom
 Thursday,
 4:30 PM

MEETING AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order: 4:34 P.M.
- 2) Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 11/14

<u>Name</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Final</u>
Chair Emma Custis	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice Chair Kelly Lopez	sgacie2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Alhaddad	sgachps1@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Bonaduce	sgacreol1@ucf.edu	P	P
Chair Brandow	sga_ba3@ucf.edu	P	A
Senator DiGiacomo	sgacie1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Goicoechea	sganscm3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Flynn	sga_ecs4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Larsen	sga_nur1@ucf.edu	5:10 P.M.	P
Senator Milgram	sga_sci6@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Oquendo-Beltran	sga_cah3@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice Chair Regan	sgachps5@ucf.edu	5:10 P.M.	P
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	A
Attorney General	Sga_ag@ucf.edu	A	A

- 3) Approval of the Minutes: 10/24/19; Approved GC
- 4) Approval of the Agenda: 10/31/19; Approved GC
- 5) Announcements from the Chair:
 - a) Unmute the chat
 - i) You need to be seeing the notifications, they're important.
 - b) Committee Absences
 - i) If you miss more than 2 unexcused absences from LJR committee meetings you'll be resigned from the committee.
 - c) Absences are through KnightConnect
 - i) Check your emails for link to Knightconnect
- 6) Announcements from the Vice Chair:
 - a) Please be patient with me and the minutes! I'll be here until around 11:30 tomorrow!
- 7) Announcements from Committee Members:
 - a) If you don't have a second committee, please join ORS. They meet on 10 am on Wednesdays.
 - b) E&A Rep: N/A
 - c) SBA Rep: N/A
 - d) GAP Rep: N/A
- 8) Announcements from the Pro-Temp:
 - a) Sorry I wasn't in the office as much as I wanted to be, I injured my ankle on Monday!
 - b) You have to be financially trained by tonight. I am pulling those when I get to the office tomorrow and I will be non-compliancing people who do not have them done.
 - c) Please contact Pro-Temp Davis or DPT Guerra to be a mentee and are looking for a mentor
 - d) Contact DPT Guerra for IM sports
 - e) I will be in the office next week, so if you have any questions come see me.
 - f) I will send an email to get orientation scheduled.
 - g) RSO Distributions
 - i) Highlight the RSO's within your college with your assigned seat color. If the RSO isn't in your college highlight it with your seat color and write your name next to it.
- 9) Announcements from the Attorney General:
 - a) John Tuley, Attorney General and Judicial Advisor
 - b) I am an ex-officio member so I can help interpret things if you guys go over bills and resolutions and provide feedback.
 - c) I am going to try to make the first 30 mins of committee meetings before class.
- 10) Announcements from Non-Committee Members:
 - a) Senate Meet and Greet is at 5pm.
 - b) PP anything that isn't super urgent.
- 11) Old Business:

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- a) Senator Ismailova (Full Absence; 10/17)
 - i) Today I have the proof of absence that you all asked for. I brought it on my computer and emailed it to you as well.
 - ii) Senator DiGiacomo: Do you have flight information?
 - (1) Senator Ismailova: I drove to the different state.
 - iii) MTD
 - (1) Senator Bonaduce: Document says she was not allowed to back out so in my opinion we should expunge the absence.
 - iv) MTV
 - (1) 10-0-0; Absence expunged
- b) Senator Micah James (Full Absence; 10/24)
 - i) Chair Custis: I emailed him three times to email me with more information and he hasn't.
 - (1) Senator DiGiacomo: What was this absence for?
 - (a) Chair Custis: He said he had a Differential Equations exam and he was wondering if his absence could be excused so he could prepare for the test. When we postponed it I asked for more information and haven't gotten any information from him.
 - (2) Senator Goicoechea: Are we having caucus then?
 - (a) Chair Custis: No, I am not planning on it
 - (3) Senator Goicoechea: Is there any chance if he is here today we can ask him?
 - (a) Chair Custis: I personally think we should vote on it today.
 - ii) MTD:
 - (1) Senator Bonaduce: I support Chair Custis, as senators we should be checking our emails. The fact that he hasn't written dictates we vote today, the test is separate.
 - (2) Chair Brandow: Did he submit an absence through Knightconnect?
 - (a) Chair Custis: He did not.
 - (3) Senator DiGiacomo: I think an exam would have been excused. There were too many unanswered questions. There was plenty of time to email more information and it's passed the 10-11 days since the absence.
 - (4) Chair Custis: Not necessary to take a caucus, we extended that courtesy to them to have the opportunity to submit evidence. They are able to submit documentation through Knightconnect as well.
 - (5) Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: I am going to abstain from the vote. We gave the opportunity for the Senator to respond and submit documentation. If we take a caucus, we deprive the students looking for funding at tonight's meeting, to see if we can get more information. The excuse is for academic reasons, but because we don't have documentation doesn't mean we should vote against it.
 - iii) PPI
 - (1) Object
 - iv) Pro-Con
 - (1) Pro-Temp Davis: If he does respond then, it would allow us to reconsider if needed.

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- (2) Senator DiGiacomo: I think we gave the 11 day period once we PPI the first time. Expunging this would be a bad precedent as we move forward.
- v) MTV: GC
(1) 0-7-4; Absence not expunged
- c) ILA Foster (Blanket Excuse)
- i) Sent documentation of her schedule
- ii) Wants to leave at 10:30pm from Senate due to work early on Friday mornings.
- iii) MTD:
(1) Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: In favor of approving this blanket excuse. She does a lot here in SG, the university, and in SGLC. I can attest that she does attend work on Fridays. I urge everybody to vote in favor.
- iv) MTV:
(1) 10-0-0; Blanket Excuse Approved
- 12) New Business:
- a) Bills
- b) Resolutions
- c) Absences
- i) Chair Moscol
- (1) Requesting a meeting absence request
- (2) MTD:
- (a) Senator Bonaduce: I say we approve it. He expressed an interest in coming in later and family tensions can be big.
- (b) Chair Custis: He is the chair of a committee, so he wouldn't intentionally miss a meeting if this wasn't important.
- (c) Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: We have appealed the decision of unexcused absences for different and less worthy absences.
- (3) MTV
(a) 9-0-1; Absence expunged
- ii) Chair Brandow
- (1) Next Friday I have a doctors appointment in Miami. I submitted documentation about my appointment.
- (2) MTD
- (a) Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: As chair of a committee she is capable of completing her tasks before leaving. I urge you to vote in favor as it is for health reasons as well.
- (b) Senator Bonaduce: I have driven to Miami before and it's a tiring ride. For safety reasons I urge you to excuse this absence.
- (3) MTV
(a) 9-0-1; Absence expunged
- iii) Senator Goicoechea
- (1) Had friends over and went out to dinner.
- (2) Senator DiGiacomo: How many unexcused absences do you have right now?

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- (a) Chair Custis: Currently you have 2.5 absences. You submitted a request for retreat which was PP until next week. You missed a final roll call and you missed last week, we are going to be voting on that right now.
- (3) Chair Custis: Did you do anything else besides going to Cheddars?
 - (a) Senator Goicoechea: I had dinner went home.
- (4) Chair Custis: What did you do? You just had dinner?
 - (a) Senator Goicoechea: I went home, I had to work the next day so I figured to go get some rest.
- (5) Chair Custis: What time did the dinner end?
 - (a) Senator Goicoechea: 2 hour dinner. Ended around 9pm or 10pm.
- (6) Senator DiGiacomo: Is it because of the absence of numbers you have that you are asking for an excused?
 - (a) Senator Goicoechea: I am looking to have a full absence. I attended the last LJR meeting.
- (7) MTD:
 - (a) Chair Custis: I saw that you were out having drinks. If you are going to miss Senate I'd be careful of what you post online, and be aware of who's seeing it.
 - (b) Pro-Temp Davis: We have excused absences for holidays and your excuses should be used for that.
 - (c) Senator DiGiacomo: We have our unexcused absences for situations like this.
- (8) MTV:
 - (a) 0-4-5; Absence unexpunged
- iv) Senator Maldonado
 - (1) Had to miss Senate because of a doctors appointment in Tampa the next day. Could not provide documentation
 - (2) Senator Milgram: Did he explain why he couldn't provide documentation?
 - (a) He didn't have it
 - (3) MTD:
 - (a) Senator Bonaduce: Weird that he couldn't provide proof before but possibly could provide one after
 - (b) Chair Custis: I've told him that he has the ability to explain his reasoning in person
 - (c) Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: I am usually in favor of excusing medical absences. A phone call or any documentation could be provided.
 - (d) Pro-Temp Davis: It was the first senate meeting. So even if he was going out with some friends it was scheduled before becoming a senator.
 - (e) Vice Chair Regan: I move to PP this because there has to be something.
 - (f) Senator DiGiacomo: Appointment was on the 25th. There has to be something there.

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- (g) Senator Flynn: I know he had a doctors appointment. I know that's not sufficient proof.
- (4) Motion to PP
 - (a) 11-0-0; PP
- v) Senator Larsen
 - (1) There was a death in the family.
 - (2) Pro-Temp Davis: Would her request for a blanket excuse cover the absence?
 - (a) Chair Custis: She wasn't here for final roll call.
 - (b) Vice Chair Regan: LJR approved blanket excuses and one of the absences has occurred we go back and expunge the absence.
 - (3) MTD
 - (a) Chair Custis: There was a death in the family, that warrants for not coming.
 - (4) MTV:
 - (a) 11-0-0; Absence expunged
- d) Blanket Excuses
 - i) Senator Albar
 - (1) Requesting to leave early because he has class at 8:30 on Fridays.
 - (2) MTD:
 - (a) Senator DiGiacomo: I think we should vote in favor. I appreciate him sending the schedule. Considering parking he is not getting here at 8:30
 - (b) Vice Chair Regan: I have plenty of classes at 8:30 and they are manageable.
 - (c) Senator Bonaduce: If I don't get enough sleep, I can't make it through the day. I am 100% voting to expunge.
 - (d) Pro-Temp Davis: He is a new father and student and I think it's valid to get home a little early.
 - (3) MTV:
 - (a) 10-1-0; Approved
 - ii) Senator Larsen
 - (1) Leaving early for the semester due to nursing school and clinical. Has to wake up at 4:30am in Thursday's and Friday's to go to Cocoa campus.
 - (2) Senator DiGiacomo: What time does the class start?
 - (a) Senator Larsen: Well my clinical starts at 6:30am and it's in Cocoa so I have to wake up at 4:30.
 - (3) Chair Custis: Do you have clinical every friday?
 - (a) Senator Larsen: Yes, every Thursday and Friday
 - (4) Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: What time do you plan to leave the meeting?
 - (a) Senator Larsen: Preferably around 10
 - (5) MTD:
 - (a) Senator Rembaum: We should vote in favor.

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(b) Chair Custis: She is working with sick patients so it's mandatory that she get some rest.

(6) MTV:

(a) 10-0-1; Approved

12. Member Discussion

A. Senator Flynn: Committee times.

a. Chair Custis: Spoken with Fritz and Joe and they have approved meeting times for LJR and E&A.

b. Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: I would like reassurance from the entire exec committee.

i. Chair Custis: Based on the When 2 Meet, 4:30 is the best time for everyone to meet.

B. Senator DiGiacomo: Great job on being efficient and thank you Chair Custis for running a great meeting.

13. Miscellaneous Business

A. Rep Nominations

a. E&A

i. Vice Chair Regan

ii. Senator Rembaum

b. SBA

i. Senator Goicoechea

c. GAP

i. Senator Bonaduce

ii. Senator DiGiacomo

B. Rep Elections

a. E&A

i. Do the meeting times for E&A conflict with your schedules?

1. Vice Chair Regan: No

2. Senator Rembaum: No

ii. MTD:

1. Senator Bonaduce: If it's something Senator Regan has experience in E&A then I vote in favor of Regan.

iii. 4-5-0; Senator Rembaum is E&A Rep!

b. SBA

i. 10-0-0; Senator Goicoechea is SBA Rep!

c. GAP

i. MTD:

1. Senator Flynn: I am speaking in favor of Senator DiGiacomo.

2. Senator Rembaum: Both would do great. Bonaduce has expressed his interest to me about being on GAP. Cami has experience on GAP and is very passionate about it.

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3. Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: I am speaking in favor of Cami. Although she is graduating, I don't think it's something I will take into account when I am voting.
 - ii. 0-6-4; Senator DiGiacomo is GAP Rep!
14. Final Roll Call: 11/14
15. Adjournment: 5:47pm

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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