

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, November 21
4:30 PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 4:32
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 11/13

<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
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Attorney General	Sga_ag@ucf.edu	P	A

3. Approval of the Minutes: 11/14/19; Approved GC

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4. Approval of the Agenda: 11/21/19; Approved GC
5. Announcements from the Chair:
 - a. Spring meeting time: Mondays at 3!
 - b. Shoutout to Cami for being a major asset to LJR both this session and the previous :)
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair:
 - a. Earlier this week Chair Custis and I started drafting a resolution to add debating privileges for Ad Hoc Committee Vice Chairs
7. Announcements from Committee Members:
 - a. E&A Rep Rembaum:
 - i. Chair talked about goals for next semester
 - ii. Revised Bill 52-01; nothing has changed and will move on to third reading
 - b. SBA Rep Custis:
 - i. Chair Barros and Vice Chair Desi will be meeting with Dr. Kizer to discuss band practice locations
 - ii. Senator Gorlin-Tarbel met with DoCA Olsen to discuss shuttle transportation
 - iii. Share the Presidential Survey
 - c. GAP Rep DiGiacomo:
 - i. GAP did not meet this week; looking for a time to meet next week
8. Announcements from the Pro-Temp: N/A
9. Announcements from the Attorney General:
 - a. There is a concern about the posting made for CRT to meet this week; posting was made on time but on the wrong day and by the time that change was made it was past the 24 hours from the committee meeting time. If CRT wasn't supposed to meet that meant that any allocations that they approved couldn't read.
 - i. I went into the CRT meeting and told them that they were not allowed to meet and explained the situation.
 - ii. I apologize to the way I handled the situation, I was acting in the short amount of time I had to try to get that settled. In future situations if anything similar happens we will make sure that is addressed in a more private setting and not something that is addressed more openly with the committee.
 - iii. Students have been notified of Sunshine law at the beginning of my time Senate. There are going to be updates that we are going to be making.
 1. You have seven days to make a committee meeting posting not 24 hours, so you have to post everything by seven days in advance.
 2. You have 48 hours to post the agenda prior to the meeting and agendas can't be changed within those 48 hours.
 3. Looking to speak with General Council about whether we will be specifically following Sunshine Law moving forward or if there is the potential that we can create our own transparency requirements in our statutes, that follow similarly to Sunshine Law but not exactly.
 - iv. There does need to be some education especially on the changes Brodie and I discovered and the things that people are unfamiliar with.

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- v. In the past we have had “informal” meetings and that is technically not allowed because you are not allowed to have a meeting that the student body or any individual in the state of Florida is not apprised and able to attend and ask questions.
 - vi. CRT is going to be caucusing today so we are splitting the committee in a split structure so be prepared for a longer caucus.
 - 1. The students need to be funded and allocations need to be seen in senate.
10. Announcements from Non-Committee Members:
- a. Chief Justice Balikowski: There's three main things that we are looking at in Title V.
 - i. The issue to Interim Chief Justice
 - 1. In most situations it would be more beneficial to have the sitting Chief Justice transition into being the Interim Chief until a new Chief Justice is appointed.
 - 2. It skips the period of having someone go through training and learning how to lead a branch even though they are only in the position for 30 days.
 - ii. We think it would statutory required to have justices sit on LJR and ORS committee meetings to provide judicial oversight and increase collaborations so we have a better idea about what the other branches are doing.
 - iii. We want to remove the distinction between the Internal and External Assistant Chief Justices.
 - iv. AG: Have hesitations of having a justice sit on the LJR committee as an ex-officio member. The judicial branch does have oversight over the work LJR does and that is judicial review. There could be a conflict of interest if a justice were to sit in on the crafting of legislation. Other than that I think these changes are excellent.
11. Old Business:
12. New Business:
- a. Bills
 - b. Resolutions
 - c. Absences
 - i. Senator Benjamin Milgram (Full absence, 11/14/2019)
 - 1. Had a philanthropy event that I could not get out of.
 - 2. On the fraternity's exec board so I am in charge of taking pictures, setting up, and cleaning up
 - 3. Senator Rutledge: When you say philanthropy event, what does that mean?
 - a. Senator Milgram: It's part of our philanthropy competition that sororities participate in. So all the money that is raised in that event and others is going to an organization called Repair the World.
 - 4. Chair Custis: What would the consequences be had you not been there?
 - a. Senator Milgram: We would not have photos of the event. It would have reflected poorly; one of my major responsibilities is to take pictures throughout all of our events. I am also on the committee that had to set up and take down the event
 - 5. Senator Goicoechea: How long did the breakdown take? What time did the event end?

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- a. Senator Milgram: I left the event around 11:30. It ended at 9:30pm-10pm probably around 9:45pm and we had to clean up, there were a lot of tables and garbage on the floor. Then, we had to look at photos, look at who won certain things and see how much money we brought in, so that took a while.
6. MTD
 - a. Senator Rembaum: I'd like to speak highly in favor of approving Senator Milgram's absence. Being part of the same fraternity, I know the strain it's caused and I saw the setup for the event because I live where the event happened. There was a lot there and I would like to vouch in his favor.
7. MTV
 - a. 9-0-2; Absence expunged
- ii. Senator Benjamin Milgram (Full Absence, 11/21/2019)
 1. Today I have my girlfriend's semi-formal, which is not something that I want to say no to attending.
 2. Vice Chair Regan: It's a social event?
 - a. Senator Milgram: Yes, it is.
 3. Senator Bonaduce: Do you already have absences?
 - a. Senator Milgram: I have now two excused and this would be my second unexcused
 - b. Chair Custis: So since the previous one was expunged, he is at one absence so the most he will miss is two.
 4. MTD
 - a. Senator Bonaduce: I also already have one unexcused absence and I am missing senate today for a semi-formal too. I am just taking it and I say you do too. It's a social event, it's something we are choosing to do, and it's not a responsibility.
 - b. Pro-Temp Davis: There is a precedent for not excusing these kind of things. It's not going to have any serious repercussions. I am going to be voting no, this is one of those things you take a personal day for.
 5. MTV
 - a. 0-10-2; Absence not expunged
- iii. Senator Christopher Morris (Full Absence, 11/21/2019)
 1. Says he has class today and has sent in his class schedule.
 2. Vice Chair Regan: How many absences does he have?
 - a. Chair Custis: None.
 3. MTD
 - a. Senator Goicoechea: It's not going to count too much since his absence count is at zero and will reset after today's meeting.
 - b. AG Tuley: I don't know if you can vote on this because he didn't request a half or a full absence so there's nothing for the committee to vote on.

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The committee can't make its own decision, it has to be what the student requested. He has zero absences and it's the last meeting of the semester, just like it pass.

- c. Senator Goicoechea: Did he submit through the form or through email?
 - i. Chair Custis: Just email
- d. Senator Rembaum: Is there a way we can call him and see if he wants it as a half or a full? Personally, I think it should be a half absence.
 - i. Chair Custis: He won't be resigned. We could PP this and see it the first week of Spring even though it won't have an effect.
- e. Senator DiGiacomo: We have seen absences that haven't requested full or half absence and unless they ask for a half we see it as a full absence.
- f. Senator Bonaduce: I think it's implied that this is a full absence. Just because he has no absences I don't think we should ignore it. I think we should take it as a full absence and focus on what was brought up today.
- g. Vice Chair Regan: It doesn't matter what happens to this because his absence record is going to disappear after tonight's meeting, unless he exceeds two absences, which he can't. Just PPI this.

4. Move to PPI
 - i. 10-2-0; PPI'd

d. Blanket Excuses

12. Member Discussion

13. Miscellaneous Business

- A. Move to adopt Constitutional Amendment 52-01; Adopted GC
- B. Move to adopt Resolution 52-02; Adopted GC
- C. Senator Rutledge: Earlier this week there was a conflict between the initiatives of exec and our constitution. The current Kyler and Madeline administration is trying to rename 'SGA' into 'SG' striking the 'association.' Due to reasons stated on the amendment. Other Florida Student Governments do not have the 'association' add-on to the end of their name. In order to make sure that the efforts of the Kyler and Madeline Administration are not obstructed by the Constitution, especially because the change is a superficial one, it doesn't change the content of how any article of the Constitution works; it just changes what the name is.
 - a. Rembaum: Did you talk to Kyler and Madeline about this?
 - i. Senator Rutledge: Yes.
 1. Senator Rembaum: What was their input on it specifically written into the bill? Because when I looked over it, I didn't see their names or the administration.
 - a. Senator Rutledge: My work on the bill was striking the changes of the word association. Every 'whereas clause' was specifically written and overviewed by Kyler and Madeline. I worked with them in tandem from the very beginning.
 - b. Non-Committee Member: I am here speaking on behalf of Kyler. He has looked this over through and through, he saw it, and he

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loves it. It does go with the administrations initiative trying to follow the rest of FSAs and the rest of the universities in the entire state.

- b. Chair Custis: If he is really for it, is there a reason he's not sponsoring it?
 - i. Senator Rutledge: I just didn't write anything there, he would sponsor it. This is my first time drafting a bill, I don't know how that sponsoring process works.
 - ii. Senator DiGiacomo: How long has Kyler been wanting this? Why are we first seeing this today?
 - 1. Non-Committee Member: He has been wanting this before he was elected. We did not realize this was a part of the Constitution when we first initiated the logo.
 - 2. AG Tuley: In 2010 they added 'association' to the Constitution. The version on the website is wrong because they dropped 'association' off where it was supposed to be, it never got put in. When we started doing this we thought we were good. When Brodie got hired he found the 2010 Constitutional Amendment that got passed and noticed that it was supposed to say 'association.' So now we do have to amend the Constitution.
 - a. Senator DiGiacomo: Are we changing it because of the one absence of the word?
 - b. AG Tuley: It says this governmental agency, this organization, shall be the University of Central Florida Student Government. But it should continue to say "association according to the 2010 Constitutional Amendment."
- c. Senator Rutledge: In order to rebrand us from 'SGA' to 'SG' part of that process is instead of saying "Funded by SGA" it will now say "Funded by SG." The problem is that statutes say "Funded by SGA" you can't change statutes until the Constitution says we are 'SG.'
- d. Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: Based on the whereas clause, one of the universities used as an example was USF; which constitution are we using? is it the one that is on their website from 2013 or a new one that was seen on FSA from you guys.
 - i. AG Tuley: I'm not sure about their constitution. I just know they are referred to on their campus as SG. Their logo is a big SG with horns coming out from the top of it.
 - ii. Vice Chair Oquendo: The reason I ask is because in their Constitution says "the Student Government Association hereinafter will be referred to as Student Government (SG) or SGA." Are we modeling them just to go SG or potentially afterwards adding "or SGA"
 - iii. AG Tuley: Our goal is just to go as SG. They are referred to as SG on their campus which is why we use them as an example

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- e. AG Tuley: I have the 2010 Constitutional Amendment so you all can take a look at that. The 2018 Constitutional Amendment which passed and didn't have the word 'association.' The student body did not mean to make that change, it was just left out.
 - f. Pro-Temp Davis: Why are we are we adopting and trying to push this?
 - i. AG Tuley: It needs two weeks from the time you have an approved Constitutional Amendment to market it to the students. This process is more strenuous than passing a bill. If we waited until the Spring it wouldn't be able to get it done and to IT and get on the ballot by the time the Spring elections happen, so we need to get it done by the Fall.
 - g. Chair Custis: Why are you waiting until presidential when it could have been done in senate elections?
 - i. AG Tuley: It couldn't have gotten done. It was after senate elections ended that we found out there needed to be an amendment.
 - h. Senator DiGiacomo: Are we pushing this now because everything next semester 'SGA' will change to 'SG'? Are we going to be seeing these changes right now or because this is the first step in doing that?
 - i. AG Tuley: Changing the logos will be over a couple of years. It's so when we refer to ourselves in an official capacity, when RSOs ask for funding they can put "Funded by SG." When we go on official business for the university we can refer to ourselves as Student Government.
- D. MTD
- a. Pro-Temp Davis: It's superficial it doesn't really change much. The executive branch has the power to change the name of the agency and its logo. There really isn't much reason to vote against. We are reps of the students of the students, I don't see why we shouldn't send them a piece of legislation to let their voices be heard.
 - b. Senator Rutledge: I want to move to see the two amendments as a block.
 - i. 8-0-1; See Amendments as a block
 - c. Chair Brandow: I added the word association and then stuck through it. Would that be considered an amendment?
 - i. AG Tuley: Yes, I would see it as an amendment, but that up to the Chair's discretion.
 - d. Senator Goicoechea: Who is funding coming from for all the changes coming over the next couple of years?
 - i. AG Tuley: AS&F funding. We have already started working with them to work on a plan to roll out the logos over the next 2-3 years.
 - e. Move to see Chair Brandow's Amendment to add and then strike 'association' from 1-01
 - i. 8-0-2; Amendment approved
- E. MTV
- a. 6-1-3; Constitutional Amendment passes
- F. Resolution 52-02

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- a. Vice Chair Lopez: As discussed in last weeks meeting, I just want to add debating privileges to Ad Hoc Committee Vice Chairs. It's adding the same things stated for Ad Hoc Committee Chairs but for Ad Hoc Committee Vice Chairs. Very simple change.

G. MTD

- a. Pro-Temp Davis: Not in favor of adopting this version of the bill. Adoptions are for bills that are time sensitive. I don't think we have to see this in senate this week and I think the senate has the right to see this on the senate floor. We can PP this.
- b. Motion to PP
 - i. GC; Resolution PP

14. Final Roll Call: 12/13

15. Adjournment: 5:33PM

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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