

# University of Central Florida Student Government Association



Legislative, Judicial, and Rules Committee (LJR)  
Student Government Association  
University of Central Florida

UCF Student Union – Senate Workroom  
Tuesday, 02/11/2020  
4:45 PM

## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 4:45PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 9/12

<u>Name</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Final</u>
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3. Approval of the Minutes: Approved by GC
4. Approval of the Agenda: Approved by GC
5. Announcements from the Chair:

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LJR Chair Custis  
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- a. Hey guys! This is going to be my last meeting for awhile. I'll make sure that everything is in check for when I'm gone. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask! I'm only an email/message away.
- b. Recommendation of Censure
  - i. Currently it seems best that the Censure be postponed seeing as how Ms. Orphali currently has an appeal that may overturn her resignation on the senate floor this week. Should the resignation be overturned the committee may then vote on the recommendation to the Senate Floor.
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair:
  - a. Hey everyone! I just wanted to discuss that while Chair Custis is gone, if it's okay with the committee to begin the meetings around 5, since my class ends at 4:45. I wanted to check if it was okay with everyone, so you all aren't wondering where I am when the meeting is scheduled to start.
7. Announcements from Committee Members:
  - a. E&A Rep:
    - i. Heard two confirmations that passed favorably to the floor and successfully got confirmed.
    - ii. The committee is currently working to overhaul Title 6.
    - iii. Diego made 1 appointment last week on the floor on President Gray's behalf.
  - b. SBA Rep:
    - i. Two students spoke about the excuse policy for attendance.
    - ii. SBA saw two resolutions as well.
    - iii. SBA will be electing their new chair this Thursday.
  - c. GAP Rep:
    - i. Newsletters are in your senate emails.
    - ii. GAP and SBA will be tabling together next week.
    - iii. Finalized survey questions and it will be out soon.
    - iv. We saw Appline and Raz's resolutions as well.
8. Announcements from the Pro-Temp:
  - a. We will be making our appointment and confirmation on Thursday. We asked common questions and evaluated the candidates. Senator Bonaduce will be appointed to that position and if you have any questions please ask after the committee meeting.
  - b. LJR was the internal committee of the month! We will work on getting t-shirts made. You can make a design and Senator Bonaduce can make it so that it can be printed on a shirt.
9. Announcements from the Attorney General:
  - a. Released an opinion today in regard to the Chair's ability to resign a committee member.
10. Announcements from Non-Committee Members:
11. Old Business:
  - a. Recommendation of Censure
    - i. 7-0-1; PP'd until next week
  - b. Resolution 52-07 (Resolution Updating the Duties and Responsibilities of the GAP Committee) (Chair Galloway)

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- i. Keeping it constant with the other committees. Specifically saying that we can debate, amend, and pass measures as we have done before, but it is not specifically stated in statutes.
  - ii. Ashley said you don't have to vote on it again, since it was already voted on and passed last week.
  - iii. Senator Rembaum: Someone said that Friant can't sponsor a resolution since she is not a sitting senator? I just want to double check if that's the case?
    1. Brodie: As far as I can tell there's nothing in statutes that determines who can sponsor anything.
    2. Vice Chair Regan: Usually they can't introduce anything, but they can sponsor it
  - iv. MTD
    1. Senator Rembaum: As far as I can tell nothing has changed and I encourage everyone to vote in favor.
    2. Pro-Temp Davis: I think this a good resolution. I looked at it extensively and haven't seen any problems with it. It was the intention of GAP to do things like this, but because it kept getting pushed back at the time it wasn't possible to be written in at the time. I am glad we are finally getting around to it and Chair Galloway is doing a great job.
  - v. MTV
    1. 7-0-1; Passes First Reading
12. New Business:
- a. Bills
  - b. Resolutions
  - c. Absences
    - i. Senator Bishop (Full Absence, 02/06/2020)
      1. Wasn't feeling well so she could not be in attendance
      2. MTD
        - a. Senator Bonaduce: I don't like the way this is worded. If you are sick just say you are sick. The reason I don't like this is because it is so vague.
        - b. Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: As someone who is in another committee with her; As Vice Chair of that committee, I will be abstaining. I don't think that the details are that severe to not share. I will read the message that she sent to the ORS GroupMe. It says "I have a bad headache so I am not going to be Senate. Good luck tonight, hope the meeting runs smoothly." She had a headache, she could not attend.
        - c. Vice Chair Regan: This is a rhetorical question, but where do we draw the line where of what are your two absences are for? I'm really not in favor of excusing people just because they are sick
        - d. Senator Rodriguez: Is this her first absence?
          - i. Chair Custis: Currently she is at one and a half. If this is excused then she will be at a half.

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- e. Senator Bonaduce: I agree with Regan that it is tough to know where to draw the line. If it's something you could show up for, listen, and vote then I think you should and all senators should do that. I don't want to push senators to give too much information. If she would have said she was "sick" then I would excuse it without question.
- f. Pro-Temp Davis: I don't really feel uncomfortable excusing this one. Last time we excused it, Nico was here and spoke on it. I would feel more comfortable PP it until next week so she could explain.
- g. Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: I am going to abstain, but I will make my stance now. I think that this should not be excused, this is something that can be fixed with Advil. I do agree with Regan that this is something that you can use your two absences for.
- h. Senator Bonaduce: I would like to ask her for more clarification.
- i. Senator Rembaum: I don't feel comfortable approving this, but at the same time I don't feel comfortable voting against this so I will be abstaining.
- j. Move to PP
  - i. 4-5-0; Not PP
- k. Vice Chair Regan: Because the person isn't here we are just going to assume and just move on with it. Plenty of people have been sick and excused and today is the day we draw the line? This is such an odd hill to die on. We have excused many not sick and not feeling well excuses this semester already.
- l. Senator Rodriguez: Her lack of clarification in the document would lead me not to vote in favor.
- m. Senator Rembaum: I agree with Regan on this. I don't agree with not PP because we don't have enough information. Since we are not PPing this, then I will be voting in favor.
- n. Senator Bonaduce: I am going to vote no because she can appeal this. Send us something that is clear.
- o. Vice Chair Regan: The argument that we are going to excuse this if they come and speak to the committee in person. The reality is that plenty of people have not spoken to us in person about their absences. A senator who is not part of this committee should be treated the same as one who is sitting on LJR.
- p. Vice Chair Lopez: I always have Joe's statement in mind that we should be voting on what we are presented with. The information that was provided was very vague, so we can't assume what she had or didn't have. I am going to be voting against this.
- q. Senator Rodriguez: She can appeal it. Without Carlos, we wouldn't have known anything and I don't think that's a reasonable excuse to miss a meeting.

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- r. Senator Guerra: I was also going to second what Senator Lopez said where we decided last week that we are voting on what was presented to us. I think we should do that for this as well.
  - s. Pro-Temp Davis: I vote how I feel in the moment and I don't have a precedence.
  - t. Senator Rembaum: I don't feel comfortable with the information presented to not excuse it. I will be voting for it for the lack of information to a certain extent.
3. MTV
    - a. 2-5-1; Not Expunged
  - ii. Senator Brandow (Full Absence, 02/06/2020)
    1. Had a sinus infection and provided a doctor's note
    2. He told me to stay home and get better
    3. MTD
      - a. Senator Rembaum: She has the proper documentation. I will vote in favor to expunge this.
      - b. Senator Bonaduce: It's a sinus infection and it is a valid reason. Her doctor told her to stay home.
    4. MTV
      - a. 7-0-1; Absence Expunged
  - iii. Senator Said (Full Absence, 02/06/2020)
    1. Lives far from campus and the weather was terrible that day.
    2. Takes the backroads and is hard to see especially in the storm
    3. MTD
      - a. Senator Bonaduce: The winds were really hard. We all saw that it was raining really hard. I think that we should excuse this.
      - b. Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: I urge you all in favor. Everyone can vouch that it was raining and storming. She takes an hour and 15 minutes to get to campus. I hope everyone votes in favor.
      - c. Senator Rembaum: I will echo the sentiments of my other senators. It was rough and I had to share a trash bag with Senator Milgram
    4. MTV
      - a. 5-0-3; Absence Expunged
  - iv. Chair Moscol (half-Absence, 01/30/2020)
    1. Study all slides and you'll be good and I did study all of the slides. Studying during Senate and unprofessional. Having my homework
    2. Left senate meeting early because of a Microbiology exam the next day
    3. Left Senate around 11:30PM, right after he finished his report
    4. Provided class schedule and syllabus
    5. MTD
      - a. Senator Guerra: I think we should vote against this because I missed the last senate meeting because I was studying for a test.

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- b. Pro-Temp Davis: We are all students and we all have to study, but we show up to senate meetings. I will be voting no on this one.
- c. Senator Bonaduce: What time does the class start?
  - i. Chair Custis: 10:30
  - ii. Senator Bonaduce: I am torn on this because while I do agree with Senator Guerra, we are students first. I am leaning in favor of expunging this. I am in favor of expunging half-absences because they show up and try and I respect him for not doing his homework during senate.
- d. Senator Rodriguez: What stopped you from studying previously?
  - i. Moscol: I did. It's almost 300 slides. I have been studying days prior
- e. Vice Chair Oquendo-Beltran: Did you consider not going to the senate meeting as a whole and have your vice chair do your announcements?
  - i. Chair Moscol: I didn't expect the meeting to run that long.
- f. Senator Rembaum: I am going to echo Senator Bonaduce. School comes before senate and I admire him for not studying during senate. It wouldn't be fair to the students if he was there and was abstaining during the vote. I encourage you all to vote in favor of this.
- g. Vice Chair Regan: I will be voting against this and I think planning ahead is necessary and this is what your absences are for. I think studying and doing projects should be managed in a timely manner.
- h. Senator Bonaduce: I don't understand why this is a question. He came in and did what he was supposed to do other than vote. If the exam is before 12PM then I think it is valid for it to be excused. This is an easy yes to expunge.

## 6. MTV

- a. 3-1-4; Absence Expunged

d. Blanket Excuses

## 12. Member Discussion

- 1. Move to Informal to discuss LJR Meeting to start at 5

## 13. Miscellaneous Business

- 1. T-shirt designs!!

- a. Send them in the GroupMe and we will have a poll so you can vote on it

- b. Deadline is Thursday

## 14. Final Roll Call: 8/12

## 15. Adjournment: 5:52PM

Key:

P - Present

A - Absent

MTD - Move to debate

MTV - Move to vote

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MTA- Move to amend  
PP - Postpone

PPI - Postpone indefinitely  
GC - general consent

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