

## University of Central Florida Student Government Association



Student Body Advocacy Committee (SBA)  
Student Government Association  
University of Central Florida

UCF Student Union – Senate Workroom  
Thursday, October 31, 2019  
3:00 P.M.

### MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order -3:06
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum -

<u>Name</u>	<u>E-Mail</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Final</u>
1. Chair Barros	sgasba@ucf.edu	P	P
2. Vice Vacant	@ucf.edu		
3. Senator Desai	sga_sci5@ucf.edu	P	P
4. Senator Akhmetov	sga_ecs1@ucf.edu	P	P
5. Senator Bishop	sga_ba2@ucf.edu	P	P
6. Senator DiGiacomo	sgacie1@ucf.edu	P	P
7. Senator Guerra	sgamed1@ucf.edu	A	A
8. Senator O’Blenis	sga_grst4@ucf.edu	P	P
9. Senator Hyman III	sgaecs5@ucf.edu	A	A
10. Senator Grodi	sga_und1@ucf.edu	P	P
11. Senator Correa-Ferro	sganscm1@ucf.edu	P	P
12. Senator Gorlin-Tarbel	sga_hm2@ucf.edu	P	P
13. Senator Appline	sgachps2@ucf.edu	P	P
14. Senator Cruz	sgasci3@ucf.edu	3:16	P
15. Senator Mariz	sgaecs8@ucf.edu	A	A
16. Pro Tempore Rep.	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	A

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3. Approval of the Minutes - Postponed
4. Approval of the Agenda - General consent
5. SBA Chair Elections
  - a. Chair nominations
    - Dianne Barros
    - Ayan Desai
  - b. Chair Elections
    - Barros:
      - Goals to expand some of the duties of the Vice Chair, they have potential to do more for the committee.
      - Bring back focus to concern forms, updates from committee members on the progress
      - Mini state of the university, bring a variety of guest speakers to understand what is going on in the university
      - Tabling in alternating locations. Have calendar up for other senators to see when and where SBA is tabling
      - Chair will not be required to attend all tabling events; committee members can table when majority has time to do so
      - More than just a committee, have socials to work together as a family
    - Desai:
      - Seems crazy but it is a learning opportunity for everyone
      - Goals: Create a warm and welcoming environment to be able to express ideas to one another and keep it professional to keep the meeting going and leave at a reasonable time.
      - Do social days and retreat to know each other better could do a fun fact about everyone.
      - Public outreach goals, tabling bimonthly to reach out, us going to them and they can voice their opinion to us. Public forum each month or bimonthly where students for each college can get together and speak their concerns with senators, have more meetings with RSOs. Have seminars like how to get well, how to get money.
    - Questioning
      - Lucas: Both candidates have good things on goal sheet. What advocacy events have you spearheaded or participated in the past and how will it help you be a successful SBA chair?
      - Ayan: Haven't been part of UCF that long but in high school was part of student government. High school students didn't have access to internet only staff was able to access wifi. This caused an issue for students wanting to finish online

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assignments required by the school. Took initiative to get Wi-Fi on campus for students to use and as a results grades improved, and students were able to complete assignments. Students paid for half of the upgrades for the Wi-Fi. Was of the biggest wins in hometown.

- Daianne: Peer mentor at the university. Mentored STEM freshman students to help them transition from high school to college. Was a point of contact for the students to make their student experience better. Also an SBA committee member.
- Cami: Please provide your definition of advocacy and why your definition is important for the position as chair of this committee?
- Daianne: Advocacy means stepping up, speaking up and not being to take a no. Students might think it's impossible for them to speak to a dean or higher administration but for senators it's possible. Be a point of contact to speak for them, advocate for them, fight for them.
- Ayan: Agree with Daianne because if you won't say no to a student if you want to be an advocate you want to do the best you can. You want to make sure everyone around you is comfortable with you and you support them in every single way to create a loving society. Student is the first priority you want to think about what I can do for them. With advocacy you want to be their voice, you want to help them and do whatever you can. this is a very big role for the chair because you are representing SBA and are part of a committee that tries to make life for students better.
- Joe: One-word answer, please limit your answer to one word. Without using the word advocacy or a synonym of how would you describe this committee?
- Ayan: Support
- Daianne: Support

### ■ Debate

- Cami: Round of applause for both. It's not easy sitting in front of people and getting asked questions. The way that both handled the situation is amazing. Cannot commend Ayan enough to come with a booklet, incredible round of applause for that. Cannot go wrong with either of the candidates. This committee will thrive with Ayan on it. With that being said, speak in favor of Daianne, work with Daianne with a few months but knew the committee would stand tall and won't miss a beat without Daianne. Liked delegating to the committee. At the end of the day it is for the students. Encourage to vote for Daianne.
- Grodi: Echo those sentiments as a first-year senator I am excited to see my colleagues that are first year run for these positions but to continue to see the success the committee has seen in the past someone with experience is important. Senator Daianne has been in this committee. Ayan brings great energy to this committee and I am excited to work with him. Will nominate him for vice chair.

### ■ Vote: Barros 9-1-1

6. Announcements from the Chair
  - a. Thank you, congratulations Ayans for running and am excited to have you on the committee.
7. Announcements from the Vice Chair
  - a. None

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8. Announcements from Committee Members
  - a. Cami: Something I learned from the Trial Team at UCF is to never say sorry during a speech because no one knows you messed up
  - b. Davis: We have exec at 6, financial training is due next Thursday, If you missed any part of the retreat email will be sent with details about training that needs to be made up. If you have any questions, feel free to ask. Thank you and congrats.
  - c. O'Blenis: The RWC has launched an app on previous Monday to find updated hours, sign up for group exercises, and anything RWC related.
9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members
  - a. Congratulations to Dianne, I have payroll paperwork for you after the meeting
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Member Discussion
  - a. O'Blenis, will we open up vice chair elections?
  - b. Farrow: Yes, during miscellaneous business
13. Miscellaneous Business
  - a. Vice Chair nominations:
    - Cami DiGiacomo
    - Ayan Desai
14. Final Roll Call -
15. Adjournment - 3:36 PM

### Key:

P - Present

A - Absent

R - Resigned

MTD - Move to debate

MTV - Move to vote

MTA- Move to amend

PP - Postpone

PPI - Postpone indefinitely

GC - general consent

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