



Student Body Advocacy
UCF Student Government Senate



Wednesday, April 15th, 2020 at 3:30 PM
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order - 3:36
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum - 10/10

Name	E-Mail	Initial	Final
1. Chair Desai	sgasba@ucf.edu	P	P
2. Vice Chair Slaughter	sgacie4@ucf.edu	P	P
3. Senator Akhmetov	sga_ecs1@ucf.edu	P	P
4. Senator O'Brien	sga_grst4@ucf.edu	P	P
5. Senator Gorlin-Tarbel	sga_hm2@ucf.edu	P	P
6. Senator Appline	sgachps2@ucf.edu	P	P
7. Senator Cruz	sga_sci3@ucf.edu	R	R
8. Senator Beruashvili	sga_sci1@ucf.edu	P 4:07	P
9. Senator Acosta	sga_grst5@ucf.edu	P	P
10. Senator Leon	sga_ugst1@ucf.edu	P	P
11. Pro Tempore Rep.	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P
12. LJR Rep.	sgacie1@ucf.edu	P	P

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3. Approval of the Minutes - Approved by GC
4. Approval of the Agenda - Approved by GC
5. Open Forum -
 - none
6. Announcements from the Chair -
 - Hello Everyone!
 - I hope you are all ready for finals week as it starts Monday!
 - We have 1 resolution to see and 1 concern form
 - Reminder: Dr. Cartwright will be in attendance at tomorrow's senate meeting, please be sure to have question/statements prepared for him
 - My Goal is to be able to create and have a day on the SG instagram/facebook page to answer questions and have a live stream
 - Also we need to push out our concern forms
 - Thank you all for a transformative spring and fall semester, I know things have been tough, but I thank you all for not only bearing with me, but taking time out of your lives to work with everyone in the committee. We have a special role here in the university that no one else gets to do.
 - We have approved and saw over 20 resolutions since the beginning of the semester
 - We helped further the push for UCF to bring the Pass/Fail option
 - This semester we have tabled 2 times at our satellite campuses
 - We have had students come to 25% of our meetings this semester
 - We have seen over 30 concern forms just this semester
 - We had strong retention in our committee and added more people as time went on.

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- This semester has been truly transformative, every little thing we do to help is just prove that we care for our students, and we only want to do more!

7. Announcements from the Vice Chair-

- Thanks for a great year it's been an honor to serve as your guys vice chair. I wish everyone the best of luck on their finals.

8. Announcements from Committee Members -

- LJR Report: Erving could not be in attendance Chair Custis will be giving the LJR update. 1 Resolution was PPI'd in committee. If you are to miss the first Senate meeting (May 14th) send an excuse forum to be reviewed by LJR; written notice must be given to myself and the Pro Tempore.
- Pro Tempore Report: Proud of this committee for the resolutions passed and hard work. If you have legislative initiatives you would like to work on this summer, reach out to the Pro Tempore office.
- Appline - Last committee meeting, This was my first committee that I have joined and last meeting Thank you.

9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members -

- Vice Chair Besirevic - First committee meeting in attendance. Just want to note how great of a chair you have with his enthusiasm to serve the students.

10. Old Business

- Resolution 52-12 (Resolution Encouraging the University of Central Florida to join the Open Textbook Network and Lower Student Costs on Textbooks)(Senator Stephen Acosta)
 - Questioning:
 - Q: Gorlin-Tarbel - Are there any other statistics in order to convince the senate floor?
 - A: Acosta - I have exhausted the statistics from open source textbook website.
 - Debate:

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- Gorlin-Tarbel - There hasn't been enough added from the resolution to be remanded. I think there needs to be more communication from the other branches. I don't want to put this back on the floor and feel uncomfortable with the potential of it being PPI'd
 - Custis - I don't see the need to postpone, this piece of legislation can be the introduction for the topic of conversation.
 - Oquendo-Beltran - There are going to be populations within the UCF community. Specifically, veteran students most ORE that we supply are online, textbooks are physical property and that allows for stipends to cover books. If textbooks are a PDF they won't be covered. We have to have a conversation with department agencies before approving.
 - Vice Chair Besirevic - I love this resolution but it's difficult when people rely on books. I receive bright futures and if I do need to pay for an online PDF the legislation does not cover for out of pocket coverage which scholarships don't cover.
 - Acosta - If UCF were to join the textbooks are to be free for students.
 - Vice Chair Besirevic - The biggest concern is students who prefer physical textbooks.
 - Appline - We should reach out to military recipients.
 - Bonefont - this resolution expresses the sentiments, on the therefore be it resolved clauses allow administrations to to interpret and doesn't enforce.
 - Oquendo-Beltran - The barcodes scanned are priced by the institution so talking to corporations are important.
 - Slaughter - When I first joined senate I talked to Fritz about textbook affordability and noticed it was proposed by Gigi Orphalie but didn't pass senate on third reading. I wondered why it didn't pass and today I find myself in a similar

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situation. I believe we are looking for a perfect solution but this resolution has something to work off of. If students were to be receiving free textbooks they wouldn't need scholarships to afford these high priced textbooks. The biggest issue we face is our lack of interagency communication, I think if we were to have Sabrina and Stephanie sign on this Resolution would really come into fruition by fall 2020.

- O'Brien - Are we trying to voice an opinion or propose a solution. I believe a better approach would be to talk to those administrators and be in the step by step process over proposing.

■ Vote Count:

- Amendment passed favorably 10-0-0
- Resolution 52-12 passed favorably 8-0-1

○ Semester projects

- Walmart Shuttle - Michael and Giorgi - none
- Shuttle frequency - Lucas - none, all shuttles have been temporarily suspended.
- Covid-19 Survey - Ayan, Lucas, Micheal
 - I have sent out a possible template for the resolution.

11. New Business

○ New Semester projects

- Appline - While I am on the way out I am concerned about how students are transitioning. There have been conversations about fall going online going online, if we were to conduct a survey it will be insightful.
- Beruashvili - I don't know how much say our committee has, it's really up to the health of the students we can't change the course of actions. If we do notice something and we don't act it looks bad in the face of the student body.

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- Brodie - If the students report “How are online classes going” and they select “bad” that doesn’t answer the question. The survey should frame it as “What can we do to provide a better online experience”.
- O’Blenis - The final call is going to come from the board of trustees and Tallahassee.
- Brodie - Tuition won’t change but fees are to be determined, A&SF fees.

○ Concern Forms

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Name	Email	Senator
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Desai

- I am looking for a general email to contact SGA for someone to follow-up on a concern I have regarding the Fall 2018 Service Learning Student Showcase. I was referred to SGA regarding whether award funds were disbursed.
- OEL

■ Updates on old concerns forms:

- O’Blennis - Does the Organization have to show how the tickets were distributed?
- Pro Tempore- Normally they do, but they don't have to because of COVID-19
- Brodie - Since the event didn't happen, they don't necessarily have to
- Custis - Didi is the new chairman, if you need anyone else's contact please let me know.

12. Member Discussion

- Acosta- Thank you all for passing the resolution, I did reach out to Vice President Elect, and they would read the resolution and give their response, if you want to sponsor please do help out and sponsor.

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13. Miscellaneous Business

- Happy Birthday Lucas!
- For those who are resigning from the SBA committee please do let us know :)
 - Giorgi Beruashvili
 - Atiyah Appline
- Big thank you to all the senators who put in so much work these past few semesters but will be leaving us. We thank you for not only your dedication to this committee and organization, we thank you for always being honest, kind, and respectful.
- Senator Beruashvili - I just finished my thesis meeting, good luck to senator o'blennis
 - From the College of Science dean meeting we discussed trying to create a video for our 2020 graduates
- O'Blennis - Shout out to my colleagues who are graduating this semester!
- Gorlin Tarbell- Thank you all for the birthday wishes, to the senators graduating, you all deserve everything, i'm not going to say goodbye, but see you later.
- Custis- I don't need to be CC'd on anything, but is that going to be a module online for diversity training?
 - Pro Tempore- it is going to be on Zoom, it's mandatory for all senators, it is different from the one back in october.

14. Final Roll Call - 11/9

15. Adjournment - 5:08pm

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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