



Student Body Advocacy
UCF Student Government Senate



Wednesday, May __, 2020 at 3:30 PM
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order - 3:36PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum - 7/10

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	E	E
6. Senator Moore	sga_sci3@ucf.edu	A	A
7. Senator Acosta	sga_grst5@ucf.edu	E	E
8. Senator Leon	sga_ugst1@ucf.edu	A	A
9. EMPTY	EMPTY	EMP	EMP
10. EMPTY	EMPTY	EMP	EMP
11. EMPTY	EMPTY	EMP	EMP
12. EMPTY	EMPTY	EMP	EMP
13. EMPTY	EMPTY	EMP	EMP
14. Pro Tempore Rep.	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P

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15. LJR Rep.	sgacie1@ucf.edu	EMP	EMP
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3. Approval of the Minutes - Approved by GC
4. Approval of the Agenda -
5. Open Forum -
 - Tom Hope - Tomorrow is a BOT Retreat, Student Body President LaRosa will be in attendance. At this meeting plans will be discussed before getting approval from the government. CAL State made plans to go online, we are hoping to meet somewhere in the middle. Overall, our number one priority is to keep students, so we are trying to be flexible while also providing the same high-quality education for students.
 - Questions and Answers
 - Q: Vice Chair Slaughter: Our biggest initiative is our COVID-19 survey. We believe that outreach to the student body at large will yield more information on how we can best help the student body.
 - A: Tom Hope - I have heard about the faculty supporting and if I could offer advice it would be to have other administrators looking over it to make sure you are asking questions in the right frame to get the information we need.
 - Q: Senator O'Blenis 2 questions
 - Q: Has leadership and the president's office considered if there's no vaccine and the spike increase, how will the university go about phasing things out?
 - A: UCF was fortunate to be able to switch to online mode within the first week the cases began to sharply increase. Throughout this time, we have been able to learn what is working and what isn't working. Certain classes that need to be face to face like music and clinical we want to have in person, while classes like calculus could be online. So, when we see what works we are definitely thinking

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about how things would work under any circumstances. We also want to hear some of your ideas on lessons learned.

- Q: Due to us having the second largest student body presence do you see State Legislators adding more funding for online staff to curve the sudden shift from in person workers to a new need for more online staff.
- A: I can see the biggest impact being Financial Aid, the workers there have been overwhelmed. I do think by then we will have more experience and the current staff will be more successful every day. Every school in the country is going to go through budget cuts due to the economy at large. Our biggest source of revenue is from the state, so we are planning for any scenario. To answer it, at its crux I do not think we will be hiring additional staff, we have frozen a lot of the budget so I don't think we will.
 - Chair Desai - Has UCF considered Dual-course mode where it's optional for the students.
 - I have heard from the administration side and how we will work with the faculty, say there's 30 people and 15 show Monday and people switch coming in is there a way we can maintain socially distant. We are mainly trying to protect those vulnerable to the disease and how can we make accommodations for those students. So yes, I believe that option is being looked into.
- Chief of Staff Ryan Regan
 - Open dialogue about initiatives and we look forward to keeping it 2-ways. I will be in the zoom call for both the resolutions today.
- Director of Student Affairs Rodney Graham
 - Here to collaborate, if you have any initiatives feel free to email me.
- President Sabrina La Rosa

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- Faculty Senate - I received a few emails with ideas of what could be implemented. We would like the biggest question to be "Should students be allowed to wear masks for social distancing."

6. Announcements from the Chair -

- Thank you for your patience everyone, there is a lot more to go over today
 - We have 2 resolutions to look over
 - I need updates on concern forms
 - We had a meeting with Sabrina and Stephanie
 - We talked about trying to get a liaison for the regional campuses
 - We also discussed the survey being anonymous.

7. Announcements from the Vice Chair-

- Ayan and I had a conversation with Pro-temp Correa-Ferro and want to focus on collaboration moving forward so when it does come to semester projects that is when we do want people to be most active. I think reaching out to the new senators being sworn in next week will all have their own proposals so being proactive with SBA and new senators would be great.
- Going over our discussion with President LaRosa and Vice President Blanco, we discussed having Rodney sit on our committee either weekly or bi-weekly to act as a GAC like Zak Myers worked with GAP.

8. Announcements from Committee Members -

- Pro-Temp - N/A

9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members -

- Brodie - I do agree that you should look into a faculty member or statistics department would be a great next step to make sure we are getting useful information.

10. Old Business

- Semester projects
 - Covid-19 Survey

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- https://ucf.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bfKpOgShKXxRGpD
- O'Brien - I will reach out to you Ayan as to who wants to reach out to the research department.
- Walmart Shuttle
 - None
- Shuttle Frequency
 - None
- **Yields the Chair to Vice Chair Slaughter**
- Resolution 52-32 Resolution in Favor of getting Proper Lighting for the Troy Driggers
 - Questioning

Regan: What has been done to talk to people that can affect change about this issue?

Desai: I reached out to several people and definitely tried to work some stuff out before moving on with this resolution but with the way things were going, it did not seem effective enough.

Regan: My goal for being here today is to collaborate with SBA and the division of Student Affairs. There are several other things that could be done prior to writing the resolution such as reaching out to Jim, Sara Hunt, and higher administration to plant the seeds we already have. Would you like help reaching out to these individuals before going forward with this resolution?

Desai: Before I send this off, we can try and get this on second reading tomorrow. But before I do send it off, I will wait until it is the appropriate time for me to send it.

Graham: I do believe this is a way for us to start collaborating with the safety and transportation coordinator but unfortunately, she won't be confirmed until tomorrow. What kind of lighting are you guys looking for?

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Desai: Our goal is for us to see what is going on and where we are going across the entire field. We are not looking for a specific kind of lighting nor have we really looked into it. But it would cost about \$800 a month to get the whole field lighted properly.

■ Debate

O'Blenis: Be mindful that anyone can ask to see this resolution under sunshine laws

O'Blenis: move to postpone resolution 52-32

Desai: I object

O'Blenis: Before we pass this resolution, we would need to have a further conversation and collaborate with more people. This resolution is not really the most effective way to communicate the intended message

Desai: I understand that, but I believe the purpose of a resolution is to express something and not necessarily to force people to do something about it. I believe we should vote on this resolution so we can shed light on this issue.

■ Vote Count: 3-1-0, resolution 52-32 has been postponed

○ Resolution 52-33 Resolution to Urge UCF to become a True Smoke and Vape Free Campus

■ Questioning

Regan: As a member of the golden rule committee, I would like to provide some insight to this resolution. Any policies upheld by the university is enforceable. Right now, students can be sent to student conduct for smoking on campus. Reaching out to SDES can be beneficial. Talking to the sustainability coordinator can also be useful in reminding students that this behavior is not encouraged on campus.

Desai: I wrote this resolution because students would often ask me about it. I definitely want to talk to SDES about promoting the smoke free campus campaign next year.

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Regan: SDES can start the campaign again and Student Government can recognize this policy which would mean a lot.

Desai: move to go back to formal; approved by GC

■ Debate:

O'Blenis: It would be wiser to postpone this for two weeks so that everyone can have more time to revise it and the coordinators could have more time to get accustomed to their role

Desai: We can postpone it for next week and do so again next week

■ Vote Count: 4-0-0; resolution 52-33 has been postponed

- *Yields the Chair back to Chair Desai*
- Concern Forms
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		Chair Desai
		Vice Chair Slaughter
		Pro Tempore
		Senator O'blennis

- Slaughter- No Response back
- Pro Temp- Not here
- O'Blennis - Not emailed yet

11. New Business

- New Semester projects

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12. Member Discussion

- N/A

13. Miscellaneous Business

- N/A

14. Final Roll Call - 6/10

15. Adjournment - 5:57pm

Key:

P - Present

A - Absent

R - Resigned

E - Excused

EMP- Empty

MTD - Move to debate

MTV - Move to vote

MTA- Move to amend

PP - Postpone

PPI - Postpone indefinitely

GC - general consent



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