



Student Body Advocacy  
UCF Student Government Senate



Wednesday, July 8th, 2020 at 3:30 PM  
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## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order - 3:32
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum - 15 /16

Name	E-Mail	Initial	Final
1. Chair Desai	<a href="mailto:sgasba@ucf.edu">sgasba@ucf.edu</a>	P	P
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15. Pro Tempore Rep.	<a href="mailto:sga_pro@ucf.edu">sga_pro@ucf.edu</a>	P	P
16. LJR Rep.	<a href="mailto:sgacie1@ucf.edu">sgacie1@ucf.edu</a>	P	P

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3. Approval of the Minutes - Approved by GC.
4. Approval of the Agenda - Approve by GC.
5. Open Forum -
  - I would like to first thank Dr. Butler and Everyone from our Asian Community coming out. We will begin with Dr. Butler speaking about his plans and initiatives through the office of Diversity and Inclusion, after that we will move onto questions for Dr. Butler. I would then encourage you to stay for the rest of the committee meeting after Dr. Butler leaves, or if you have any questions any student would like to speak during the open forum please do so. Towards the end of the meeting we will be talking about International Students and a meeting we had with UCF Global Director Cristina Khan.

\*Move to go Informal\*

- Dr. Kent Butler
  - The Return to Campus and Asian Community Concerns
  - How to make students feel like they belong on campus. Campus climate survey 3 months before spring break was provided to students, staff and faculty.
  - The results will be published July 15th to see how members view the community.  
We are going to continue to have public forums to be open to all students and voice their concerns.
  - We are trying to create space and opportunities for students to collaborate formally and informally for students to be engaged with what we do at the office of diversity and inclusion.
  - We are looking into testing implicit bias within the hiring and retention within employees.
  - In the process of creating a student advisory council separate from Student Government. The diversity council will be ambassadors to serve similar to the President's Leadership Council. "Odyssey Ambassadors" will inform on what is happening within the community. We also want to bring people outside of leadership to get a broader perspective.

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- Caleja - With the pandemic rising and tensions rising across America how is UCF being proactive with our 4,000 Asian American community feeling safe on campus?
- Dr. Butler - It's important for us to know what is happening on campus, while we can put out statements it's our actions that are more important. If situations do occur on campus we are hoping for a channel of operations. We are also looking into what discipline looks like to eradicate any instances from happening again.
- Custis - When will the office of diversity and inclusion start the odyssey program?
- Dr. Butler - If in person classes resume we are looking to implement it by fall. With courses being online we are looking into what the ambassadors to do. We want these members to be the head liaisons and facilitate conversations around campus.
- Lee - Rhetoric is important while conversations are now starting the injustices have been occurring in the community. We should encourage the umbrella organization while the Odyssey is open. How are we going to be aware that members are aware of issues on campus when we do have students who work with social issues such as Black Student union, AIPAC, and other organizations these students would give a better and more holistic view of campus? The new contract with Aramark places a financial burden on cultural foods. Is there anything we as student leaders can do?
- Dr. Butler - This is a hospitality issue with working in the hotel industry they are supposed to provide food sources that comply. A situation like Aramark it's difficult to have cultural cuisine. The conversation should lead towards an addendum that student groups that have events can have reduced cost. We should maintain student satisfaction and there's an issue of quality control.
- Chair Desai - While it is true Aramark is required it's only if you book a room through the student union. There are approved vendors, we could get smaller shops within the community.
- Dr. Butler - How long is the process to get a waiver approved.
- Custis - 30 days in advanced

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- Graham - Aramark was open to the idea of recipes and going through the process before the pandemic occurred.
- Dr Butler - While they have the recipe we want the quality to be met at the demands, is there anyway we can meet at the process.
- Graham -Aramark wasn't quite open to the idea of waivers they are held for liability issues.
- Radtke - CAPS has been running virtual sessions for members would you be open to continue this throughout fall.
- Dr. Butler - I am going to continue the conversation throughout the fall semester.
- Gorlin-Tarbel - How would implicit bias be carried out to students and not just within administration?
- Dr. Butler - It trickles down from the top, we have to define what is mandatory vs what is volunteering. We can mandate at the top of screening for implicit bias that will change the culture, students will reflect voluntarily through the group seminars.
- Palacios - How do you view faculty currently employed to learn from the diversity training and if they aren't being removed from the tenure system.
- Dr. Butler - Our stakeholders have to recognize that we are a safe space so having staff and faculty that clashes with our culture we recognize that it's not acceptable. We can lead them to training but we can't mandate. Employees are entitled under free speech but if we stand behind our statements they know this isn't the place the classroom is not a place to have implicit bias. We need to find legal ways to remove the few faculty that don't stand within our creed. We are more at risk when someone clashes with our values which in turn harms the safety of the university at large.

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### 6. Announcements from the Chair -

- Hello my Wonderful Committee
  - We have 1 resolution to see today
  - Next Week We will have a long meeting, please be prepared for that. I will be sending in legislation along with so many others. If we have nothing planned
  - I want to again thank Dr. Kent S. Butler and our asian community students coming out today and asking question
  - Please don't forget about tomorrow's agency forum. The event will start at 1 pm
  - We will be starting a new social media campaigns as well, I have created graphics for our Instagram page to catch our Student's Eyes
  - We will talk about the Situation for International Students
  - any questions

### 7. Announcements from the Vice Chair-

- I encourage anyone to reach out to me, Chair Desai, or members from the pro temps office on initiatives.

### 8. Announcements from Committee Members -

- LJR Rep- Internal bill updating title 3 was passed in committee.
- Pro Tempore Rep- Financial training is live 1 person has yet to complete financial training it is one of your requirements to be a senator.
- Radtke - Starting a group chat on initiative to have a pen pal program within students.
- Caleja - There's a problem with the multicultural program with 12 member rules. Contacted DGC and NPHC if you would like to reach out feel free to contact me.

### 9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members -

- Brodie- N/A

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- Lee - Wanted to share initiatives that her RSO is doing. AIPAC is our umbrella organization. There will be a tabling event that holds CDC social distancing guidelines. We will have a big little program which will have a direct connection between members.

### 10. Old Business

- Semester projects
  - COVID-19 Survey "The 2nd"
    - Currently Developed a Few Questions with Dr. Massiah for the new survey
    - Goal to send the survey out in 2-3 weeks
  - Creating FAQ Section for sg.ucf.edu
    - Currently started on FAQ for parking garages
      - a. We need to start on the following
        - i. Why SG cannot distribute money to individual RSO's
        - ii. Who to go to when Teachers/Professors are treating students unfairly

### 11. New Business

- Resolution 52-33 (Resolution to Urge UCF to become a True Smoke and Vape Free Campus)(Chair Ayan Desai)

\*Yields chair to Slaughter\*

- Questioning
- Debate
  - Move to See the All Amendments as a Block
  - Vote Count 12-0-0
  - Move to see DPT' Custis Amendment
  - Vote Count 13-0-0
- Vote Count 11-0-0

\*Yields Chair to Desai\*

- New Semester projects
  - Working on the Integrity line

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- Debate
  - a. There are concerns of problems with the integrity line (which goes through the office of institutional and equity)
    - i. Caleja
    - ii. Desai
    - iii. Radtke
- Vote Count: 12-0-2
- Concern Forms

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Name	Email	Senator
██████████	████████████████████	Chair Desai

■ Concern

- Hello SGA, My name is ██████████ and I am the president of a student organization on campus. I wanted to know if we will be able to have in person meetings in the fall! Anything helps, thank you!

### 12. Member Discussion

- Ideas for International Students
  - Potentially Starting a Fundraiser
  - Starting a Social Media Campaign
  - Talking with the Scholarship Chair about Scholarships
- Harris - are there already scholarships in place?
- Desai - something we have to discuss.
- Radtke - Students don't have access to knight pantry is there anyway UCF can organize a resolution so international students can have access.
- Desai - overbearing fees are the problem if you don't pay fees they don't have access. We can create a way for students to gain access.

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- O'blenis - is this for international students on campus housing or all international students.
- Radtke - It's not directed at international but it is these students who pay out of country fees.
- Custis - Knight Pantry you can reach out to the student director because they are funded by Student Government.
- O'blenis - I just checked my senate email about legislation related to increasing caucus representation, I think it's a great idea but I have a few concerns about checks and balances.

### 13. Miscellaneous Business

- N/A

### 14. Final Roll Call - 13/16

### 15. Adjournment - 5:38

#### Key:

P - Present

A - Absent

R - Resigned

E - 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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