



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLICY

UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting

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June 7, 2021
5:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 5:06 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 14/12

Name	E-Mail	Initial	Final
Chair Galloway	sgagap@ucf.edu	P	P
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Senator Gioia	sgacie5@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Hall	sga_cah1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Horowitz	sga_ecs4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator McCluskie	sga_sci2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Nguyen	sga_ecs1@ucf.edu	P	P
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Senator Wasserman	sgachps4@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P
LJR Representative	Sitting LJR Chair	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:
6. Announcements from the Chair-
 - a. Hello y'all :),
 - b. Welcome back!
 - c. Random Sport Fact:
 - i. Jordan had to wear a No. 12 jersey after his jerseys were stolen from the visitors locker room when the team was on the road against the Orlando Magic.
 1. This nameless jersey goes for 300 dollars.
 - d. I will be sending out a Google Form for initiatives within the next few days.
 - i. Please fill this out at your earliest convenience.
7. Announcements from the Vice Chair-
 - a. Hey everyone! I hope you all had a great weekend and are excited to meet with Representative Smith.
 - b. Environmental Fact:
 - i. My fact for today is a bit sad and I apologize. The Northern White Rhino is now functionally extinct. It has survived for 55 million years through ice ages, earthquakes, and meteor strikes, and unfortunately the last male has died and only two females live.
8. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. DLeg Bonefont: Still working on the legislation workshop and scheduling 1-1s. If you did not join the last meeting on SB 1028 and are interested please reach out and we will catch you up. The deadline to assign RSOs is next week so make sure you check your email from DSR Magdadaro for information on that. Also make sure

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you CC DSR Magdaro and Protemp Slaughter on all RSO emails, and let the RSO know also that fiscal policy will be changing soon.

- b. GAC Anzueto: Hi! My name is Kylee, please reach out if you need anything I am here to help.

9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-

- a. None.

10. Old Business-

- a. None.

11. New Business-

- a. None.

12. Member Discussion-

- a. Senator Criesi: Can we discuss what we want to do regarding mid-term elections coming up?
- b. Chair Galloway: We will be discussing this next meeting. I think it is also beneficial if we do something for Juneteenth Day; legislation, promote it on the website, etc.
- c. Speaker Anunobi: Reach out to Director of Communication, Jasmine Fletcher, regarding Juneteenth promotion.

13. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Florida Representative David Smith- 5:15 PM
- b. Chair Galloway: LeBron lost the first round.
- c. Chair Galloway: Thank you Representative Smith for meeting with us. Refer to: [Agenda With Rep. Smith](#). We want to start off by discussing the first two bills that died in committee and on the calendar. What challenges did you face? Do you have any information about how they died?
- d. Representative Smith: They actually didn't die. They were signed by the governor last week. Towards the end of session bills become "trained bills." In the 60 days legislation, there is not enough time to get every bill through committee, so they

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open a bill up and multiple people amend it all at once so it is only seen once and not 6 or 7 times.

- i. It is still my bill and it is passed, even though it is not the original.
 - ii. This is what happened with the School of Hope bill specifically.
 - iii. This is also similar to the George Floyd bill from last year. It became a combination of multiple representative's police reforms. Individual pieces may look 'dead,' but they have just been made into something else.
- e. Chair Galloway: I apologize, the Florida gov. website was not updated, thank you for clarifying. Let's move on to the funding allocated to the UCF PTSD Clinic.
- f. Rep. Smith: \$1,050,000 now goes to UCF PTSD restores clinic and is fully funded.
- i. Some direct impacts include all the different areas that this covers; PTSD, Veterans, first responders, etc. With 1800 veterans that go to UCF, they can go in free of charge. It also covers first responders in the Central Florida area. 17 veterans a day commit suicide, this number is horrendous. Victims of the PULSE shooting can also reach out and find help through this appropriation.
- g. Chair Galloway: Thank you so much.
- h. Senator Horowitz: Hello! I am a junior electrical engineering student.
- i. Refer to this document: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EvyfS2asnbq-hqQ4tpT2vWi9AftKVdsDT/edit>
 - ii. I drew up some excellent bipartisan legislation. I wanted to develop a test solar farm outside the UCF Bounce House. This is perfect for bipartisan legislation because it will save money up to \$500,000 every year and be paid off in 6 years. There is an array of university and academic benefits. This can lead to internships with companies, project management, and faculty and student roles. This should take less than \$3,000,000. I referenced it to the Altamonte panel project. If we can model after this project this will help UCF go into the future of renewable energy.
- i. Representative Smith:

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- i. Let me clarify, there's a huge bipartisan support for clean energy. Republicans and Democrats in Tallahassee are not how they are in DC, bipartisan is not a factor. A lot of people had their appropriations funded because the state had the money and they made a good argument.
- ii. I am interested, especially if it is scalable and replicable. However, I can't ask for money. What I do is present UCF's request for state funding, or Orange County's request. What I recommend is you work with UCF and their lobbyists to fill out the 10 page form where you lay out what the money is going to.
- iii. One requirement is having some kind of matching; YMCA, boys and girls club, etc. When you're asking the state of money, you're asking citizens of all over Florida to spend their tax payer dollars here at UCF. We have to prove the technology is scalable, replaceable, and can be done again in other places.
- iv. You will need some more detail, and it has to go through the university. They are the ones requesting the money and I am presenting the project. That is how appropriations projects work.
- j. Senator Horowitz: Thank you. I will work to get details set in stone and with UCF to get this set in stone. This is replicable in other places, especially those with retention ponds.
- k. Rep. Smith: Get with Zack Myers, my district assistant to get the forms. Does not need to be super detailed yet. The state rarely funds the entire project, it is done in partnership with others.
- l. Senator Horowitz: If I can make a case to UCF that this will be payed off in 6 years then we will have an even better shot.
- m. Representative Smith: Reach out to Janet Owens, VP of Government Affairs. You also need a senate companion/sponsor, Senator Broder maybe or Senator Stewart. And the Senate will have a different form.

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- n. Chair Galloway: I do not want to keep you for any longer, I know you could only stay for 15 minutes, thank you so much for meeting with us.
 - o. Rep Smith: My pleasure! If you have any other ideas for legislation do not hesitate to reach out. Last year I ran a bear poaching bill that came from a constituent that was signed, so don't keep any ideas to yourself, reach out.
 - p. Chair Galloway: If you have any other initiatives for Representative David Smith let me know and we can reach out to him again.
 - q. Senator Horowitz: What does the committee think of the presentation?
 - r. Senator McCluskie: I really liked it. I think Kylee, the GAC, can help you get in touch with Janet or Fred, she'd be best to talk to.
 - s. GAC Anzuetto: I have a meeting with Janet and Fred tomorrow morning, so give me your email and I will update you.
14. Final Roll Call: 14/12
15. Adjournment: 5:49 PM

Key:

- P - Present
- A - Absent
- MTD - Move to Debate
- MTV - Move to Vote
- MTA- Move to Amend
- PP - Postpone
- PPI - Postpone Indefinitely
- GC - General Consent

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