



## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 3:09 pm
2. Roll & Verification of Quorum: 8/10

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Patel	sgapiacaucus@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice-Chair	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Senator Beaumont	sgachps1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Cinco	sga_nur1@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Darmala	sga_med1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Magdadaro	sga_sci9@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Pena	sgaecs7@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Salerno	sgasci11@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Temple	sga_ba8@ucf.edu	P	P

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# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government  
APIA Caucus  
Monday, 3:00 PM  
04/11/2022  
SG Conference Room

Senator Yalamanchili	sgamed3@ucf.edu	P	P
Coordinator Lee	sga_diversity@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: [03/22/22](#); **Approved by GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by GC**
5. Open Forum:
6. Announcements from the Chair:
  - a. Thank you for voting me in. I will not fail you.
7. Announcements from the Vice-Chair:
  - a. None
8. Announcements from Caucus Members:
  - a. Pro-Temp Ciresi
    - i. Hello Everyone!
    - ii. I'll be hosting interviews for the Deputy Positions and appointing them to be confirmed this Thursday.
    - iii. The deadline to submit legislation to me is Wednesday at 5 pm, give me a notice in advance if you think you might be late.
    - iv. 1:1's will only be available on Friday this week due to my busy schedule but if you have any questions or need assistance feel free to reach out to me through Group Me or my email
      1. Calenderly Link to Schedule 1:1's: <https://calendly.com/pro-temp/1-1-with-pro-temp-ciresi>
    - v. If you still haven't had a New Member Orientation yet, those won't be offered until the beginning of the Summer Session.
    - vi. Caucus Chairs
      1. Vice-Chair elections will be held next week
      2. You're responsible for submitting your minutes this week
      3. Schedule a 1:1 with me
  - b. Coordinator Lee: Typically, APIA Heritage Month is in May, but due to the student schedule, APAM at UCF typically celebrates between March and April. It concludes on April 20th. It's a really exciting event, as the RSOs come out and celebrate the end of the year together. There are scholarships and awards that are handed out.

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Again, this happens on April 20th at 6 p.m. in Cape Florida Ballroom. Please come out if you're able to! APAC held the ex-officio seat last semester, and it would be great to have SG presence to get more RSOs to hold ex-officio seats on the caucus.

9. Announcements from Non-Caucus Members:

- a. None

10. Old Business:

- a. None

11. New Business:

- a. None

12. Member Discussion:

- a. None

13. Miscellaneous Business:

- a. Chair Elections

- i. Nominations

- 1. Senator Patel

- ii. Speeches

- 1. Senator Patel: I have never served as a chair or a vice chair, as I am new to Senate. As an Asian American student myself, this caucus was a priority for me. I feel that I will do well in this role, despite the fact that it will be a learning process for me. I was not on SGLC, and I recognize that I will have to learn as I go. I believe I can dedicate time and effort to this role and try to do my best to fill VC Temple's shoes.

- iii. Questioning

- 1. Temple: How do you intend to make up for your lack of experience in this role?

- a. Patel: I will use VC Temple as my mentor, and I will seek him out to answer questions and provide information.

- 2. Yalamanchili: Are you a member of any Asian American clubs or RSOs, have you interacted with them, and how will you serve their needs?

- a. Patel: I am involved with ISA, although I am not officially a part of the club. Ethan also informed me that APAC is a very prominent RSO on campus, so I will likely join their RSO and

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- form a good relationship with their members to further the caucus's relationship with them.
3. Lee: What is your experience as an Asian American on campus, and what are some important issues that could be elevated/amplified through SG?
    - a. Patel: I feel like UCF has been very welcoming and accepting of my Asian American identity. I have not had any issues on campus, but I have had friends that have had issues. I feel like the advantage for me as a member of SG would be having a platform to work on issues that others have seen. I haven't had a platform to work on diversity before, but I hope to do that through this role. I would like to make a form where diverse students can report issues related to DEI or advocacy ideas.
  4. Salerno: What are some of the initiatives that you would like the caucus to see?
    - a. Patel: Get more funding for Asian clubs (like ISA). A lot of their events have been canceled because of a lack of funding. It would be cool to have Asian RSOs sponsored by SG in the future to keep them afloat.
  5. Salerno: What are some of the orgs and depts that you are looking to communicate with?
    - a. Patel: OSI and MSC, as they already work with a lot of the Asian clubs on campus. I'd love to see more communication between those offices and the RSOs to make larger events and reach more students.
  6. Salerno: How has your Asian American identity impacted the way you look at different issues on campus?
    - a. Patel: Because I come from a more religious family, I had different views than prior to coming to UCF. A lot of people have conservative beliefs within their religions, but a lot of people don't. You have to give people the grace of understanding where they're coming from. If there's something I strongly disagree with, I first jump to argue my point, but I now try to empathize with that person's

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background. Being Asian American has made me more open to seeing where people are coming from.

7. Lee: It's popular to say that SG is a learning lab, but there's a lot of accountability you have to take in leadership because SG is so large. You said that you're dependent on mentorship and the guidance of others. What are some of the qualities that you hope to find in a Vice-Chair and what are some personal accountability measures that you hope your committee members hold you to?
  - a. Patel: I'm hoping that the Vice-Chair comes in with a little bit more experience than I have. As accountability comes, if I fail in this position, I am willing to step down from my position. I am open to the committee holding me to my accountability as a leader to continue to push me further.

iv. Debate

1. Temple: I understand that Senator Patel would come into this position as a new member of Senate, but I would like to draw attention to the fact that I came into the APIA Chair position as a new senator, and that didn't preclude my ability to do well in this role. I see this role as a great opportunity for Senator Patel to grow. I admire that he is seeking out this role despite his lack of experience. I see a lot of potential within him, particularly in his ability to take action. We've talked before, and he has a lot going for him as a freshman senator. I encourage you all to vote in favor of Senator Patel to help him grow into a leadership role and as an individual.
2. Yalamanchili: I'm pleased to say that I will be voting for Senator Patel. I am saying this because he has the determination to do what it takes to be a good Chair of the APIA caucus. I can personally vouch for his character. He is honest, trustworthy, and hardworking, which is necessary for a strong Chair. I believe his identity as an Asian American on campus will provide him with the information he needs to run this caucus effectively.

v. Voting

1. **9-0-0 Patel is Confirmed**

14. Final Roll Call: 8/10

15. Adjournment: 3:35 p.m.

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**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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