



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
Charge On Chambers
05/18/2022
2:00PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 2:03 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 8/14

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Hall	sgagap@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice-Chair Temple	sga_ba8@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Almenar	sga_sci1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Bursey	sgacie1@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Caldwell	sgacie2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Castelin	sga_sci3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Darmala	sga_med1@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Domino	sga_grst1@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Galloway	sga_grst3@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Kostis	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Martinez	sga_ba4@ucf.edu	P (2:12 PM)	P
Senator Morey	sga_ecs5@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Simko	sgaecs8@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Urea	sgasci14@ucf.edu	E	E
Pro Temp Rep.	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P
LJR Rep Vacant	Vacant	V	V
GAC	sgagovaffairs@ucf.edu	V	V

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3. Approval of the Minutes: [04/18/22](#) Approved by GC
4. Approval of the Agenda: 05/18/22 Approved by GC
5. Announcements from the Chair
 - a. Welcome back everyone! It's great to see you all as we begin the Summer semester!
 - b. Please take a look at the email Brodie sent out on Monday about the Violence Prevention Certification Series and consider signing up to attend the different sessions. These are important issues that SG leaders should be trained in and made aware of.
 - c. Jimmy Carter Fact of the Week:
 - i. Jimmy Carter claimed to see a UFO over Leary, Georgia in 1969 and filed the sighting with the International UFO Bureau in 1973 after being requested to do so.
 1. He ran for the presidency in 1976 on releasing information related to UFOs to the public. After entering office, he backtracked and claimed "defense implications" kept him from doing so.
6. Announcements from the Vice-Chair
 - a. Hello, there! Welcome back to the summer session!
 - b. I will be over Zoom for the Summer, so please make sure you use the mics as I take the minutes if you are in the Chambers.
 - c. Also with the summer session beginning, we can begin compiling the Legislative Reports on important pieces of public policy. If you need a reminder of the expectations or need the template, they are attached below. These reports can be completed at your convenience, but please aim to complete these by the next meeting.
 - d. Former Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator Lee is inviting anyone interested in an event hosted by Florida Representative Anna Eskamani and Mimi Chan for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month! During the event, Rep. Eskamani will be explaining the upcoming Legislative Session and legislation pertinent to the APIA community. If you are interested, I can send you the invite Coordinator Lee sent me!
 - e. OTD In History:

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- i. Abraham Lincoln becomes the Republican nominee for the Presidency of the United States over William Seward (who famously purchased Alaska from the Russian Empire as SecState).
 - ii. The original Shrek movie was released to the wider United States in 2001.
7. Announcements from Committee Members
 - a. Pro-Temps Office
 - i. Hope you all had a relaxing time over break and all your finals went well
 - ii. The Pro-Temps Office conducted 11 trainings all to prepare the Deputies on the skills necessary for the position this year and plan to use some aspects of the training within New Senate Orientation
 - iii. If you did not attend the New Senate Orientation and still need one please send PT Ciresi an email asap with the subject line, 'New Senate Orientation', so she can begin scheduling.
 - iv. RSO Assignments for this session have been made, you can find the ones you will be representing on this spreadsheet [54th Session RSO Distribution](#). Use this [RSO Email Template](#) as a guide to send your emails. These will be due in 10 Business Days from the next Senate meeting on **Thursday, June 2nd at 5 pm**. Please get these done before the deadline, or you will be held in non-compliance.
 - v. If you need to switch Committee's or Caucuses send an email to Speaker Custis and CC PT Ciresi as well. Also, please inform the Chair so they're aware of your resignation.
 - vi. If you're interested in having a Mentor this session and or interested in being considered as a Mentor please fill out this [form](#) out so our Office can make the pairings. This will be due **Friday, May 20th at 5pm**, if you do not complete this we will assume you do not want a Mentor.
 - vii. All legislation is due by 5 pm on Wednesday send this to both PT Ciresi and DLeg Wangen in order for it to be considered for approval. If you need to submit it a little late you must notify either of us beforehand or we will not accept it for 1st reading for this week's Senate meeting. For those of you that have not written legislation, we have [templates](#) you can use as a guide and you can also consult anyone in the office for further assistance.
 - viii. PT Ciresi's 1:1 Schedule for this week
 1. Wednesday: 3-5 pm (On Campus)

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2. Thursday: 3- 5 pm (On Campus)
 3. Friday: 12- 5 pm (Zoom Only)
 - ix. Link to Calendly to Schedule 1:1's:
 1. PT Ciresi: <https://calendly.com/pro-temp/1-1-with-pro-temp-ciresi>
 2. DPT Wangen: <https://calendly.com/katrina-wangen/30min>
 - x. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or anyone in the PT's Office
8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
- a. Custis:
 - i. The Senate will start at 6 PM over summer and last until 9:30. We will be kicked out of the Union by 9:45. We will need to be more efficient. Be sure to send an email to the PT and LJR Chair should you be absent from the meeting tomorrow. You will still need to send a KnightConnect Absence Request to be excused, otherwise you will be dismissed. I will not be there tomorrow but will be so next week.
9. Old Business-
- a. Refer to the [04/18/22](#) minutes for information about Committee Expectations, Legislative Reports, and the Comprehensive Contact Information Database.
 - i. Hall: Wanted to remind the Committee about what we want to do for the session. Will probably talk about more next week.
10. New Business-
- a. Student Interest Survey Creation
 - i. Possible collaboration with SBA? Both committees have a vested interest in the interests of the student body. Two separate surveys may decrease the effectiveness that one survey used by both could have.
 1. Hall's Rationale: Vested interest from the data in the survey. One survey can be more efficient than having two. SBA will want this for their general advocacy, GAP for government related advocacy.
 - ii. The Student Interest Survey is the basis of many of our initiatives throughout the year, including Day at the Capitol and potential other ideas like Day at the County.
 - iii. GAP needs to promote the Student Interest Survey as aggressively as possible over the Summer and in the Fall. This means working with RSOs,

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other agencies, and various SG and non-SG opportunities events to promote it to students.

1. Biggest Difficulty: COVID and other factors preventing larger scale participation. However, this is alleviating as we grow more comfortable.
- iv. GAP will find ways to maximize the Student Interest Survey visibility at UCF Downtown and the Rosen College, along with the Main Campus.
 1. Campus org. Events don't get the same recognition as SG events, we can use SIS to get that feedback to these groups.
 2. Downtown: Orlando current events impact DT Campus:: Orange County's current events impact Main Campus.
- v. I would like for us to have the actual format of the Student Interest Survey completed by **May 25th (next Wednesday)**.
- vi. At the latest, the Student Interest Survey must be formatted by **June 1st (Hard Deadline)** if complications arise before **May 25th**.
 1. Better to get data sooner than later.
 - a. Questions:
 - i. Simko: Is the survey a one size fits all situation?
 1. Hall: Yes. DT, Rosen's issue is moreso communicating the existence of the survey. If the survey is too long, too numerous, people won't do it. Consolidating will help attract traffic. We do also need to get it more directly in the face of the student body. Perhaps collaboration with Academic Affairs Coordinators, Colleges?
 - ii. Ciresi:
 1. I think this is a great idea. Advocate for survey. Few things: best to have a hybrid survey. If fully electronic, not a lot of traffic. If paper (esp. When tabling) and electronic, fairly short (ranking activity), that can determine the platform for the coming semester. If we do it in summer, continue it into the first week of fall

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due to increased traffic on UCF Campus due to incoming FY students.

- a. Hall: A good thing why we're doing this is because the survey then was set on a hard deadline since they tried to coordinate with Day At The Capitol. The next session begins in March this year. Our intention was running it up to the second week of the fall. We will have more time. Once GAC is confirmed, we can flesh out a timeline and strategies to prevent the issues from last year (ie having a more crunched timeline due to lack of communication w/ GAC).

iii. Temple: Did you meet with Chair Salerno?

1. Hall: Talked with in passing. Wanted to get the committee's thoughts on the matter before approaching Chair Salerno officially. Boils down to two separate surveys or should we have a comprehensive one that combines interest.

iv. Simko: When will GAC be confirmed?

1. Hall: E&A meets next Tuesday. Nominees will be announced tomorrow by SG President, VP. The Cabinet and Director will be next week, Coordinators 2 June.
2. GAC Nominee: Emily Reid

b. GAP Committee Promotional Items

i. Requests for promotional items for the committees to the Office of the Speaker are due by May 20th at 12pm.

1. Hall: Do we need GAP-specific promo? We do a lot with GAC. I don't believe we need promo items at the moment. One of our initiatives

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- would be voter registration. GAP's name doesn't need to be on there especially when we're trying to organize a wider coalition for voting.
- ii. Do we want to have promotional items? What kind of promotional items would we like to see if we did want to get any?
 1. Almenar: Not sure what we are referring to? Perhaps we can get promo that encourages voting, perhaps GAP could focus on that instead of GAP-Specific promo.
 - a. Hall: We're in May, we shouldn't step on the GAC's shoes. Going forward, we will need to coordinate with the GAC and their greater budget. If we can work with other branches (Exec, Election Commission), we will need to talk with them to coordinate ideas.
 2. Castelin: In agreement with Hall. We could have some promo items but for specific events for the GAP committee. Day At The County/City Hall. It would be beneficial to have some for GAP's sake.
 3. Hall: (To PT Ciresi): Is this the only time committees can request promo?
 - a. Ciresi: We're closing in on the end of the fiscal year and we have money left over. That money remaining will be rolled over and we can't use it again.
 4. Temple: In agreement with Chair Hall.
 5. Almenar: Regarding what PT Ciresi said, the fiscal year is ending in June. When is the next time we can request for promo?
 - a. Ciresi: We are not sure we can request funds. It would be better to request from GAC's budget. The Senate does not typically give funds to committees. Refer to DLeg Wangen for a more concrete answer.
 6. Almenar: What can we use to promote midterm elections?
 - a. Hall: We will need to talk with the GAC since the August primaries happen before the Fall Semester begins. We're not just waiting for the GAC to get started on what they want. I am in the mindset that we do not need to start requesting items for these events without the consideration of the GAC, and thereby hurt our relationship with that office. We need to coordinate as much as possible and we could do something

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for the primaries. We don't know how our vision aligns with the GAC, so it requires a lot of strategic planning and coordination. The Report, Database and Survey initiatives don't require the GAC, but DATC and voter registration is GAC, logistically. All of this to say, all the events we would need promo for we will need to work w/ GAC.

11. Member Discussion-

a. Senator Simko: Surtax Transportation Referendum Initiatives

i. Simko: Wanted to share two ideas. First one was to improve relations with all levels of government. How about a Legislative Update? In my community, a local official is invited to give an update to the wider community. How about we get a local representative to give a heads up on what happens and provide us some ideas.

1. Hall: That has been something we were considering, can flesh out next week. When the GAC is confirmed and can work on initiatives with me, we can do something similar. We could bring in a series of officials in either a GAP meeting or a mini-event to let them discuss their legislative priorities and their philosophies behind their tenure or let it be a Q&A. We're not FSU, UF, since those two are loved while we're relegated. We can change that by having our local officials recognize and appreciate us more. We can personalize the matter since they don't know who they're advocating for. It could be in-person or, more likely, over Zoom, in order to have them speak to the student body moreso. TL;DR: Love the idea
2. Ciresi: We did have members come into GAP (Smith, Eskamani) and answer questions from the GAP Committee. We can certainly build a more consistent relationship
3. Hall: Would love to have local officials, not just state officials. We can certainly get more individuals from areas at different levels and in different areas. Gives us a better idea of representation.
4. Castelin: Is this meeting going to be open? Or will it be closed? If so, why?
5. Hall: Question of coordination and whether it is accessible is up for debate. If we can get the legislator in person, having it open

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would not be a bad idea, but we need to be careful with how to word it when advertising the meeting. Not opposed to either. UCF has its own legislative priorities, and several legislators have represented specific legislation that supports UCF.

6. Temple: Federal representatives?
 - a. Hall: Generally, people at the federal level are more scared of college students since they don't want to be tweeted about. We are the GAP Committee, and getting them here for a meeting can be of help. However, midterms will result in a representative flux. Not a bad idea to get a Zoom with someone. The potential is limitless. Realistically, state officials are easier to attract than federal officials.
- ii. Simko: There is an item that will be seen on the ballot: a referendum regarding Orange County's openness to a surcharge for transportation projects. Since we're doing a get out the vote event, it would be beneficial to explain this. Not many will know of this so it's possible to educate on the matter.
 1. Hall: We can work with the GAC to educate, but the nature of SG precludes us from advocating this surcharge. I would encourage you to draft a resolution on the matter. In theory we can advocate for it but through an educational lens.
 2. Temple: Last session a Voter Guide that included referenda was published, so we can repeat that this year.
 3. Hall: Concur.
- iii. Martinez: During the reform task force meeting, we discussed issues that GAP can tackle, and one such issue would be free college or more accessible. Ask if the Committee is open on the matter. Possibly working on a resolution to urge the federal government. We can use the polling to get data.
 1. Hall: I know college affordability is an issue and that is more broad. A point to be made is that GAP could depoliticize it, but would require a broader effort. However, a Legislative Report can be drafted and act in a more feasible, non-partisan manner. It needs to be related to UCF proper. This is something to build on over time.

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2. Temple: Would be more than happy to draft a report w/ you and relay this resource to the rest of the reform caucus.

12. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Hall: An initiative that isn't GAP related: In statutes we're supposed to take various training, but not Title IX training. Wants to rectify this and wants to embolden SG as a resource. Harassment, bullying requires authorities, not censures. We need to hold people to a higher standard. Have been working with LJR. Will likely see legislation on the matter going forward.
- b. Pro Temp Ciresi: Move to Adjourn

13. Final Roll Call: 9/14

14. Adjournment: 3:01 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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