



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
Charge On Chamber
06/13/2023
4:00 PM
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 4:00 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (6): 11/10

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Temple	sgagap@ucf.edu	P	P
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Senator Duke	sga_sci2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Herrera	sga_cah2@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Hochfelder	Sga_sci3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Kopman	sga_sci7@ucf.edu	P	A
Senator Lacasse	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Moore	sgaec9@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Richmond	sgsci12@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Sandlin	sgsci13@ucf.edu	P	P
LJR Representative	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	E
Governmental Affairs Coordinator	sga_govaffairs@ucf.edu	P	P

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3. Approval of the Minutes: [6/6/2023](#) **approved by GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: **approved by GC**
5. Open Forum
 - a. None
6. Announcements from the Chair-
 - a. Good afternoon, everyone! As you can see I am still standing after the LSAT!
 - b. Today we will be diving into our research areas that we had specified last week. If you have any questions over this, you can ask me or Brooke about who you're under and what you're researching. You should have received emails from your either of us detailing what you're task is.
 - c. OTD
 - i. The Edict of Milan, which lifted the ban on Christianity in the Roman Empire, was published in the imperial city of Nicomedia OTD in 313 CE.
 - ii. OTD in 1325, the famous Muslim Chronicler Ibn Battuta begins what will be the most famous international vacation you may not have heard of that will last for 24 years, whereby he would chronicle everything from the great Muslim societies of the age to Central and Southeast Asia, China, and the Muslim controlled territory within modern day Spain (this territory was known as Al-Andalus, modern day Andalusia, a Muslim caliphate in a territory that would soon become infamous for the lads nobody expects, the Spanish Inquisition).
 - d. Liverpool Facts
 - i. Last week, in a bid to improve the midfield, Liverpool have signed Argentine midfielder and World Cup Winner Alexis Mac Allister. AMA has played with the likes of Lionel Messi (yes the one going to Inter Miami) and Julian Alvarez (the lad who completed football in 6 months with Man City) and actually played with Brighton Hove Albion since 2019 before coming to Anfield.
7. Announcements from the Vice Chair-
 - a. Good afternoon!
 - b. Not much from me, have a safe and fun summer! Reach out if you need!
8. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. none

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9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members

a. none

a. None

10. Old Business-

a. [Policy Advocacy Breakdown](#)

b. [Final Student Priority Survey](#)

c. Election Day Holiday and Associated Initiatives

- i. At 1:31 PM, I attended a meeting with President Greenaway and GAC Martin regarding the Election Day holiday initiative with the goal of setting a foundational strategy and goal for our efforts. In this meeting, we discussed prior efforts taken by Greenaway when he was Academic Affairs Coordinator under the Hall-Wilson Administration and gave insight into how the academic calendar is established (they vote on them 3 years out is the ultimate takeaway). When he initially brought up the Election Day Holiday, they were concerned with not only additional effects it would have on faculty scheduling but also that Election Day and Veteran's Day would end up on the same week, giving students two days off and hampering academic schedules. As such, we sought an interim solution and we agreed upon having Election Day be an **excused absence**, as is done in LSU. From there we developed areas of research into the following areas:
 1. What schools have an excused absence for Election Day
 2. How Election Days are handled at schools
 3. How election laws have changed in the state of Florida in particular
- ii. We also considered advertising early voting and alternative methods of traditional voting since UCF does provide such services in order to bolster our efforts.
- iii. This ultimately leads to the question of research and engagement, specifically what can SG do to get students engaged and how can we go about doing that without violating Florida's laws?
- iv. This is where GAP can come in: as SG's policy research committee, it is our responsibility to analyze state laws in order to better the student body, and this is just such an opportunity for us to do so. Of course, this means we will need to research and develop material necessary for just such an initiative. Which is where my main point lies: through the **Summer months of June**

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and July, as the survey is being circulated, I would like us to focus partially on analyzing Election Day activities at other schools and State Law (jointly with GAC Martin). We can discuss whether that is a feasible/good use of our time and how to divvy up the work should we think it necessary.

1. Discussion:

- a. Hurst: Dont think poll workers can really sign things.
- b. Martin: rules are extensive. However some professors are strict and that raises concern for students. Reach out! sggovaffairs@ucf.edu (941)932-5177
- c. Lacasse: can the day be a mandated absence? Is physical proof required?
- d. Temple: ideally the excused absence policy should be followed. We can model off schools like LSU and their absence policy.
- e. Lacasse: how can we give students the opportunity to fulfill their civic duty rather than punish students
- f. Temple: administration will be asking that question. Civic engagement day! Fun day with organizations explaining how to vote, local officials come and talk! We can bring in RSOs and make it an event for students.
- g. Hurst: Can we do something before election day?
- h. Martin: Yes! We need events before so students can register to vote. 29 days before an election is the deadline, registration drives!
- i. Temple: advertising vote by mail, early voting, etc! Alternative voting systems will be a priority. Needs to be done n o w. Now-early july will be research heavy and will focus on showing students the how-to of voting.
- j. Hurst: needs sleep ! Pushing engagement is hard especially in college. People want to leave and are focused on graduating fast. Get professors involved in promotion could help.
- k. Temple: some professors are very passionate on this. Especially target COS. Need to look into the laws surrounding it. Splitting everyone inot groups and require status updates

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each meeting. (is going to do amazing on LSAT but is stressed). Committee time can be set aside for the research in order to have more guidance. Do more outside of committee though! Reach out to RSOs!

- l. **State law; Martin, Sandlin, Duke, Hochfelder, Richmond.**
- m. **Election day at schools: Bishop, Hurst, Lacasse, Herrera.**

- d. Bills
 - i. None.
- e. Resolutions
 - i. None.

11. New Business-

a. Research Teams:

- i. As discussed last week, I wanted to bring GAP into the loop with this Election Day initiative as this is something that has been pushed for for a while. Last week, we allocated ourselves into one of two groups: State Election Statutes under GAC Martin and Election Day Policy Implementation Strategies under myself (and ofc in typical fashion I have to make this a mouthful, sorry). How we'll go about this is as such: each of you have been tasked by either myself or Martin in researching specific areas of the specified statute (7050) or a broad area of focus (ie civic engagement strategies). We can break into separate groups by way of Breakout Rooms where we can research our respective bits. I will have a document ready to go that compiles all our information so that we can have this information prepared for President Greenaway.
- ii. Moreover, we've been updated yesterday regarding what avenue to take, and a clear path for us has been implementing a policy change within UCF's Absence Policy by way of Faculty Senate. This means that we need to account for any potential concerns the Faculty Senate may have (ie mitigating the potential for abuse and the need for educating students on early voting), how to encourage students to use their absence efficiently (civic engagement fairs and interactive debates), how to prove those absences in light of state statutes (Brooke can elaborate) and show them how effective such absences can be through data. Ultimately, we're laying the groundwork for arguing for this change, as we cannot rely on the sole

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fact that voting is a right and civic duty for us as Americans. That's been done to death and there's more nuance to it.

1. [Election Day Implementation Strategies Information Docket](#)
2. [SB 7050](#)

iii. Discussion

- a. Martin: varying new registration requirements causing issues for voters
- b. Duke: barriers surrounding voter ID
- c. Sandlin: mostly procedures surrounding precinct voting procedures, not much on poll workers. Requires first time voters to vote in person.
- d. Temple: overall research on college election days

b. Bills

- i. None.

c. Resolutions

- i. None.

12. Member Discussion-

- a. none

13. Miscellaneous Business-

- a. none

14. Final Roll Call: 9/10

15. Adjournment: 4:59 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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