



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
Charge On Chamber
06/6/2023
4:00 PM
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 4:00 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (6): 9/10

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Temple	sgagap@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice-Chair Bishop	sgacie1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Duke	sga_sci2@ucf.edu	P(4:02)	P
Senator Herrera	sga_cah2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Hochfelder	Sga_sci3@ucf.edu	P(4:03)	P
Senator Kopman	sga_sci7@ucf.edu	A	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	A	A
Governmental Affairs Coordinator	sga_govaffairs@ucf.edu	P	P

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3. Approval of the Minutes: [5/30/23](#) **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!
 - b. I just wanted to give you all a quick update about how the meeting with the President and GAC went with regard to the Election Day Holiday. Moreover I wanted to give you the heads up that I will have the Student Priority Survey to the Director of Communications within the coming days.
 - c. OTD
 - i. Operation Overlord was initiated today, becoming the single largest amphibious assault in human history. Roughly 500,000 Allied soldiers across several nationalities, from American to British to Canadian to Czech to Polish, stormed 5 beaches in a coordinated assault on Nazi occupied France. This operation, known more famously as D-Day would trigger the final phase of the War in Europe as over the span of the next year, the Nazis would slowly be pushed back into Germany from both West and East.
 - d. Liverpool Facts
 - i. Liverpool is home to two football teams: Liverpool Football Club and Everton Football Club, the latter being the originating club formed in 1878. Since the formation of LFC in 1892, they contested the Merseyside Derby.
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. Hurst: SBA concern form is linked on priority form, if you have suggestions let me know. Available all the time
9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members

a. None

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10. Old Business-

- a. [Policy Advocacy Breakdown](#)
- b. Bills
 - i. None.
- c. Resolutions
 - i. None.

11. New Business-

- a. [Final Student Priority Survey](#)
 - i. From here, distribution is key. So, with that in mind, reaching out to the RSOs you have connections to and sending them this survey will be a good first step in addressing our issue of a lack of responses.
 - ii. Moreover, I have reached out to the Director of Comms to get this onto the SG social media
 - 1. Discussion:
 - a. Temple: distribute!!!! We want no less than 200 responses on the survey.
 - b. Hurst: When is the cut off?
 - c. Temple: first few weeks of Fall. We want FTIC students to have access. First two weeks of Spetember specifically.
 - d. Richmond: QR codes by the elevators. Other RAs involved
 - e. Hurst: Wont be here in Fall: (but will help :)
 - f. Temple: First few weeks of January things should be done.
- b. 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

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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 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

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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 now. 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 into groups and require status updates 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! By thursday decide what you want to research! Reach out to RSOs! State law; Martin, sandlin, duke hochfelder, richmond. Election day at schools: Bishop, hurst, lacasse, Herrera.

- c. Bills
 - i. None.
- d. Resolutions
 - i. None.

12. Member Discussion-

- a. Lacasse: vote early! Super important! Mail is also cool!

13. Miscellaneous Business-

- a. none

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14. Final Roll Call: 9/10

15. Adjournment:4:51 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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