LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
Charge On Chamber
07/18/2023
4:00 PM
Zoom

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 4:03 PM

2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (7): 9/11

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Temple	sgagap@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice-Chair Bishop	sgacie1@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Duke	sga_sci2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Herrera	sga_cah2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Hochfelder	Sga_sci3@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Lacasse	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Polera	Sgasci9@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Richmond	sgsci12@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Sandlin	sgsci13@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Vasquez	Sgasci14@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Vorn	Sga_ba6@ucf.edu	E	E
LJR Representative	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P
Governmental Affairs Coordinator	sga_govaffairs@ucf.edu	P	P

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3. Approval of the Minutes: 7/11/2023: **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!
    b. Today I wanted to go over a logistical point that the prior committee had in order to mitigate long term consequences. Depending on deliberations, this should not be a long meeting.
    c. Tooday in Roman history: Battle of Allia.

7. Announcements from the Vice Chair-

    a. Good afternoon!
    b. Remember to circulate the survey!

8. Announcements from Committee Members-

    i. Pro Temp: Please check email!
    ii. Hurst: Please fill out the concern form 😊 History fact: 1947, harry truman signed the 2nd succession fact

9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members

i. Wangen: Do your financial training

a. Neda: Great work (we appreciate you!)
    10. Old Business-

        a. Policy Advocacy Breakdown
            i. Temple: We should decide what we want our agenda should be early. Last year we had to caucus for an hour, and i want to avoid that.
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   b. Final Student Priority Survey
      i. **State law; Martin, Sandlin, Duke, Hochfelder, Richmond.**
      ii. **Election day at schools: Bishop, Hurst, Lacasse, Herrera.**

   c. Bills
      i. None.
   d. Resolutions
      i. None.
11. New Business-

    a. Update on Responses
       i. Temple: **Link to current responses spreadsheet: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WYAq-T59uIS4OIj1EMhYfrezgUvfPSciKYs1pw5M60A/edit?usp=sharing**
       ii. **Total Responses So Far: 75 responses!!!!!!!**
    b. DATC Legislation Amount Caps
       i. Last session, the advocacy agenda the GAP Committee compiled had to be shortened on an extremely tight timeline, which meant we had to remove some bills that covered subjects that were close to students. This also led to an hour long caucus for GAP during Senate. We had a docket of initially 30 bills outright, and we had to cut that list down to around 15.
       ii. While we do not know what bills the legislature will file and ultimately see, I wanted to approach the committee to deliberate on how many we will have. I had talked this over with Brooke and we both came to the consensus of about 15 bills in all, assuming we have about 5 priority areas, which from the survey will appear to be the case. But I wanted to ask you all what you think will be a suitable number of bills we will have on the docket, and how many bills will need to be put into each policy area. This is a tentative number, but

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I wanted to use this time to remind us all that we need to be efficient in our approach, so what numbers and back ups we come up with today will be kept in mind moving forward.

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iii. Election Day Excused Absence Policy Resolution
   1. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ei3upKzDWugLR6oHT0aWZG9YiaXKs-PqvkP7DK9dAuI/edit
   2. At around 2:00 PM, up to 2:30 PM, GAC Martin and I met with Brodie, Shane from OSI and Amanda Dever from VCE to discuss the feasibility of an election day excused absence policy and in the end Shane has volunteered to reach out to connect with higher level administrators and Amanda Dever will be looking to HR for policies relating to employees and voting.
   3. On our end, Shane had suggested that GAP continue looking into universities that have language that allows for excused absences, such as UGA's 4.06-3 voting and jury duty (Election Day Holiday Research docket)

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4. Moreover, Brooke and I discussed potentially drafting legislation that would show our support for such an initiative. To the committee, then, would it A). Be a good idea to draft such a bill, and B). How open are you all to writing it as a committee? And C) how open are you all to sponsoring it?
    a. They vote on the calendar much in advance, so mean time we came up with this solution.
    b. Temple: Brooke and I will into other university's languages on absence policy regarding similar issues, for example UGA's absence policy on jury duty. Did similar issues last year but with it being a whole day off. But we did this approach this year because its more attainable and reasonable. Is this a good idea to draft this bill?
        i. Damarla: Yes, I think its a lot better and impactful
        ii. Sandlin: I agree
        iii. Duke: Same
    iv. Temple: Who here has written legislation in Senate?
        1. Damarla: Yay
        2. Yalamanchili: Yay
        3. Richmond: Nay
        4. Polera: Nay
        5. Sandlin: Nay
        6. Lacasse: Nay
    v. Temple: Can start writing this legislation next week and Brooke and I can finish it off. I want y'all to get a taste of it and come together on this. I know you guys have varying strengths that can contribute to this legislation. Goal is to have it done by August which is 4 weeks.
    vi. Damarla: When should we stop circulating it into August?
    vii. Temple: End of August or Early September:
        1. Damarla: We should have some events and outreach to get RSOs.
        2. Yes! I was just going to suggest the senators send the survey to their assigned RSOs

c. Bills
    i. None.

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       d. Resolutions

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12. Member Discussion-

       a. none

13. Miscellaneous Business-

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14. Final Roll Call: 9/11

15. Adjournment: 4:41 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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