



MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 4:09 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 10/14

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair	Sga_ljr@ucf.edu	Vacant	P
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Senator Hameed	sgaecs7@ucf.edu	P	P
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Senator Hurst	sga_sci5@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Luthra	sga_med1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Montaigne	sga_sci9@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Nadella	sgachps4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Patel	sga_sci10@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Pohlmann	sgasci11@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Rivera	sgsci15@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Sandlin	sgsci13@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Taché	sgsci14@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Yalamanchili	Sgachps6@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representative	Sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P

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3. Approval of the Agenda: approved by gc
4. Open Forum
 - a. None
5. Announcements from the Chair-
 - a. Thank you for electing me as chair and thank you to Ajay. And I look forward to having a great year ahead. Let's get this committee going!
 - i. Damarla: As you mentioned, you said that senators were not able to access the absence form, who should they be emailing.
 1. Yalamanchili: A link to absence requests does exist, so I can get that back to you.
 2. Temple: If you go into the old GroupMe you can find it.
 3. Yalamanchili: I will find the old absence form and post it in Teams.
 - b. I will be holding vice chair elections, and I highly encourage everyone to apply.
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair-
 - a. None.
7. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. Pro Temp Damarla
 1. Please begin setting your meeting time for the semester in your group me's they will be due this Thursday
 2. Deputy Positions
 3. Please schedule a 1:1 with me
 4. Vice-Chair Elections will be held at the next committee meetings, as well as SBA, GAP, and E&A representative elections
 5. 1:1s!
 6. If you're submitting legislation to be seen on first reading Thursday, it is due to me by 5pm Wednesday.
 7. Please email or dm me through Teams if you have any questions!
 8. Snacks and Mints
 9. Office Door
 10. Anonymous Jar
 11. Hameed: Where is the office?
 12. Damarla: To the left of the charge on chamber, the Student Government Office

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8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-

a. Holmes: I will be opening ILA and ELA elections. Ask questions please!

9. Old Business-

- a. Bills
 - i. None.
- b. Resolutions
 - i. None.
- c. Absences
 - i. None.
- d. Blanket Excuses
 - i. None.

10. New Business-

- a. Bills
 - i. None.
- b. Resolutions
 - i. None.
- c. Absences
 - i. None.
- d. Blanket Excuses
 - i. None.

11. Member Discussion-

12. Miscellaneous Business-

- a. Chair Elections
 - i. Nominations
 - 1. Senator Yalamanchili -
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Hcdk3EZwGK5u9k2Re3zzrUOQglzKdxbr-qec_zxPTM/edit#slide=id.p
 - 2. Senator Patel
 - a. https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Xc2H4a_iZ0jkiwGtlE_D0tpJU0qCw0rLW_S8SGoWqMMY/edit?usp=sharing
 - ii. Speeches
 - 1. Yalamanchili

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a. I was born and raised in Orlando and spent 8 years in India. I'm a health Sciences major, and I'm pre-law. I also am a history buff, enjoy biking, swimming, and debating. I participate in RSOs around politics and international relations, part of the LGBTQ+ community. I was also a member of the 54th Senate and served as LGBTQ+ Caucus Chair. I served as ILA, coordinating and directing SGLC and SLC last session, advocated for the trans community and other political causes within Senate, and was a member of LJR in the 54th Session through Fall semester. I am looking to improve LJR via hybrid committee meetings throughout the year, updating the absence request form to improve accessibility and updating the absence policy with a desire to be fair but firm. A senator's life and health is always more important than Senate. I agree with the prior LJR standard of one excused absence for mental health days, and one absence for pre-planned events such as weddings, etc. Concerts and similar events do not merit an excused absence. Excused absences also should be granted for medical reasons and similar things. Other events like volunteering are determined on a case by case basis. Blanket excuses would only be approved for academic reasons, per Senate Rule 7; however, that rule could be updated for things like work or internships. Over the course of the LJR session, we will review the Student Government Constitution, Statutes and Senate Rules, reviewing them slowly over time. I also want to provide workshops on these statutes to the rest of the Senate. We will also have icebreakers at the end of each meeting, and a history fact!

2. Patel

a. I am a dual major in Bio Med and Chemistry, minor in diversity and social inequality, and I currently am adding one in legal studies. I worked in Pro Temp's Office as DSR, acted as ILA during the last semester working with SLC. I was also chair of the APIA Caucus. I plan on being lenient, not wanting to remove people from missing committee meetings and

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keeping this meeting short. I am creating a google form for members to make requests for the committee. After necessary business each week, we can spend some time unofficially working on reviewing statutes and looking at legislation. I have a close working relationship with other branches, so it's easy to get support when needed. I want to update absence policy, but by simply guiding and supporting the committee, not pushing any opinions. I will not let any personal biases affect my decision making, including political beliefs.

iii. Questioning

1. Hurst: You both are saying that the absence policy is strict, how specifically do you want to change it?
 - a. Yalamanchili: I want to cover work and internships. As a whole, we can see different things on a case-by case basis. I want to push the committee in direction that prioritizes the well-being of senators. The current absence policy is good, but it can be better, and it takes people's time and interests more into account. Not everything is about Student Government.
 - b. Patel: We had a sheet that guided the excuses: health, occasions. On that rule sheet, we can add certain events under these categories. For blanket excuses, we would have to amend statutes and title iii. I would call AG Moore and ask her to draft legislation to amend the rule to open blanket excuses.
2. Pohlmann: Considering the liberties of the role of AG in exec, how do you plan to navigate that relationship?
 - a. Patel: The AG can pop in whenever they want. They also have a seat on the committee, I think. They can be on committee but not vote. Caitlin is lenient, and she was always more than willing to meet with me. I can just send her a text. She's very passionate, so I don't see it as a problem.
 - b. Yalamanchili: Caitlin is an important person. She has prevented senate from making a lot of mistakes that would make us break a law and much more. There are many

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examples about this. She has very been helpful to LJR and senate and in preventing mistakes that we, otherwise, we would have made. I applaud her for being impartial in her requests. I do believe AG is one person, and she too is not a lawyer. So, I believe to student body constitution, judicial review exists. We are within our power to appeal it to the judicial branch to decide if an opinion can be appealed.

3. DiChiara: How will you make sure that the senators are not falling behind?
 - a. Yalamanchili: I have a democratic leadership style. The role of the chair is not to have their opinion be the opinion of the committee. No intentions of being domineering. If the committee disagrees with any opinion I have, feel free to overrule me if it is not in the best interest of the committee. Old senators have a responsibility to teach the senators what we know and is a responsibility to give new senators the opportunity to speak, so that all senators can grow.
 - b. Patel: if elected as chair, I will write a page on a to-do list on how to navigate ljr and senate. I am a cool parent, we are equal. As a part of the slc program, i would teach how to become a senator. I ran my first meeting and i did not know how to do it, was embarrassing. My job is to make sure you don't feel like that. I will write it down, but it will eventually feel like second nature. I will be able to help you.

iv. Debate

1. Hurst: Both candidates are qualified, both have experience in this committee and leadership. I would say that you both are similar in how you want to run this committee, which makes it hard, but I will be going for Yalamanchili

v. Voting

1. 5-4-1, Sen. Yalamanchili is elected Chair.

13. Final Roll Call: 10/14

14. Adjournment: 5:03 PM

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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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