



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
LJR Committee Meeting
Charge on Chamber
04/17/2023
4:30 PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 4:31 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 9/13

| Name | Email | Initial | Final |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------|
| Chair Yalamanchili | Sga_ljr@ucf.edu | P | P |
| Vice-Chair | | Vacant | Vacant |
| Senator Datilus | sgacie4@ucf.edu | E (4:39 PM) | P |
| Senator DiChiara | sgacie5@ucf.edu | P | P |
| Senator Hameed | sgaecs7@ucf.edu | P | P |
| Senator Hochfelder | sga_sci3@ucf.edu | P | P |
| Senator Hurst | sga_sci5@ucf.edu | P | P |
| Senator Luthra | sga_med1@ucf.edu | E | E |
| Senator Montaigne | sga_sci9@ucf.edu | A | A |
| Senator Nadella | sgachps4@ucf.edu | A | A |
| Senator Patel | sga_sci10@ucf.edu | E | E |
| Senator Pohlmann | sgasci11@ucf.edu | P | P |
| Senator Rivera | sgsci15@ucf.edu | P | P |
| Senator Sandlin | sgsci13@ucf.edu | P | P |
| Pro Tempore Representative | Sga_pro@ucf.edu | P | P |

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3. Approval of the Minutes: [LJR 4/10](#); approved by gc
4. Approval of the Agenda: approved by gc
5. Open Forum
 - a. None.
6. Announcements from the Chair-
 - a. Hi everyone! We will be seeing about 16 absence requests today and holding Vice-Chair elections. This will be the last LJR meeting of the Spring 2023 semester, I will send out a when2meet form for the summer semester next week so that we may figure out an appropriate time to meet then.
 - b. This Day in History – Damaged spacecraft Apollo 13 returns safely back to Earth 13 April 1970.
 - i. Hochfelder: Jack Black’s mom was one of the scientists that did the calculations to bring Apollo back
 1. Damarla: I think he’s cool!
7. Announcements from the Vice Chair-
 - a. Hey guys, thank you for electing me Vice Chair. Lets get through these absence requests!
8. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. Pro Temp Damarla
 - i. Please complete fiscal and ethics training by Thursday!
 - ii. Fill out the socials request form
9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members- None
10. Old Business-
 - a. Bills
 - i. None.
 - b. Resolutions
 - i. None.
 - c. Absences
 - i. None.
 - d. Blanket Excuses
 - i. None.
11. New Business-
 - a. Bills

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- i. None.
- b. Resolutions
 - i. None.
- c. Absences
 - i. Rianna Duke
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. Yalamanchili: Senator Duke's absence request was as she could not get either day off of work, and was willing to provide supporting documentation if we asked for it.
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. Damarla: What should the standard be for work absences
 - b. Yalamanchili: if senators cannot make senate meetings because of work, that should be excused. As we have not made our absence policy yet, we should be more forgiving for these absence requests.
 - c. Datilus: are there a certain number of days we can be excused for work reasons for the rest of the session?
 - d. Yalamanchili: we will need to work on our absence policy in the next meeting
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Hochfelder: I was able to get the days off because I am a manager, but not everyone can get those days off of work; it is hard to miss a Friday and Saturday at some places of work.
 - 4. Voting
 - a. 9-0-0; This absence is approved
 - ii. Jason Hameed
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. Hameed: I had a coding test that day; the next day my professor moved the test so I was there and did not miss the meeting
 - 2. Questioning
 - 3. Debate
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 - a. There is no absence, PPI
 - iii. Adam Caringal
 - 1. Speeches

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- a. Yalamanchili: He did not provide supporting documentation, but had purchased flights before thinking of running for senate
2. Questioning
 - a. Damarla: Did they attach an image of their flight documents?
 - b. Yalamanchili: No
3. Debate
 - a. Hameed: I think that this seems truthful; I can see how someone may not add supporting documentation
 - b. Damarla: make sure that this is made clear if documentation is needed for reasoning of an absence
 - c. DiChiara: We could have been given documentation, it would be very simple to add it; we will need to specify when documentation should be necessary
 - d. Sandlin: I think we shouldn't be too lenient when it comes to documentation, will be voting against; dont want to set that standard
 - e. Rivera: for travel; documentation should be provided if you know that you won't be able to make a meeting; we should encourage a precedent
 - f. Yalamanchili: personal trips should have documentation; this week is the last week of the semester so it will not affect the senator in the long run
 - g. Damarla: since they mised orientation, would that be a dismissal?
 - h. Yalamanchili: This could be appealed to senate executive and could be let back in.
 - i. Mittal: this person may be a new senator and may not know the precedent for providing documentation; we should be lenient
 - j. Hochfelder: may need to table it as there are a number of concerns, if not I will be voting in favor
 - k. Yalamanchili: senate orientation is a one time thing, any new senators will do this one their own time with the Pro Temp, i think we should be lenient.
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- a. 9-0-0, the Absence is approved
- iv. Carlos Acosta
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. Yalamanchili: This meeting was for 4/6 final roll call. He described this as he had a meeting for a summer research program, and provided documentation of his membership.
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. None
 - 3. Debate
 - a. None
 - 4. Voting
 - a. 9-0-0, This absence is approved
- v. Danishka Morissette
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. Yalamanchili: For senate orientation; she had a family committment, leaving Thursday, and was not aware of when the orientation was taking place beforehand
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. None
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Yalamanchili: We already approved an absence request that is similar to this one
 - 4. Voting
 - a. 10-0-0, This absence is approved
- vi. Damien Moore
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. Yalamanchili: For senate orientation, due to conflicting class times, providing class times as documentation.
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. None
 - 3. Debate
 - a. None
 - 4. Voting
 - a. 10-0-0, This absence is approved
- vii. Oriana Montaigne
 - 1. Speeches

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- a. Yalamanchili: For senate orientation; prior commitments of therapy and a taxes meeting. On the 25th she was at the relay for life club event.
 2. Questioning
 - a. None
 3. Debate
 - a. None
 4. Voting
 - a. 10-0-0, This absence is approved
- viii. Oriana Montaigne 2
1. Speeches
 - a. Yalamanchili: Her family came from south florida to celebrate her birthday
 2. Questioning
 - a. None
 3. Debate
 - a. Hurst: since this is a birthday event, I dont think we should be approving it, you know this in advance, we cant work around your schedule with every single senator. This is a job, your responsibility, a birthday isn't more important than that.
 - b. Hochfelder: we only have one birthday but there are a lot of senate meetings; since this is the first round of absences we should be lienent
 - c. DiCiara: since her family traveled, we should take that into account in our decisions.
 - d. Kennaugh: if you are going to make acceptions for birthdays, is that only for birthdays with family or when people are on their own?
 - e. Yalamanchili: we need to figure that out
 - f. Sandlin: I agree with Senator Hurst, but as this is the first meeting we should have more liency
 - g. Damarla: maybe during the senate meeting the Chair could make a point to say that we were more lienent with this meeting and that they need documentation
 - h. Yalamanchili: I will be opposing this request, as I dont believe we should be excusing birthdays

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- i. Mattil: we should set a precedent, and as the semester is almost over, it will not hurt the senator in the long run.
 - 4. Voting
 - a. 3-7-0, This absence is denied
- ix. Elise Butler
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. Yalamanchili: Said that she had a computer lab friday morning, did not provide documentation
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. None
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Hochfelder: this is why we need documentation, because this could be completely legitimate, but we don't know as we dont have documentation
 - b. Mattel: computer labs tend to be pretty long; I agree that we need documentation, but this does make sense.
 - 4. Voting
 - a. 8-1-1, This absence is approved
- x. Sierra Holmes
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. Yalamanchili: For 4/25/23, speaker Holmes had to leave early due to the Presidents leadership council orientation.
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. None
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Damarla: she has all documentation, I dont see a reason to vote against it
 - 4. Voting
 - a. 10-0-0, This absence is approved
- xi. Jason Hameed 2
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. Yalamanchili: 4/13 for entire meeting (ammended from initial roll call)
 - b. Hameed: it was a math test, the test tends to be from 8-9 pm, taking the hour before to cram for the test.
 - 2. Questioning

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- a. None
- 3. Debate
 - a. None
- 4. Voting
 - a. 9-0-1, This absence is approved
- xii. Allison Pohlmann
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. Polmann: my cousin got married, and the flights were booked far in advance and could not be changed
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. None
 - 3. Debate
 - a. None
 - 4. Voting
 - a. 9-0-1, This absence is approved
- xiii. Ronit Luthra
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. Yalamanchili: He said he was taking an exam, providing documentation of the test.
 - b. Mattel: He had two days, but could have had something that could have prevented him from taking the exam at a different time.
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. None
 - 3. Debate
 - a. None
 - 4. Voting
 - a. 2-5-3, This absence is denied
- xiv. Mateo Herrera
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. Yalamanchili: Said he was in Chicago for YDSA, the trip was funded by student government, most members left on Thursday night
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. None
 - 3. Debate

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- a. None
- 4. Voting
 - a. 9-0-1, This absence is approved
- xv. Julian Larsen
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. Yalamanchili: for the entire meeting on the 4/13, he said that he was sailing and did not provide any documentation
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. Rivera: do we know if he caught anything?
 - b. Yalamanchili: We don't know
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Rivera: I might have considered approving it if there was documentation, but I will be voting against
 - b. Hameed: i will be voting against, but I wish there was documentation
 - c. Sandalin: I have no reason to believe that they didnt make this up; plus why were you sailing at night? (Invite me next time)
 - 4. Voting
 - a. 1-8-1, this absence is denied.
- xvi. Amanda Hurst
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. Hurst: I was hospitalized for about 24 hours and released at 4 pm on Thursday, but because I wanted to be present for swearing in and the first two votes of the session I came anyway. After we finished the Pro Temp vote I was feeling very ill and left for my own health.
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. Rivera: Are you feeling better?
 - b. Hurst: Mostly
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Hochfelder: I saw you, I will be voting in affirmation
 - b. Sandlin, I will be voting in favor, thank you for your commitment
 - c. (Sad applause)
 - 4. Voting

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- a. 9-0-1, This absence is approved
- d. Blanket Excuses
 - i. None.
- 12. Member Discussion-
 - a. Hameed: can I bring treats, specifically from Publix?
 - b. Damarla: we did this last session, some committees liked to do food reviews
- 13. Miscellaneous Business-
 - a. Vice-Chair Elections
 - i. Nominations
 - 1. Senator Hurst
 - ii. Speeches
 - 1. Hurst: Hi guys! I am running as vice chair hopefully! Duty is to take meeting minute notes and whatever chair delegates. I work with Vihan a lot and we work well together, informally and formally. Please vote for me, I do a lot of work in senate anyway!
 - iii. Questioning
 - 1. Hochfelder: What are some of your experiences leading to efficacy?
 - a. Hurst: Before senate, I worked in retail, so I have a lot of experience in retail and work with administration. I also poured over a lot of documents to make sure they're good.
 - iv. Debate
 - 1. Hochfelder: I thought the candidate was a former senator, as she gave me a lot of information during orientation. She also presents herself well. In favor
 - v. Voting
 - 1. 10-0-0, Vice Chair Hurst is elected.
 - b. Rivera: Congrats to the new Vice Chair (they clapped)
- 14. Final Roll Call: 10/13
- 15. Adjournment: 5:39 PM

Key:

- P - Present
- A - Absent
- MTD - Move to Debate

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MTV - Move to Vote
MTA- Move to Amend
PP - Postpone
PPI - Postpone Indefinitely
GC - General Consent

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