



## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 4:08 PM
2. Roll & Verification of Quorum (5): 9/9

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Campbell	sgaecs2@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice Chair Duke	sga_sci2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Acosta	sgacreol1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Hameed	sgaecs7@ucf.edu	P	P
Speaker Holmes	sga_sci4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Kennaugh	sga_ba3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Khazei	sga_sci6@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Lacasse	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Sandlin	sgsci13@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: Approved by gc; Approved by gc
4. Open Forum:
  - a. Brianna- I just wanted to come to caucus to introduce myself. I'm Brianna, and I'm excited for the new year!
5. Announcements from the Chair:
  - a. Camp- Hello, we have a couple non committee members to bounce some ideas off of. Don't have many updates at the moment.
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair:
  - a. Duke: Don't have much, ORS is at 4:30 so feel free to stop in if you have time.
7. Announcements from Caucus Members:
  - a. None
8. Announcements from Non-Caucus Members
  - a. Hurst- If you have any ideas you want to share or push through SBA let me know and we can meet up.



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9. Old Business:
  - a. none
10. New Business:
  - a. Braille Signage
    - i. Sandlin- Not much to day in terms of new developments. I am proud to have Dr. Meyer here with us and I'm glad to get his thoughts on this issue. Thank you for getting the talk started surrounding the different buildings.
    - ii. Dr Meyer- Is there a specific student or a specific personal need for the braille signage, or was it just noticed?
    - iii. Camp- Dr. Meyer is the director of SAS, didn't we have a couple of students specifically reach out?
    - iv. Sandlin- No one specifically has reached out but it would be beneficial for students and it has been brought up.
    - v. Dr Meyer- In my 10 years here we have 20-30 students who would identify with a visual impairment of some kind. We've only had 2 students that have contacted SAS for consistent help for having braille accommodations for their classes. What we've seen for the most part is the number of students fluent in braille has decreased, technology has evolved. They are not aware of students that are actively requesting braille. This doesn't mean it's unnecessary, there just haven't been any requests. UCF has strong relationships to where they can take the steps needed to create braille accessibility in specific areas. That's why I wanted to ask that question at the beginning. We're just trying to decide how much we want to spend in upgrading braille signs when the money could be allocated towards other areas.
    - vi. Acosta- I see what Dr. Meyer is saying about funding that could be allocated other areas
    - vii. Hurst- I can see it being more necessary for higher trafficked areas on campus like the Union
    - viii. Camp- Braille signage is really spotty
    - ix. Sandlin- For all the major signs for major buildings braille is severely lacking
    - x. Dr Meyer- Just be aware that just because someone uses a walking stick doesn't mean they're fluent in braille. Most students aren't fluent. UCF mainly focuses on making specific accommodations for specific students and situations.
    - xi. Camp- I understand where you're coming from, disability services are very underfunded. However, there is something to be said about being



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proactive, braille signage is required for all buildings and other universities have been sued over this before.

- xii. Dr Meyer- I agree that is should be there, but you could argue that there a number of other areas where out campus isn't where it needs to be for a user-friendly standpoint. Addressing one area could impact other areas.
- xiii. Holmes- This is a good initiative; I think it's good to be proactive but it is also our job to be reactive. I would keep our conversation as an echo of what the student body wants.
- b. Disability Commons
  - i. Camp- As a quick update, the space we're looking at is the HUB on the first floor of the student union. There are a lot of moving parts, knights pantry aren't getting the renovations which throws a wrench into other plans. We're still trying to find out what the aftermath is from this decision. Since we don't have a space we can't proceed.
- c. SB266
  - i. Camp- SB266, do you know if it will affect SAS or other disability based initiatives
  - ii. Dr. Meyer- Since most of the work we do falls under the compliance umbrella, our work is in a different bucket from that of the bill you're referencing. We don't expect any changes. With broader disability initiative, not necessarily but we're waiting on clarifying information that could change things. As long as we focus on compliance we should be ok as far as I know.
  - iii. Camp- So as long as it falls under the scope of ADA you should be ok?
  - iv. Dr Meyer- There are a number of groups that are listed as exceptions, we do compliance work but we also value broader disability initiatives. We're waiting for this other information unfold before we proceed. We fall on the more reactive side, but there is a lot of value to proactive measures.
- d. Dr. Meyer
  - i. Camp- This is the time at which you wanted to specifically talk about, the floor is yours
  - ii. Dr Meyer- I don't have anything specific, I'm always glad to join in and have a conversation. Last summer some people reached out about electric wheelchair charging stations, there was a need identified and we worked to help solve it. We had almost 3600 students that worked with SAS over the past year, these students are in about 50% of all classes UCF offers. Happy to take any more questions and I'm glad to talk to you all.



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- iii. Camp- I'm actually the only one that was at that electric wheelchair meeting, I wasn't even a senator then. Everyone here is new.
- e. Graduation Accessibility
  - i. Camp- I had people reach out to me personally. When the barriers are up during graduation they block walkways so people in wheelchairs can't get through.
  - ii. Dr Meyer- I haven't seen that area personally, I guess that is UCF police. I can reach out to some commencement and planning people I know and voice that as a concern. Are they in the crosswalk?
  - iii. Camp- The crosswalk and on the curbs
  - iv. Dr Meyer- I'm happy to take that to the group I know, I'll try and take a look at them.
  - v. Camp- Going forward Senator Khazei will be your point of contact on this
- 11. Member Discussion:
  - a. None
- 12. Miscellaneous Business:
  - a. None
- 13. Final Roll Call: 9/9
- 14. Adjournment: 4:47 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