



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government  
GAP Committee Meeting  
Charge On Chamber  
09/5/2023  
4:30 PM  
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## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 4:34 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (7): 10/12

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Temple	sgagap@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice-Chair Bishop	sgacie1@ucf.edu	E	E
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Senator Herrera	sga_cah2@ucf.edu	P(4:48pm)	P
Senator Hochfelder	sga_sci3@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Humayun	sga_chps3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Lacasse	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	P(4:43pm)	P
Senator Polera	Sgasci9@ucf.edu	P(4:37pm)	P
Senator Richmond	sgsci12@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Sandlin	sgsci13@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Vasquez	Sgasci14@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Vorn	Sga_ba6@ucf.edu	P	P
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Pro Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P
Governmental Affairs Coordinator	sga_govaffairs@ucf.edu	P	P

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1. Approval of the Minutes: [7/25/2023](#) - Approved by GC
  2. Approval of the Agenda: - **Approved by GC**
  3. Open Forum
    - a. Hurst: Hi all, miss you all, hope you have a very good meeting.
  4. Announcements from the Chair-
    - a. Good afternoon, everyone!
    - b. Today we will finalize the legislation for the Election Day Absence Policy Reform we started a couple months ago!
    - c. Afterward, we will begin to divvy up the research for the Legislative Priorities which we will need to expedite because we lost roughly two weeks due to the transition to the fall.
    - d. And I have some sad news: VC Bishop will be resigning so we will be having VC elections likely next week, but if anyone wants to run for VC right now, we can move for them today.
    - e. OTD:
      - i. In 1905, the Treaty of Portsmouth, which put an end to the Russo-Japanese War, is arbitrated by US President Theodore Roosevelt and formally ratified.
      - ii. In 1945, the Cold War formally begins with the defection of Ivan Gouzenko, a clerk at the Soviet embassy in Canada, who exposed Soviet espionage operations on the continent, two years before the Truman Doctrine goes into effect.
  5. Announcements from the Vice Chair-
- None...
6. Announcements from Committee Members-
    - a. Yalamanchili – This Day in History – 5 September 1977 – The Voyager 1 spacecraft was launched by NASA to study the outer solar system and interstellar space. The spacecraft did a flyby of Jupiter, Saturn, and Saturn’s moon Titan. It has long since left our solar system and entered interstellar space, and is the farthest satellite from Earth, at 14.965 billion miles from our planet.
    - b. GAC Martin - Hey everyone! Glad to finally be here in person with you all for our first GAP meeting of the Fall semester. I am looking forward to finalizing the Election Day Absence Policy Reform and get started on our Legislative Priorities for Day at

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the Capitol. **DATC: January 30, 2024**. We had to change the date due to reservation issues. Make sure you add the new date to your calendar! I am working on a few different events and am excited to share them with you all once I have more updates. Also, Florida Representative Kristen Arrington's office is looking for interns for the fall and spring. Seeking 3 interns for community engagement, communications, and research & policy. Applications are due September 15<sup>th</sup>, let me know if you are interested and I'll send you more information.

7. Announcements from Non-Committee Members
8. Old Business-

- a. [Policy Advocacy Breakdown](#)
- b. [Final Student Priority Survey](#)
- c. 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: 82 responses!!!!!!**
  - iii. Election Day Excused Absence Policy Resolution
    1. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ei3upKzDWugLR6oHT0aWZG9YiaXKs-PgvkP7DK9dAul/edit>
    2. As stated last week, we will begin drafting the [legislation](#) for the Election Day Initiative, which will both contribute to the broader initiative set about by Exec and Senate, but also give you guys a better feel for how legislation is formatted.
    3. This legislation will thusly contain information that will answer the following questions:
      - a. What is the purpose of excusing students from class to vote?
      - b. Are there examples of other schools doing this? How do they mitigate confounding factors (ie alternative voting methods, class schedules?)
      - c. How will it impact voter turnout among students?
    4. These are questions that no doubt will be asked by higher administration when we approach them.

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5. Regarding the information for this legislation, you may use the [research docket](#) compiled earlier in the semester to answer the above questions.
  6. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aocpo9Pe3dIZ2mLpYLcr4RzvKF0PDSNmlaqNLjU60Tc/edit> - Prior Resolution
- d.
  - e. Bills
    - i. None.
  - f. Resolutions
    - i. None.
9. New Business-
- a. Legislative Priorities
    - i. As mentioned up top, we need to get a move on these Priorities ASAP, so this week we can divvy up the major policy area we have from the Survey. So far, we have 82 responses! That may not sound like much, but it is representative based upon the majors of the applicants, so we can operate off that!
      - a. Sierra: We can meet up with Janice to have Data from previous lobbying session from the Provost/President to unify our legislation with the universities, as they come from a position of power and money
      - b. Ethan: Can we still have discretion?
      - c. Sierra: Of course, I just thought it was a good idea
      - d. GAC Martin: I completely agree
      - e. Lacasse: I believe it is important that we still speak from the people of UCF and put their voices on a pedestal rather than trying to align ourselves with administration
      - f. Yalamanchili: Echoing Lacasse, it is our duty as senators and as the GAP Committee to give the UCF student body power in the voice, and we are elected to put students first and not faculty, considering they already have their own platform and polifices
      - g. Sierra: Talk to Janice Owens for data considering the legislative lobbying

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2. [Student Priorities Survey 2023-2024 - Google Forms](#)
- ii. Our goal here is to parse through which are the most important topics, based on this survey's results, and from there consolidate them if need be.
  - a. Temple: Seeing a trend from last session in terms of topics
  - b. Temple: What should the threshold be in terms of adding certain topics to the agenda ?
  - c. Lacasse: Which ones got interest from more than half of the respondents and work from there
  - d. Lacasse: Is there a time we need to close the survey since it is fall? With the hurricane and start of the semester, we havent pushed it to freshman
  - e. Temple: Ideally, I would like to have it closed by last week
  - f. Sierra: Me and ELA Richmond are working on a new brochure, and your survey will be on it. Talk to the caucuses about handing them out, will also be handed out at SG Takeoff, will speak to the Director of Comms about putting it on the kiosks.
  - g. Senator Vorn: Emphasis on Reproductive Rights, large disparity
  - h. Temple: Most healthcare topics have great disparity and should be emphasized as well
- b. Bills
  - i. None.
- c. Resolutions
  - i. None.
10. Member Discussion-
  - a. Lacasse: Gap is the BEST committee. ]
  - b. Sandlin: Circle back, respect on Jimmy Carter, more than a peanut farmer
    - i. Temple: Joking, Roosevelt rules
11. Miscellaneous Business-
  - a. Vice Chair Elections
  - b. Bit more involved of a VC (research on policies, etc)
  - c. Standard expectations
    - i. Candidates:

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- ii. Speech
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- iii. Question
  1.
    - a.
  2.
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- iv. Debate
  - 1.
  - 2.
- v. Vote:
  - 1.

12. Final Roll Call: 11/12

13. Adjournment: 5:43 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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