



MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 15:00
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (5): 6/9

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Collazo	sga_jc7@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice Chair Caringal	sgacie3@ucf.edu	P	P
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Senator Cimillo	sga_crt@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator DiChiara	sglatinxcaucus@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Temple	sgagap@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Yalamanchili	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Yera	sgaecs12@ucf.edu	P	P
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3. Approval of [Minutes](#): approved by gc
4. Approval of the Agenda: approved by gc.
5. Open Forum:
 - a. None.
6. Announcements from the Chair Collazo:
 - a. Hello everyone! Thank you for electing me as your Chair! I'm super excited to amazing work with all of you. That said, though I am Chair of this caucus, I want us to work as a team. Everyone's voice and opinions matter as we serve our military students.

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- b. At the last meeting there was confusion about the appointment of members onto the caucus. I spoke to Speaker Holmes and Brodie about it and there is no official process of appointment.
 - c. Today I would like to decide our mission statement, description of caucus, set goals for the semester and decide a new meeting time.
 - i. Please fill this out [when2meet](#) asap.
- 7. Announcements from the Vice-Chair Caringal:
 - a. None.
- 8. Announcements from Caucus Members:
 - a. Michael: Soldiers Angels on 10/20. Please come out and participate.
- 9. Announcements from Non-Caucus Members:
 - a. None.
- 10. Old Business
 - a. Create a web course where military students can submit their verification forms in a quick and efficient manner.
 - i. Attorney General Moore
 - b. Develop a better media presence so military students turn in verification forms on time.
 - i. Ex: Reels, Instagram Post, Stories
 - 1. Justice Collazo Borges
 - c. Advocate for creation of a Student Government Military Student Scholarship
 - i. Justice Collazo Borges
- 11. New Business
 - a. Mission Statement
 - i. AG Moore: Mention all Military Students (Active, Reserve, National Guard, ROTC, VA, Dependents)
 - ii. Resolution Objective: To advocate for policies that ensure the well-being and support of Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve members, as well as spouses and dependents of these service members who are also students in areas such as healthcare, mental health services, employment opportunities, housing assistance, educational benefits, and needs relating to student life.
 - iii. Cimillo: During CRT, we have 6 points that we can also use. Ex. Empowerment, Advocacy, Support/Commemorate, Education and Awareness, Honoring Sacrifices/People, Continuous improvement.
 - iv. Caringal: Should define at the beginning of the statement all the mentioned above as maybe a general "military affiliated students".

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1. Collazo: FL defined all of us as “Military Students”
- v. Michael: A military student Community is something we should also focus on. It’s what we’re all here to do. Community is important and we should focus on that. Advocacy is also something huge. We fought for a voice so we should get it. Inspiring us (veterans) is a huge step for the community. Education and awareness are also important. These major ones I think are the most important that we should cover in a few sentences to get the message across that MVC is building a community through these points. Could be something simple as “Honor - Courage - Commitment”. Honor being an essential part of our statement.
- vi. Collazo: Including something as core values too would. Take the next few minutes to come up with a quick draft and we can come together to merge our ideas.
 1. Cimillo: Our mission is to passionately advocate for the rights, well-being, and success of Active, Reserve, National Guard, ROTC, VA, & Dependents. We are committed to creating an inclusive, supportive, and empowering community that recognizes the unique challenges and sacrifices such students face while pursuing education. We strive to ensure access to educational opportunities that align with career goals and aspirations. We advocate for fair and flexible academic policies, financial aid, and support services that accommodate the demands of military service, deployments, and relocations. Our caucus is dedicated to fostering a sense of belonging and camaraderie among military students, offering mentorship, guidance, and a platform for their voices to be heard. Through collaborative partnerships with educational institutions, government agencies, and like-minded organizations, we will work tirelessly to secure the rights and benefits military students deserve.
 2. Richmond: The Military and Veteran Caucus (MVC) strives to serve and support the UCF military student community.
 3. Collazo: The Military and Veteran Caucus (MVC) is dedicated to fostering a strong and supportive military student community on our campus while advocating on behalf of our military students. Our mission is underpinned by three core values: Unity, Enhancement,

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4. Caringal: Honoring military students' sacrifices through advocacy, awareness, and outreach by creating a community of.....
 5. Yera: The MVC is dedicated to the advocacy, support, and commemoration of all military affiliated students for the continuous improvement of all those who have served.
 6. Micheal: Our mission is to support the UCF student veteran and military community. We will provide public advocacy, generate community awareness and involvement, and honor all UCF student knights of the past, present, and future.
 7. Collazo: We wanted the first sentence they read to be our mission statement.
 8. Michael: I do like Collazo's, but let's change empowerment as it's too buzzword-y. Enhancement works. Put it as Unity, enhancement, and advocacy or whichever sounds best.
 9. Collazo: Final draft is: The Military and Veteran Caucus (MVC) is dedicated to fostering a strong and supportive military student community on our campus while advocating on behalf of our military students. Our mission is underpinned by three core values: Advocacy, Enhancement, and Unity.
- b. Caucus Description
- i. Collazo: Cimillo's description she put above works well as our description. We can go in and change it a bit.
 - ii. Cimillo: Our mission is to passionately advocate for the rights, well-being, and success of Active, Reserve, National Guard, ROTC, VA, & Dependents. We are committed to creating an inclusive, supportive, and empowering community that recognizes the unique challenges and sacrifices such students face while pursuing education. We strive to ensure access to educational opportunities that align with career goals and aspirations. We advocate for fair and flexible academic policies, financial aid, and support services that accommodate the demands of military service, deployments, and relocations. Our caucus is dedicated to fostering a sense of belonging and camaraderie among military students, offering mentorship, guidance, and a platform for their voices to be heard. Through collaborative partnerships with educational institutions, government agencies, and like-minded organizations, we will work tirelessly to secure the rights and benefits military students deserve.

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- iii. Dani: Latin and Hispanic did a small paragraph for the start of the description and did bullet points to expand. I feel like this is the best one. Since there is a lot to describe, bullet points may organize it better.
- iv. Yera and Cimillo are against bullet points.
- v. Collazo: Military student definition can be its own paragraph and the description can come after.
- vi. Yera: Meeting details were included for L/H. We can take the description and mission statement and use it as the two paragraphs. Our first is the mission statement that transitions into the description.
- vii. Michael: We can look up govt definitions of a military student and use that in our description. We want to make sure we include everyone such as spouses or dependents.
- viii. Collazo: FL defines military student as: Title XLVIII Early learning – 20 Education Code Chapter 10004 Public Post Secondary Education 1004.071 Collegiate Purple Star Campuses.
- ix. (1) As used in this section, the term “military student” means a student who is:
 - (a) Enrolled in a Florida College System institution, state university, or career center.
 - (b) An active-duty member or veteran of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; a reserve component of any branch of the United States military; or the Florida National Guard; and his or her spouse and dependents.
- x. Collazo: Our final draft is going to look something like:

The Military and Veteran Caucus (MVC) is dedicated to fostering a strong and supportive military student community on our campus while advocating on behalf of our military students. Our mission is underpinned by three core values: Advocacy, Enhancement, and Unity.

MVC plans to passionately advocate for the rights, well-being, and success of military students who in accordance with Title XLVIII of the Florida statutes fall under as; active-duty members or veterans of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; a reserve component of any branch of the United States military and the Florida National Guard; and his or her spouse and dependents whom are

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currently enrolled at UCF.

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12. Member Discussion

a. None.

13. Miscellaneous Business

a. None.

14. Final Roll Call (5): 6/9

15. Adjournment: 15:57

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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