

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: **4:34 PM**
2. Roll Call and Verification of Quorum : **Quorum is verified 7/9**

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Hameed	sgasba@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice-Chair Vasquez	sgasci14@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Acosta	sgacreol1@ucf.edu	E (P 4:54)	P
Senator Campbell	sga_ecs2@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Datilus	sgaacie4@ucf.edu	A (4:47PM)	P
Senator Donahue	sga_sci5@ucf.edu	P	E
Senator Fintel	sgaec6@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Nava-Cruzatt	sga_ba1@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Richmond	sgsci12@ucf.edu	P	E
LJR Representative	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	E
Pro Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of Minutes: [9-20-2023](#) **Approved by GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by GC**
5. Open Forum:
 - a. Liam: Hello, thank you for having me today. I am a junior at UCF, studying Political Science at UCF. I wanted to speak about restaurant row. It came to my attention that all of the restaurants that come to restaurant row have ingredients and menu items that include gluten. These options aren't very accessible for students who have allergies or cannot have gluten, can we do something to bring restaurants that are accessible to those with dietary restrictions.
 - i. Damarla: I agree with this. SAC is already working on an initiative on this topic, I can give you an update on how that is going, with Dr.Guzman, because they oversee these operations, including halal options.

- ii. Liam: As a vegetarian, I have several options that accommodate my dietary needs. Could you give me information about the SAC meetings, if I would be able to attend.
 - iii. Damarla: I can email you more information, it might be better to have a one-on-one with Dr.Guzman to talk about the subject.

- b. Lax: Florida state legislature is not doing a very good job at protecting academic freedom. Ultimately, how do we fight against these forces at UCF? We can make proclamations, etc. But we are only acknowledging these issues, but we are not protecting education. Faculty union has strength, and through them, we could be more effective in doing this. Right now, part of their contract is to protect academic freedom, so they can teach freely. We need to get more faculty to pay dues, public sector people cannot have money deducted from their paychecks, to go directly to unions, is technically union busting, but we should move conversation to get professors to join faculty union, to preserve united Florida faculty. I believe we are 20% off away from getting the union preserved. Meaning that if enough people aren't paying dues, the union will be completely gone. We will not be able to negotiate effectively, and this would hurt our academic freedom.
 - i. Damarla: Were you able to speak to SG DNI coordinator so we can see if they have any initiatives on this subject?
 - ii. Lax: No
 - iii. Damarla: I encourage everyone to learn about this idea, Howard Phillips Hall has information on it, if you would like to know more about it. They have UFF union on the first floor and have resources and explanations about topics.
 - iv. Richmond: Yesterday with Dean of Arts and Humanities, this idea was brought up, but nothing had been cut actively, they were waiting for Florida Board of Governors.
 - v. Lax: Faculty is living in fear of not having union, they are running against the state without these protections.
 - vi. Yalamanchili: How can Senate or SBA have influence regarding the UFF?
 - vii. Lax: Brought this up, to get the ball rolling about this, being able to educate people about the issues, to have more informed people.
 - viii. Borg: Wanted to remind senators about self-censorship, we also have to work to prevent this.
 - ix. Hameed: This seems like a great idea for us to take on, but I would need to know more about the topic to speak about it.
 - x. Lax: Regarding emails, if UCF as an institution supports the UFF, instead of individuals sending traced emails about the topic, it would be more secure to contact admin directly. If student government of SG speaks

about encouraging and supporting the union on what they do to support our academic freedom.

- xi. Donahue: You mentioned other groups that are already working on these topics/initiatives, how would you want SBA or SG to reach out and support other's initiatives/campaigns.
- xii. Lax: Both people running in last year's election made statements on academic freedoms. We are able to stand with faculty as students, supporting them. We get to protect faculty, in order to protect students by extension. Reaching out to other entities that are taking on this topic would allow us to be more effective.
- xiii. Damarla: Initiatives that are brought up by this, I may speak to Dr. Frame about utilizing our resources to tackle these issues effectively.
- xiv. Hameed: Would we be able to make a proclamation about this issue? Supporting the UFF and encouraging others to do the same.
- xv. Lax: Initiatives like this are in the works already.
- xvi. Damarla: Will speak to Brodie about making this proclamation, but wants initiative to be worked on first, to back up proclamation with action. Contact admin. Getting a broad scope about issue.
- xvii. Datilus: What is UFF?
Lax: United Florida Faculty union. They report and refute misbehaviors in regard to contracts, having people negotiate these contracts, making admin accountable when they may break these contracts.

6. Announcements from the Chair-

- a. Hello everyone! I hope your exams have been going well if you've had any. Make sure you're taking care of yourself during exam season.
- b. We have a more relaxed meeting today. We're looking at one concern, planning our future event, and I'm going to get some information so we can start our legislation writing workshop soon.
- c. I have a history fact today about the most recent American revolution. Taylor swift is dating an American (Travis Kelce) for the first time since 2011! Her last American boyfriend was Jake Gyllenhaal (boooo). I'm not a swiftie but I thought this was interesting.

7. Announcements from the Vice-Chair-

- a. Hi! I hope you guys have had a good week, get a good night's sleep, unlike me, please be better than me!

8. Announcements from Committee Members-

- a. Damarla: Pro-Temp's office has been making sure that committees and pro temp office is communicating effectively, and that way, we can keep ourselves accountable. I have to play devil's advocate sometimes to make sure that your initiatives and ideas are well structured.
- b. Yalamanchili: TDIH: Silent Spring, ban on DDT on agriculture, Environmental protection.

9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-

- a. None

10. Old Business

- a. Resolutions
 - i. None
 - b. Proclamations
 - i. None
 - c. Semester Projects
 - i. None
 - d. Concern Form
 - i. None
11. New Business
- a. Resolutions
 - i. None
 - b. Proclamations
 - i. None
 - c. Semester Projects
 - i. Summer Semester
 - 1. WeChat: Hameed
 - 2. Animal Proof Trashcans: Carter
 - a. N/A
 - 3. RSO Meeting Spaces: Fintel
 - a. Fintel: see member discussion notes. Meeting with AG tomorrow.
 - 4. Dining Hall Food Quality: Richmond, Acosta, Donahue. [Building Managers Spreadsheet](#) [Source](#)
 - ii. Fall Semester
 - 1. More Cameras in Garages: Richmond, Nava-Cruzatt
 - 2. More Tutors: Vasquez Academic Coordinator about reources found for “hidden” resources, such as Knack and SI/SARC ideas. Reaching out to freshmen students specifically through orgs. To promote options. Ask about promoting this on canvas with UCF IT.
 - 3. Trans bathrooms on campus: Hameed
 - 4. Knight Connect: Fintel – Nava-Cruzatt
 - a. Fintel: Need to meet with Nava-Cruzatt to discuss further steps. Need IT point of contact.
 - b. Who handles knightconnect o.o
 - c. Reach out to OSI, KORT. There is contact for IT on ucf websites
 - 5. Knights pantry donation event:
 - a. With us being kind of low on time, I want us to maybe consider doing this event next semester to give us more time to plan now. Thoughts?
 - b. Since this will be a committee wide thing, I want to start delegating tasks before we start. We need someone to contact knight’s pantry to see if they would be interested. This person would need to keep in connection with knight’s

pantry about what we're doing and any updates. - Carlos Acosta

d. Concern Form

i. FILL IT OUT

- ii. For those who are working on concerns from the form, send me a message of what concern your doing so I can give you the contact info of the submitter (if they said they want to discuss it further).
- iii. Today we'll be looking at one concern.

12. Member Discussion

- a. Hameed: Something that I want to do is have a group legislation writing workshop. How many people here can confidently teach/help someone in writing legislation? If you have ideas for legislation you would like to write, this will be a good opportunity to start writing it with some help.
 - i. Pro temp <3
- b. Hameed: For the past day or so I have been in contact with the President and Vice president of the graduate student association about "project Alexandria". I also attended the Q&A on Monday with Dean Case about what's happening in the library. Dean Case is going to make a statement soon which was already planned out. I asked him to come to open forum after he speaks with the faculty senate which will be next Thursday.
- c. Fintel: Chair Hameed and I will be meeting with the Attorney General about the Taskforce to assess the usage of rooms around campus tomorrow. This is to address the RSO meeting spaces initiative from the Summer. I have a few questions I want to bring to the AG, but if anyone else has suggestions of things to ask, that would be appreciated. Questions so far:
 - i. What is the Taskforce doing? When was it created/started?
 - ii. What have they done so far? What is their goal?
 - iii. What support/help do they need?
 - iv. How do I (we) get involved?
 - v. Who can attend the meetings? Who currently attends meetings?
 - vi. Is there an already existing space on campus that RSOs can bring speakers? (designated space for speakers that RSOs can use)

13. Miscellaneous Business:

- a. Damarla: Outreach more effective. Making channels and chats for students to effectively communicate, and less time in committee meetings. Makig it open to the public potentially. So people can persue initiatives that aren't already being persued.

14. Final Roll Call: **6/9 Quorum is verified**

15. Adjournment: **5:53 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