



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
SG Conference Room
10/17/2023
4:30 PM
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: **4:31 PM**
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (7): **10/13 Quorum is verified**

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Temple	sgagap@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice-Chair Polera	sgasci9@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Duke	sga_sci2@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Hashimi	sga_sci1@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Herrera	sga_cah2@ucf.edu	A (P 4:37 PM)	P
Senator Humayun	sga_chps3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Kostis	sga_sci6@ucf.edu	E (P 4:40 PM)	E
Senator Lacasse	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Polera	sgacie2@ucf.edu	P	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
LJR Representative	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	E	E
Pro Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	A	A

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Governmental Affairs Coordinator	sga_govaffairs@ucf.edu	P	P
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1. Approval of the Minutes: [10/10/2023](#)- **Approved by GC**
2. Approval of the Agenda: - **Approved by GC**
3. Open Forum
 - a. Supervisor of Elections Myers: Hoping to work with us for voter education for real elections and Student Body elections. Will be sitting in. Will be back. Looks forward to working together.
 - b. Chair Temple: Lacasse link her on the HD 35 voter guide info.
 - c. Lacasse: Is there someone who can make graphic for it? Deadline to register to vote was a week ago. Election is in 3 weeks.
 - d. Chair Temple: Who wants to make graphic?
 - e. ELA Richmond: Will make graphic. Will work alongside SGLCers.
 - f. JC: SGLCer. Here to observe.
 - g. Kirsten: Chair of Knightthon committee. Doing basket raffle. \$3 for 1 entry. \$5 for 3 entries. If interested, reach out to her.
 - h. Victoria: SGLCer, on Experience committee. Planning events.
 - i. Bella: SGLCer, Internal chair for Experience committee.
 - j. Jorge: SGLCer, Marketing committee.
4. Announcements from the Chair-
 - a. Good afternoon, everyone!
 - i. Today will be very short, because Judicial will be here for a time-sensitive meeting, but we will still be working for about an hour (or however long we see fit).
 - ii. That said, we cannot waste anytime, for today we will be starting on the legislation for the Legislative Priorities, which are set to do the following:
 1. What are the priorities?
 2. Why are they student priorities? (This is where your research comes in)
 3. What do we want to see (What was done in the past, what could be done now?)
 - iii. Met with GAC Martin and President Greenaway and the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee. Will be working with Chair Kaufman and

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- Dean Theodora Berry to address concerns and answer questions regarding the Excused Absence policy.
- iv. We will be working on this for the foreseeable future, for we have roughly a month and a half to complete these and see them on the floor (we need to have them on 1st reading by 30 November).
 - v. OTD:
 - 1. In 1814, the Great London Beer Flood occurs, when a 22 foot tall vat of porter bursts, destroying several other vats containing porter as well. 323,000 imperial gallons flooded the surrounding area, which would kill 8 people over the course of 2 days (yeah...)
5. Announcements from the Vice Chair-
- a. Vice Chair Polera –
 - a. Good afternoon. It's great to see you all. Shoutout to the SGLCers for joining us. We're really happy you're here. Hope you're having a great day and an even better week.
 - b. A fun fact: There's lots of events going on with SG, RHA, Homecoming, etc. Make sure to take advantage and go have some fun. Take breaks from studying. Stay hydrated.
 - c. Scholarship applications are due Friday. Make sure to remind your constituents and encourage students to apply. There's a variation of scholarships. Repost the flyer from ucfsG instagram. Remember there's no Senate next week on Thursday, Oct. 26. Remember you are all so loved. This world is better with you in it. You have value and are appreciated.
6. Announcements from Committee Members-
- a. GAC Martin - Hi everyone! If you would like to go on Downtown Day, Monday November 13th, please speak now or forever hold your peace because I will be closing sign ups by the end of the day as we have almost reached our max of 30 student attendees. Ethan and I proposed our Election Day Excused Absence policy to the Undergraduate Policy and Curriculum Committee. We did receive some push-back, which was expected, and we are going to be working on answering the questions and concerns that the faculty had regarding this policy. Lastly, I am collaborating with College Dems on an event that they are planning for October 26th from 3-5pm. Florida Senator Jason Pizzo is doing a college tour around the state, so we are super happy to host him. I will provide more updates when I have them!

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- b. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqZLSHJ7znxW95qm3L1eFfGCYxuHOSQqDQ2TIBn5dAKz4EvQ/viewform?usp=sf_link.
7. Old Business-
- i. Working Groups:
 1. Legislative Working Group - Temple, Polera, Vasquez, Richmond, Yalamanchili, Humayun, Duke, Herrera
 - a. [2023 DATC Information](#)
 - i. For this group, your focus will be on finding information that outlines **why these priorities are concerns for students in order to outline our Resolutions**. After we collect this information, we will work on the bills, which must be seen on 1st reading by 30 November. I want to remind this group that we are explaining these issues as student issues, so it would be advisable to be judicious in your wording.
 - ii. [LWG Working Doc](#)
 1. **Civil Rights**
 - a. **LGBTQ+ Rights** – Herrera, Yalamanchili
 - b. **Reproductive Justice** - Laurel, Andrea, Yalamanchili
 2. **Education**
 - a. **Bright Futures** – Richmond, Brooke
 - b. **Immigrant Students** – Vasquez
 - c. **Administration** – Funding for UCF
 3. **Public Welfare** (Social Welfare, Healthcare, etc)
 - a. **Living Insecurity** (Housing + Food Insecurity) - Ethan
 - b. **Gun Violence Prevention/Public Safety** – Ethan, Cooper (SGLCer)
 - c. **Mental Health** – VC Polera, Polera, Richmond, Humayun
 4. **Environmental Concerns**
 - a. **Climate Change** – Vasquez

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- ix. Chair Temple: SGLCers, we're a nonpartisan research committee. We take student concerns after surveying students, and we codify those priorities into pieces of legislation in senate. We're going to compile info into resolutions today. There's authorizing language with whereas clauses that have stats. There are 4 different pieces of legislation off of priority areas students want us to advocate for. If you have access to the agenda or you can look over people's shoulders. Those 4 policy areas act as legislation and serve as foundation for advocacy moving forward. There's 2 folders in files, legislation from last session and outlines for 4 policy areas. You should be able to access and edit them. Trainings with legislation lead up to this. Take inspiration from 54th Session and make it your own.
- x. Lacasse: For 2024 for authorizing signatures, it still has Dylan and Nick's names.
- xi. Chair Temple: You can change that now for all of them.
- xii. Kostis: Wanted to clarify some things. Speaker Holmes mentioned we want to make sure admin feels heard. Will admin's interests affect if certain controversial bills will be chosen?
- xiii. Chair Temple: No, it won't affect the bills we choose. Look back at 53rd Session. Admin has their own priorities thorough funding. They have their own list of things they want and about \$40 million dollars. They want us to advocate for funding for innovation hub. They're sliding it into what we already have. Joint effort. Working in collaboration for same agenda with different components.
- xiv. Kostis: Thank you.
- xv. Chair Temple: If you look back through legislation from 54th Session, you'll see how everythig's listed out. You don't have to follow everything, so long as you have key data and arguments. If you find any legisaltion that you want to see advocated for, come see me and VC Polera and GAC Martin, and we'll see if it could go in to advocacy agenda. Keep note on it. Don't add legislation into priorities for right now. We don't know what else will come in or be on the floor. SGLCers can work with senators to get legislation done or you can go home. Questions?
- xvi. Lacasse: Can you go more in depth into Public Welfare.
- xvii. Chair Temple: Housing insecurity, mental health. It's in Old Business. You'll see 4 key areas. Go to ORS, Friday at 11.

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- xviii. Vorn: Have we talked to Sustainability Coordinator? Chair Temple: I haven't. If you want to, go ahead.
- xix. Vasquez: CC me on that.
- xx. Chair Temple: We can continue research as we make legislation. We can reach out to experts.
- xxi. Chair Temple: Work on this for about 30 minutes outside. We will be meeting next week even though Senate isn't meeting. We will be meeting on Halloween, and I encourage you to wear costumes.

10. Miscellaneous Business-

- i. None.

11. Final Roll Call: **11/13**

12. Adjournment: **4:58 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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