



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
SG Conference Room
10/24/2023
4:30 PM
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: **4:31 PM**
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (7): **9/12**

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 at 4:33 PM)	P
Senator Humayun	sga_chps3@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Kostis	sga_sci6@ucf.edu	E (P at 4:33 PM)	P
Senator Lacasse	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Polera	sgacie2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Richmond	sgsci12@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Vasquez	sgasci14@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Vorn	sga_ba6@ucf.edu	E	E
LJR Representative	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	A	A
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: [10/17/2023](#) - **Approved by GC**
2. Approval of the Agenda: - **Approved by GC**
3. Open Forum
 - a. Justice Collazo: Chair of Military & Veterans Caucus, working on 2 proclamations, month of Nov and Nov. 6-11. Working with DiChiaria, will go to SBA and Senate will see it Thursday. If anyone wants to sponsor proclamation, send email to sgmvcaucus@ucf.edu.
 - b. Sustainability Coordinator Burge: Sitting in to talk about DATC. Talked to Chair Vorn. Most important bills were HB 1367, HB 1379.
4. Announcements from the Chair-
 - a. Good afternoon, everyone!
 - i. Today will be a short work meeting to get some progress on the Legislative Priority legislation today
 - ii. Expect us to be out by 5:30 PM and no later!
 - iii. We're working on establishing a meeting time with Dean Berry to work on the language of the Excused Absence policy.
 - iv. OTD:
 1. In 1857, Sheffield FC is founded. It is the oldest association football (ugh, soccer) club in the world and is currently participating in the 7th tier of English football in the Northern Premier League (aka non-league football).
5. Announcements from the Vice Chair-
 - a. Vice Chair Polera –
 - a. Good afternoon! It's great to see you all. Shoutout to the SGLCers that are joining us. We're so happy that you're here. I hope you're all having a great day and an even better week.
 - b. Reminders: Voting for Homecoming Royalty ends this Friday! Chief of Staff Sobrinho and Speaker Holmes are running, so make sure to go vote on MyUCF. Also, go have fun at some events this week. I might've missed some but here's some events for this week:
 - Today: Comedy Knight ft. Chico Bean, doors open @ 7, show starts @ 8 in arena
 - Tomorrow: Homecoming Movie Knight Scream, doors open @ 7, movie starts @ 8 in Pegasus Ballroom

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- Thursday: Concert Knight ft. Rico Nasty, doors open @ 7, start @ 8 in arena
- Friday: Spirit Splash, 12-2 PM, Reflecting Pond / Ignite the Knight @ 7 PM, Memory Mall
 - c. Remember you are 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! Happy Homecoming week!! Make sure you're supporting our SG agents on Homecoming Court! You get two votes on myucf, so go support Jenn and Sierra! This past weekend, I got to join some of our SG leaders at the Big 12 Student Government Conference hosted by Texas Christian University. It was an amazing weekend, and we got to share all the initiatives we are doing on campus. Thursday from 3-5pm in the Charge on Chamber, Florida Senator Jason Pizzo is coming to campus for a Town Hall event. Please come out for this!
 - b. Chair Vorn - I went to the green assembly yesterday to get insight on any environmental policies, its committee members seemed incredibly interested in working with us and will hopefully contact us soon! I got a lot of questions about Day at the Capital and the legislative branch, specifically how they are amazing ways for students, especially non-sg agents to get involved in environmental policy and university initiatives. Pronoun stickers for student IDs are now available at card services. This is a great step towards gender equality on campus, hopefully being one of many towards the future. I'd advise everyone to access this great resource to show how gender equality is a priority at UCF.
- 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.

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- 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
 - b. **Infrastructure** – Yalamanchili, Richmond
 - 2. Electoral Working Group - Sandlin, Lacasse, Yalamanchili, Vorn
 - a. Relatively more simple: Find the candidates and find the polling places in Lake Nona.
 - i. [EWG Working Doc](#)
 - b. Bills
 - i. None.
 - c. Resolutions
 - i. None.
8. New Business-
- a. DATC Legislation/ Talking about Environmental Policy
 - i. [54th Session DATC Legislation](#) (Examples)
 - ii. [55th Session DATC Legislation Outlines](#)

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- iii. Chair Temple: Sustainability Coordinator can talk about Environmental Policy.
- iv. Sustainability Coordinator Burge: SB 144. Collaborator brought up SB 144 – State Renewable Energy Rules, widely accepted bill to back. Revising definitions, prohibiting drilling of oil, gas, or petroleum. Providing legislative intent. Creating advisory committee, etc. Wanted to also talk about delegation of new FL state bird. Mockingbird is native to SE US. Want bird native to FL. [SB 162](#).
- v. Chair Temple: Look at [SB 144](#) for 2024. When it comes to digging into legislation, look at how it benefits student body as a whole.
- vi. Sustainability Coordinator Burge: A lot of FL universities work with petroleum based companies like Exxon mobile. This prohibits drilling of oil in certain designated areas in FL. Big for students of environmental science majors and related majors. Renewable energy is beneficial to everyone. Would be great to move to campus. Marginal benefit starts to outweigh marginal cost. Creating the advisory committee is really cool. Cool to see more environmentally focused things happening in American policy.
- vii. GAC Martin: HB 193. Rep. Eskamani sponsored, basically same bill. Annual report must be submitted to legislature.
- viii. Vervuurt: As engineer, there's a push for renewable energy. Don't want future robbed by fossil fuel companies. In our best interest to push for this legislation. There's a lot of work to push for renewable energy whether it be solar energy.
- ix. Lacasse: Saw companion bill by Eskamani. There are people with connections to Rep. Eskamani. Maybe ELA Richmond can reach out to Rep. Eskamani.
- x. ELA Richmond: How would we do that nonpartisan?
- xi. Chair Temple: Frame it in a way that would benefit university as a whole. Having UCF match these would allow them to be a better university.
- xii. Vervuurt: When it comes to research, a lot of faculty push towards renewable energy. The more tech we produce, we're not getting advancements towards that. Faculty want people in STEM to push for legislation around environmental policies. Want to push people in STEM to go to DATC. Affects students as a whole and affects grants to university.

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- xiii. GAC Martin: Anyone can apply to DATC. Looking for students. Just emailed 13 colleges to ask if they have interest groups that would want to go. For example, if group of environmental students that want to go. If there's a group, we could potentially set something up. Certain areas mean areas by bodies of water. Just wanted to clarify.
- xiv. Chair Temple: How would this tangibly affect UCF as a whole? What can UCF do to make sure this bill passes? Effects?
- xv. Sustainability Coordinator Burge: We've been trying to get renewable energy for years at UCF. Student great energy fund was lost in the position from COVID. Works with reducing energy consumption. Starting competition with housing. Initial cost scares people away. Role covers sustainability and innovation: economic, social and environmental. A lot of the role is environmental. Carbon emission reduction HB 193 benefits everyone. Clearer air is better health. Affects everything.
- xvi. Vervuurt: Academically speaking, we're at apex of cytocollapse. No turning back. Trying to do risk reduction. We're done but trying to see how bad it will be for our lives. UCF as research institution produces insane things, but isn't communicated properly. UCF is empathetic with innovation. We have infrastructure for it, but because of not wanting to act, we're lacking in innovation. We have so many resources, faculty, and expertise. We need to speak to faculty members. I've spoken to many. Communication is key to fight misinformation and better future.
- xvii. Vasquez: SB 36 Comprehensive Waste Reduction. Thinks we should focus on pushing this bill.
- xviii. Chair Temple: Kostis has recycling initiative, so we can use his example. Plugging his initiative.
- xix. Sustainability Coordinator Burge: Why hasn't Kostis contacted me?
- xx. Wangen: It was from last year.
- xxi. Chair Temple: I'll have him reach out to you.
- xxii. Burge: Getting map made of where trash cans are lacking on campus. Wants to lobby for trash cans. 1 trash can is at the cheapest \$1000. Hard sell. Will have the map by Nov. 17.
- xxiii. Vervuurt: As Student Body, can we make our own trash cans rather than going through legislation?

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- xxiv. Sustainability Coordinator Burge: No. We would need facilities approval.
 - xxv. JC: Why do they cost so much?
 - xxvi. Sustainability Coordinator Burge Outsourced trash can. Longevity. Would want animal proof trash cans but that's like \$3000.
 - xxvii. Chair Temple: We could take that up to legislature.
 - xxviii. GAC Martin: Doesn't understand why they're so expensive.
 - xxix. Vervuurt: If we had all the materials, could we do it?
 - xxx. Burge: No. Would be about equal. Net equal cost.
 - xxxi. Chair Temple: Would be best to do through legislature.
 - xxxii. Burge: Even loss of revenue to make all of them ourselves. We need about 70-200 more. College of Nursing has 1 trash can. So much littering on that campus. Everything is single use. If anywhere should have more trash cans, it would be College of Nursing. Research Pkwy has 2-3 trash cans.
 - xxxiii. ELA Richmond: College of Nursing is going to Lake Nona around Spring 2025. They lease the space.
 - xxxiv. Burge: Still needs trash cans.
 - xxxv. JC: If UCF leases it, if they don't renew lease, it's not UCF's property anymore?
 - xxxvi. ELA Richmond: They're just doing their thing. Parking lot issue with permits.
 - xxxvii. Chair Temple: 21 days without a Speaker.
 - xxxviii. Coordinator Burge: Will be here next week.
 - xxxix. Chair Temple: Won't keep committee for too long. Lots of substantial information today. Encourages committee to use today's information for the legislation. Reach out to RSOs or Interest Groups regarding policy to get expert info to use towards resolutions.
- b. Bills
 - i. None.
 - c. Resolutions
 - i. None.
9. Member Discussion-
- i. Mittal- Both Pro Temp Damarla and I want to applaud the initiative and dedication that everyone in GAP has put in with outreach and getting more responses over the past month or so. I think it will lead to more holistic

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legislation that properly represents the UCF student body and I want to specifically applaud Chair Temple for switching directions so quickly from working groups to outreach and back again as we get closer to DATC! Nice work to everyone.

10. Miscellaneous Business-

- i. Chair Temple: What do you want to be for Halloween?
- ii. ELA Richmond: Laundry basket.
 1. **Move to Informal 5:04 PM**
 2. **Return to Formal 5:18 PM**

11. Final Roll Call: **9/12**

12. Adjournment: **5:20 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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