



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
Charge On Chamber
10/03/2023
4:30 PM
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 4:31 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (6): 10/10

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	P	P
Senator Herrera	sga_cah2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Humayun	sga_chps3@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Lacasse	sga_sci8@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	E	E
LJR Representative	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	E	E
Pro Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	A
Governmental Affairs Coordinator	sga_govaffairs@ucf.edu	P	P

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1. Approval of the Minutes: [9/26/2023](#)- **Approved by GC**
2. Approval of the Agenda: - **Approved by GC**
3. Open Forum
 - a. JC: SGLC, observing
4. Announcements from the Chair-
 - a. Good afternoon, everyone!
 - i. Today we will work on the legislative priority research and electoral research! As a reminder, these are some of the subjects:
 1. Civil Rights
 - a. LGBTQ+ Rights
 - b. General Civil Rights
 2. Education
 - a. Bright Futures
 - b. Immigrant Students
 3. Public Welfare (Social Welfare, Healthcare, etc)
 - a. Living Insecurity (Housing + Food Insecurity)
 - b. Gun Violence Prevention
 - c. Mental Health
 4. Environmental Concerns
 - a. Climate Change
 - ii. OTD:
 1. In 2008, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act (the infamous “bank bailout”) is signed into law, authorizing the use of government funds through the TARP program to buy up bad assets from the largest financial institutions in the US through capital injections (ie money sent to banks in order to allow for banks to issue loans and liquid statements again, though these funds were more so seen as a windfall for debt payments, acquisitions and investment). The EESA would trigger significant backlash over the government seemingly letting the banks get away with plunging the economy into the mud, triggering the Occupy Wall Street (against the bailout and the 1% specifically), and the Tea Party movement (a far broader anti-government movement), the effects of which are still felt today.

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iii. Current Event:

1. US Representative Matt Gaetz has formally filed a motion to vacate the Speakership of the House against Speaker Kevin McCarthy following the passage of a 45 day clean spending bill that would keep the government open until 17 November. The House is taking up the motion today, and they are currently undergoing a roll call vote of all present members in the Chamber.

5. Announcements from the Vice Chair-

- a. Vice Chair Polera –
- b. Good afternoon! I hope you're all having a great week so far.
- c. Fun fact: For those of you who are in IM, UCF IM sports is hosting a spelling bee. It's going to be this Friday, Oct. 6 in RWC Main Room 206. You have to sign up by this Thursday, Oct. 5. For more info, check out the instagram account: ucfimsports, or if you're in IM, you should've gotten an email today about it with the link to sign up. Just some announcements and reminders:
- d. We got the confirmation from Speaker Holmes that **we're all set to table tomorrow from 11 AM – 3:30 PM**. If you're going to table, please try and wear your Legislative Branch polos so we can all look professional.
- e. Good luck on any exams you have this week. Study hard but make sure to take breaks and get sufficient rest.
- f. Remember we have Special Session tomorrow at 5:30 PM. If you can't make it, be sure to fill out the absence request form through LJR on KnightConnect.
- g. Remember you're loved beyond belief. The world is better with you in it. You are valuable. I am so proud of you.
 - i. Richmond: Teams for spelling bee?
 1. Not sure check the IG

6. Announcements from Committee Members-

- a. GAC Martin -
- b. I am still planning Downtown Day at the Orlando City Hall and Orange County Courthouse. **Downtown Day is Monday, November 13**. Please fill out this form if you are interested in going:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqZLSHJ7znxW95qm3L1eFfGCYxuHOSQqDQ2TIBn5dAKz4EvQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

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- i. DiChiara: is this open to non-committee members
 - ii. GAC Martin: Yes, wanted to open it up to GAP first, 30 spots, will open it up to everyone if there's extra slots available
 - iii. Chair Temple: open to SGLC?
 - iv. GAC Martin: Yes, if there's extra space
 - v. ELA Richmond: just SG?
 - vi. GAC Martin: Yes, for now
7. Announcements from Non-Committee Members
 - a. None.
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-T59uIS4OIj1EMhYfrezqUvfPSciKYs1pw5M60A/edit?usp=sharing>
 - ii. **Total Responses So Far: 146 responses!!!!!!**
 - d.
 - e. Bills
 - i. None.
 - f. Resolutions
 - i. None.
9. New Business-
 - i. Outreach during Market Wednesday
 1. For the Minutes, Who Will Be Available?
 - a. 11:00 – 11:30 Ethan Andrea Laurel
 - b. 11:30 – 12:00 Ethan
 - c. 12:30 – 1:00 Ethan Andrea
 - d. 1:00-1:30 Ethan Andrea
 - e. 1:30 – 2:00 Ethan Laurel
 - f. 2:00 – 2:30 Brooke Andrea Laurel
 - g. 2:30 – 3:00 Brooke Andrea Laurel
 - ii. GAC Martin: Jenn's gonna print QR codes

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- iii. Vasquez: What are we gonna do for tabling? Merch?
- iv. GAC Martin: pom poms, merch in cage. Someone on Exec should have access
- v. Chair Temple: We can use merch and the flyers.
- vi. Lacasse: Be active. Approach people. Make eye contact. Wave, try to attract people's attention.
- vii. Working Groups:
 - 1. We will split into two groups: one group will work on the legislative priorities research, while the other will work on HD 35's Special Primary. This arrangement will be in effect for as long as necessary, until either one of our works are complete.
 - a. Legislative Working Group - Temple, Polera, Vasquez, Richmond, Yalamanchili, Humayun, Duke, Herrera
 - i. [2023 DATC Information](#)
 - 1. 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.
 - 2. [LWG Working Doc](#) (pedantic, sorry)
 - a. Civil Rights
 - i. LGBTQ+ Rights – Herrera, Yalamanchili
 - ii. Reproductive Justice - Laurel, Andrea, Yalamanchili
 - b. Education
 - i. Bright Futures - Richmond
 - ii. Immigrant Students – Vasquez
 - iii. Administration - TBD

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- c. Public Welfare (Social Welfare, Healthcare, etc)
 - i. Living Insecurity (Housing + Food Insecurity) - Ethan
 - ii. Gun Violence Prevention – Ethan, Cooper (SGLCer)
 - iii. Mental Health – Polera, Richmond, Humayun
 - d. Environmental Concerns
 - i. Climate Change – Vasquez
 - ii. Infrastructure - Yalamanchili
 - b. Electoral Working Group - Sandlin, Lacasse, Yalamanchili, Vorn
 - i. Relatively more simple: Find the candidates and find the polling places in Lake Nona.
 - 1. [EWG Working Doc](#)
 - c. Informal: 4:47 PM
 - d. Back to Formal: 5:52 PM
 - b. Bills
 - i. None.
 - c. Resolutions
 - i. None.
 - 10. Member Discussion-
 - a. A&SF Student Survey
 - b. Chair Temple and Hameed are working with Chair Ryan to see if students want fee increased. Wants to bring it to our attention. If there's a positive trend, we'll lobby.
 - i. Borg: Make sure the student body would know what increasing the fee would do for them.
 - c. Duke: Make sure you let people know what the fee is.
 - i. Chair Hameed: SBA's student concern about programs being removed. Talked to Chair Borges about how to educate students on the budget. Borges introduced idea of circulating a survey to maybe bring to attention of Board of Governors. Small fee, but if it was increased, there would be more money for students.
 - d. Chair Temple: Will keep you updated.

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11. Miscellaneous Business-

i. None.

12. Final Roll Call: 9/10

13. Adjournment: 5:57 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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