



MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 3:21PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 6/9

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Yalamanchili	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice-Chair Traynor	sga_cah3@ucf.edu	P	P
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Senator Nadella	sgachps4@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Pohlmann	sgasci11@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Rivera	sgsci15@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Wangen	sgachps1@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	E

3. Approval of the Minutes: [LJR 10-19](#) ;approved by gc
4. Approval of the Agenda: approved by gc
5. Open Forum
 - a.
6. Announcements from the Chair-
 - a. Hello everyone! Happy early Halloween! We'll be seeing 15 absence requests, seeing an internal bill, and holding vice chair elections.
7. Announcements from the Vice Chair-
 - a. None

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8. Announcements from Committee Members-

- a. E&A Rep –
- b. SBA Rep – Hameed: looked over 2 concerns from the survey; adding microwaves to 2nd floor of library; adding mirrors to be safe in parking garage; looking over future proclamations
- c. GAP Rep – Mittal: environmental

9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members

- a.

10. Old Business-

- a. Bills
 - i. None.
- b. Resolutions
 - i. None.
- c. Absences
 - i. None
- d. Blanket Excuses
 - i. None.

11. New Business-

- a. Bills
 - i. [Internal Bill 55-04 \[Updates to Title XIII Student Government Agencies and Departments\].docx](#)
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. McClellan: Thank you all for allowing me time to speak on this
This is a very straight forward bill, the context behind this is that I attended an ADSPB to talk to departments about the A&SF Budget. It was very valuable hearing what they all had to say. I think that it is very important – coming up – that there is more communication between the budget committee and these entities. Having the budget chair position added to ADSPB encourages this and gives me an official place (or the budget chair an official place). I have also spoken with VP Smith the Chair of ADSPB about this.
 - 2. Questioning

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- a. Wangen: Is there a reason the committee chair would need a vote, or do they just need to have a place on the committee?
- Not necessarily a vote. They usually have their year plan decided before the chair is elected, if I'm not mistaken.
- b. Hameed: Would the ability to vote improve involvement in the committee, or is it unnecessary?
 - i. Ex-officio is just fine, no need to vote. Purpose is not to vote, it is to communicate.
- c. Pohlmann: How do the agencies and department heads work with the committee?
 - i. A&SF funds all of those departments and agencies under OSI. They are all funded by the budget committee. The reason why I want to be on there for communication is so that if there are any major changes, I can let them know what the committee is doing and what they expect. I have spoken to exec about this, and by the time it is necessary, the budget packets will be out for about a week or so. My plan is to walk them through it – the changes and what they can expect. This is to make sure that they are best prepared and well-informed.

3. Debate

- a. Wangen: The committee chair definitely needs to have a good line of communication with these departments, we should make sure we make it known that they are non-voting because I don't think it is fair to the committee.

4. Voting

- a. 6-0-0 Passes on First Reading
- b. Resolutions
 - i. None
- c. Absences -
 - i. Emelina Brown
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. We postponed from last week due to not having proper documentation .She submitted this after Speaker Holmes recommended. Her parents were visiting on the 15th. They

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were able to go to the Retreat on Saturday but not on Sunday.

2. Questioning

a. Mittal: Does it matter if we approve if she's already signed over?

i. Yes.

b. Wangen: Do you know when the Senate Retreat was announced?

i. Wangen: September 14th

3. Debate

a. Pohlmann: This is one of those weird ones where we have a responsibility of Senate to excuse or not excuse absences. I could go either way.

b. Wangen: I feel very bad, but yeah, this was planned after Senate Retreat, so we should not excuse this because this is not a prior engagement.

4. Voting

a. **0-4-1 Denied**

ii. Tyler Borges

1. Speeches

a. Chair Borges requested off for 10/12/2023, two weeks ago. He said that he went on a cruise planned since January and it was from October 12th – 15th. He provided documentation of his ticket/boarding pass.

2. Questioning

a. Pohlmann: We saw this previously, right?

i. Yalamanchili: This is new

b. Pohlmann: This would be way out of timeline then, no?

i. Yalamanchili: I may have made a mistake and we may have already seen this.

ii. Yalamanchili: (After further review) we haven't seen this.

c. Hameed: I could have sworn we already saw this!

i. Yalamanchili: I believe we saw a cruise absence request before but it was from another senator. I don't

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believe it was from Borges. I remember that we didn't have enough time to do last meeting's absences.

- ii. Yalamanchili: He submitted it on Tuesday.
- iii. Hameed: We have known about him going on a cruise for a while now, no?

- 3. Debate
 - a. None
- 4. Voting
 - a. **5/0/1 Approved**

iii. Nicolas Nava-Cruzatt

- 1. Speeches
 - a. This is for the whole meeting for 11/2/2023, next week's Senate meeting. He said that he is going back to Broward to celebrate his mother's birthday. The prospective dates are from 11/2 to 11/4. He did provide documentation.
- 2. Questioning
 - a. Wangen: Do we know when he scheduled to do this?
 - i. No. There is no indication. It only shows the times that he is going to Deerfield Beach and returning (I think by train).
 - b. Mittal: Can we ask the Senator to provide documentation for when it was planned?
 - i. Yalamanchili: Would you like to postpone?
 - c. Hameed: Don't we give excused absences for family events?
 - i. Yalamanchili: We don't excuse birthdays.
 - ii. Hameed: It doesn't say whether personal or family birthdays.
 - d. Wangen: Would this be considered a last minute family obligation?
 - i. Yalamanchili: I don't know how last minute it is because I don't know when it was planned.
- 3. Debate
 - a. Hameed: Motion to postpone until next week until Cruzatt can give us documentation.
- 4. Voting

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a. **Postponed until next meeting.**

iv. Carlos Yera

1. Speeches

- a. He is requesting an excuse for the whole meeting of 10/19. He is competing with his RSO in Athens Georgia from 10/19 tp 10/22. I can vouch for him because I was there with him at the event.

2. Questioning

- a. None

3. Debate

- a. Wangen: Sounds great. This is a university related event and it is important for him I'm sure.

4. Voting

- a. **5/0/1 Approved**

v. Reece Kennaugh

1. Speeches

- a. Mental health.

2. Questioning

- a.

3. Debate

- a. Hameed: As stated previously, we have made it a case that we can excuse mental health days:
b. Wangen: Same

4. Voting

- a. **6/0/0 Approved**

vi. Rianna Duke

1. Speeches

- a. This is for the Senate Retreat, both days. She was originally planning on going but got a pretty bad ear infection. I didn't want to go to events while I was still sick.

2. Questioning

- a. None

3. Debate

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- a. Hameed: I feel like we usually like to have some evidence because it is a precedent. Can we postpone until next week so that we can get some evidence?
 - b. Yalamanchili: As a point of information, we usually don't ask for medical information.
 - c. Mittal: It may be immoral to ask for documentation.
 - d. Yalamanchili: If they want to provide out of their own will, they may.
 - e. Hameed: I retract my motion.
 - f. Wangen: Generally, we could ask for a doctor's note.
 - g. Yalamanchili: Whether you want to see a doctor's notice or not, it is up to you all. When others get sick, they may not see the doctor. I just wanted to provide that point.
 - h. Pohlmann: If she hadn't gone to the doctor, it would be different. She specified that she went, so we should ask.
 - i. Hameed: I move to postpone.
4. Voting
- a. **Postponed until next meeting (for documentation).**

vii. Rianna Duke

- 1. Speeches
 - a. Initial roll call of last week's meeting. She is attending the Spooktacular event with the Arboretum. I definitely plan on being back for final roll call and I likely won't be at the event for the whole time, just wanted to make a presence to support the students there. She did not send any documentation but is willing to.
- 2. Questioning
 - a. Hameed: Do we know if VC Duke had any role in planning this event?
- 3. Debate
 - a. Pohlmann: Have we approved an RSO event like this?
 - i. Yalamanchili: No, only if they planned it or are part of an RSO competition.
 - b. Pohlmann: We don't usually approve this kind of stuff. It is a gray area. Not sure if we should approve.

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4. Voting
 - a. **0/3/2 Denied**

viii. Samuel Rose

1. Speeches

- a. This is for Senate Retreat on both days. They were very packed this week due to schoolwork and personal commitments. He provided a breakdown. Had to study for a linear algebra test on Saturday. On Sunday, they had to spend all day to finish the homework.

2. Questioning

- a. Hameed: Do we know when this homework was assigned and when it was due?
 - i. Yalamanchili: No.
- b. Hameed: Did he give any other documentation or evidence?
 - i. Yalamanchili: The homework is all we have for documentaton.

3. Debate

- a. Pohlmann: I think all around, even for personal commitments, I don't know. There isn't a lot of documentation. We don't know when the assignment was given or when it was due. Our policy isn't usually for homework, moreso for tests.
- b. Wangen: We already said yes because we are student-first. We excused Temple for studying for a test instead of going to his dean meeting. I don't see why we shouldn't approve. I also did the same homework and it took me about three days to finish.
- c. Pohlmann: Has anyone been approved for doing homework?
 - i. Hameed: Only knowledge is for studying for a test.
- d. Yalamanchili: Hameed, you've done this homework, right? How long did it take? There are 7 problems on this homework.
- e. Hameed: Obviously, we had different teachers. Despite this, I think I could have finished this homework across 3 to 4 weekends. It is possible they did it in one day.
- f. Pohlmann: Wangen, how much time did you have for this?

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- a. An absence request for last week's Senate Meeting Final Roll Call.
 - b. Carter – I submitted two absence requests but I'm not sure if they are both there. Last week I had work at 8am and needed to wake up at 6am. Senate got out pretty late at 11pm. It would not have been safely for me to drive on the expressway with that little sleep.
 2. Questioning
 - a. None
 3. Debate
 - a. Hameed: I think that we should mental and physical health of our senators seriously. Senate can definitely eat into sleep time. Sometimes all you can do is leave early. I will be voting in favor and I encourage everyone else to do the same.
 - b. Mittal: Isn't this also the meeting that Carter left a message about being more cognizant to go through our meetings in a faster manner? Damarla also agreed with Chair Carter. I think we should reflect on this, because this sentiment is felt by multiple people. It is definitely a valid reason.
 4. Voting
 - a. **Approved 6/0/0**
- xii. Ronit Luthra
1. Speeches
 - a. The 19th of October is for mental health day.
 2. Questioning
 - a. None
 3. Debate
 - a. Pohlmann: This falls under our policy.
 4. Voting
 - a. **5/0/0 Approved**
- xiii. Ronit Luthra
1. Speeches
 - a. The 26th of October is for a family emergency.
 - b. Yalamanchili: We don't have Senate today, so we can skip!

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- c. **Absence skipped.**
 - 2. Questioning
 - a.
 - 3. Debate
 - a.
 - 4. Voting
 - a.

- xiv. Arianna Carter
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. This absence is for next week's senate meeting.
 - b. Carter – I have been struggling with my mental health and I need some time to take care of myself.
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. None
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Wangen: Our policy is two mental health days per semester. There is no reason to not approve this.
 - 4. Voting
 - a. **6/0/0 Approved**

- xv. Sebastian Quiroga
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. This is for last week's final roll call. It is because he was not feeling well during the beginning and middle. I was just feeling very ill, made sure to get the most voting in that he can. He does not have a doctor's note because it was during the meeting.
 - 2. Questioning
 - a.
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Wangen: If someone hasn't gone to the doctor, it doesn't mean that we will deny it. We should approve it.
 - 4. Voting
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12. Member Discussion-

a.

13. Miscellaneous Business-

a. LJR Website FAQ Updates - <https://studentgovernment.ucf.edu/ljr-committee-faq/>

b. Vice Chair Elections -

1. Nominations

a. Traynor

b. Wangen

2. Speeches- 5 minutes

a. Traynor- 4yr, political science major, orientation leader last year, market vendor, musician; involved in legislative intern for Rep. Smith, SBA chair + VC, Wants to update the LJR transition binders, Collaborate with SBA concerns- many concerns align between the committees, has his own ideas for legislation, extremely excited- pushing for student success and challenge boundaries to try new things.

b. Wangen- Kinesiology, 3yr, ORS vice, chair, DLEG, E&A chair, has a deep understanding of the statutes and due to this and is comfortable taking minutes. Wants to make sure that absence requests are put in properly, all approved absence requests are properly put in, absence removed for those within 30 minutes of call to order, review statutes in depth with pro temps office, LJR attendance tracker, voting records- get them out faster to allow people who missed 75% to be able to appeal, procedural things about absence, matters because more than 5 have 2 or more absences, important to allow people to be able to submit absence requests, would like to tell senators when they miss more than 75% of votes, senators who are removed on 2 occasions are dismissed.

3. Questioning- 6 minutes

a. Hameed- Are both candidates aware of what LJR will or will not approve?

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- i. W- have to go to the doctor is approved; not excused is skipping senate for an event that was just made
 - ii. T- documentation should be provided for any request; unexcused- not enough sleep/staying up to late
 - b. Hameed- Typing speed?
 - i. T- 90-95 wpm (peaked at 115)
 - ii. W- taken lots of minutes in the past
 - 4. Debate- 6 minutes
 - a. Mittal- Both candidates qualified; leaning towards Traynor because of the activity in the committee
 - b. Hameed- Both candidates qualified; leaning towards Traynor because of how often they speak and collab with other committees
 - 5. Voting-
 - a. 3-0-3 in favor of Traynor
 - c. E&A Rep Elections
 - i. Speech
 - ii. Questioning
 - iii. Debate
 - 1. Pohlmann: She
 - iv. Voting
 - 1. **4/0/0 Approved**

14. Final Roll Call: /9

15. Adjournment: 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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