



MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 3:10 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 8/9

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	P	P
Senator Wangen	sgachps1@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: [LJR 11-16](#) **Approved by GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by GC**
5. Open Forum
 - a. Nothing
6. Announcements from the Chair-
 - a. Hello everyone! We'll be looking over four pieces of legislation today, 11 absence requests, and a review of Title X. I hope y'all are doing well and had a wonderful, fun, and/or restful Thanksgiving Break. I'll be sending out a when2meet soon to figure out meeting times for next semester.
 - b. This Day in History – November 30, 1995 – Operation Desert Storm has ended

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7. Announcements from the Vice Chair-
 - a. Currently eating a PB&J on Brioche bread from Aldi. It tastes great.
8. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. E&A Rep – E&A saw 5 confirmations, approving all of them. We postponed 3 due to the candidate not being present. We also passed the Title VI bill that clarifies petition seeking as a separate thing and bans organizations and individuals from requiring someone to campaign for someone as a requirement for admission or other things, specifically using the Golden Rule language about hazing.
 - b. SBA Rep – We finished seeing the College Resolutions, as well as a Proclamation. We adopted a letter of support of the Black Caucus for Kwanzaa, and we also discussed initiatives for the Spring Semester
 - c. GAP Rep – GAP adopted the legislative priorities and talked about how establishing the Advocacy Agenda at the first meeting of next semester will work.
 - d. Wangen: Planning to postpone Internal Bill 55-10, Resolution 55-13, and Special Act 55-01. Haven't had the time to have the conversations I wanted about this and still think there are things that need to be fixed before I am happy with the legislation. Will likely pass it on to someone else next semester. If you have questions or concerns, please let me know, as I do want to improve this legislation and wanted to talk to people about it, but time got away from me.
9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members
 - a. None.
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 55-10](#) [Updates to Title III: Removing Caucuses from Title III] [Senator Wangen]

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1. **Postponed**
- ii. [Internal Bill 55-11](#) [Updates to Title III: Restrictions on Signovers] [Senator Wangen]
 1. Speeches
 - a. This clarifies the language because the recent AG opinion about signover delegates not holding positions did not seem to align with the goals of the bill in which it was written. This seeks to reduce confusion about officer positions held by the original senator and that they can be elected to positions on their own accord.
 2. Questioning
 - a. Yalamanchili: The bill would essentially change the statute so that signovers cannot have positions to that signovers can have positions but cannot continue leadership positions of their predecessors?
 - i. This clears up language. This was always the intent for signovers to hold their own leadership positions, and that this not section was meant to prevent them from getting the leadership position of the last senator. Positions are designated to chairs and not people. That is why that language had been added based on AG opinion. This is meant to clarify the document to reflect it to what it was originally meant to be interpreted as.
 - b. Rivera: When the signover expires, the position is up for grabs or it goes to the signover?
 - i. It reverts, the leadership position is vacant.
 - c. Yalamanchili: So this bill would make it such that leadership positions held by your predecessor. Let's say that Senator A is a signover for former Senator B, and B was LJR Chair. So the signover cannot hold the LJR Chair no matter what, even if they tried to get elected?
 - i. The specific wording is saying that it doesn't transfer. If they joined LJR, they could run and be elected. It just means that the position doesn't automatically transfer over.

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- d. Hameed: Is there anything that says signovers cannot hold positions anywhere in the statutes?
 - i. Nowhere says that they can, but generally they are meant to have the same opportunities as regular senators. There has never been intent in other legislation to restrict signovers. If LJR wanted to, they could. It is important to make sure that the language is clear. It needs to be clarified so that it is not questionable, and this is the way that I believe it clarifies.
- 3. Debate
 - a. DiChiara: We have a problem when signovers come in and positions get messed up. I definitely prefer when bills outline stuff like this so that it saves time. I see no fault in this legislation, and I don't see why not to vote YES on this.
 - b. Pohlmann: I think we need clarification in the statutes. I don't see a reason why not to vote YES.
- 4. Voting
 - a. **7/0/1 Passed on First Reading**
 - b. Resolutions and Special Acts
 - i. [Resolution 55-13](#) [Updates to Senate Rule 1, 2, 4, & 7: Removing Caucus Leadership from the Senate Executive Committee and Senate Rules][Senator Wangen]
 - 1. **Postponed**
 - ii. [Special Act 55-01](#) [Creation of Title XIV: The Student Government Caucuses][Senator Wangen]
 - 1. **Postponed**
 - c. Absences –
 - i. Nicholas Nava-Cruzatt
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. This is from three weeks ago. We asked for evidence and we have been postponing it for the past few LJR meetings. I sent a message to Cruzatt earlier today asking for more evidence. I have not received any evidence. I do know that if we PP this again, it can be seen, but it won't matter because attendance

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resets at the end of this semester. I will let you as a committee decide whether we should PP or see this absence.

2. Questioning
 - a. Mittal: Does this absence have an impact on the senator's standing? Will they be in non-compliance?
 - i. No, they are only at I beleive one absence right now. It would not change anything.
3. Debate
 - a. Wangen: It has been three weeks. There hasn't been any evidence and he won't be dismissed. It makes sense to dismiss this absence. Even if he misses tonight's Senate meeting, he won't go over his absence limit as it resets after tonight.
4. Voting
 - a. **0/7/1 Absence Denied**
- ii. Sebastian Quiroga – 11/16
 1. Speeches
 - a. This absence request is for the 16th of November, the Senate meeting two weeks ago. The reason for the absence is due to a family trip to Columbia. He said that he will be back for the 30th. He submitted his boarding pass as evidence.
 2. Questioning
 - a. Wangen: Did he give any information for how long the trip was planned for?
 - i. No.
 3. Debate
 - a. Pohlmann: I am willing to hear other people's thoughts on this, as this is the last meeting of the semester. As a precedent, we usually wait to receive more evidence.
 - b. Wangen: He is only at one absence with this one, so it doesn't matter if we approve or reject it. If we want to get it off the agenda, we can vote on it.
 4. Voting
 - a. **0/6/2 Absence Denied**
- iii. Elise Butler – 11/16
 1. Speeches

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- a. She said that she wanted to focus on her studies because she has two tests the day after Senate. She provided her WebCourse schedule for the exams.
2. Questioning
 - a. None
3. Debate
 - a. Pohlmann: I feel like we haven't been consistent on absences like this. We should move by precedent, but LJR has been spotty about this.
 - b. Wangen: I will vote in favor because this is an academic excuse. While she didn't have a test on the 16th, she had two tests on the 17th. We should actively promote senators to be students first, and I will vote YES.
 - c. Mittal: I echo the same thing. We have approved absences like this, similar to how we have approved mental health days. I will vote YES.
 - d. Hameed: To my closest recollection, Chair Temple asked for an excuse for his dean meeting because he wanted to study for a test. This could be precedent. For this, I will vote YES.
4. Voting
 - a. **7/0/1 Absence Approved**
- iv. Arianna Carter 11/16
 1. Speeches
 - a. She said that she works from 7am to 2pm, and she has to wake up at 5am to be there on time. I do not wish to endanger my health and safety by attending the Senate meeting tonight because of the time spent there.
 2. Questioning
 - a. None
 3. Debate
 - a. Pohlmann: I feel like we have approved absences specifically for Chair Carter regarding this.
 - b. Hameed: Safety first! It is important to get enough sleep especially when you need to drive. I will also vote in favor.

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- c. Wangen: I was going to say something similar about safety and employment. It doesn't make sense to make senators do that. I will vote in favor.
 - d. DiChiarra: This is more of a question of the ability of what we can. Let's say a senator asks for a whole meeting, but really it could have been a half absence. We have had lots of senators only come for half a meeting, and I have been in the same scenario. I chose to come to just half the meeting. If the senator asks for the whole meeting, but it could have been half, could we change that, or is it based off the senator?
 - i. We have amended senator requests before. I do not know if we have done that this year. We can amend an absence to cover a whole meeting if it was only half, or vice versa. LJR has the power to do that.
 - e. DiChiarra: I see everyone thinks it's alright, but I am personally going to abstain on this as I am conflicted.
4. Voting
- a. **5/0/3 Absence Approved**
- v. Samuel Rose
- 1. Speeches
 - a. I am not feeling well, and I believe I am coming down with a cold. No other documentation was provided.
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. None.
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Wangen: We shouldn't make people come to senate when they're sick. I will vote YES.
 - 4. Voting
 - a. **8/0/0 Absence Approved**
- vi. Lisianna Vorn
- 1. Speeches
 - a. I did not go to Senate because I wanted a mental health day. I played Animal Crossing, and I have my Switch if anyone would like to see.
 - 2. Questioning

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- a. Hameed: First question – are you feeling better? Second – what is your island and could you show me?
 - i. I do not have a theme yet, and I am not trying to do too much until I get certain abilities.
 - 3. Debate
 - a. None
 - 4. Voting
 - a. **8/0/0 Absence Approved**
- vii. Christopher Federico 11/16
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. Federico says that he was not present because he was asked to accompany his friend's semi-formal prior to when he applied to be a senator, which was the justification for why he did not attend. It was from 6pm to 11pm. I have no further commitments planned with attendance later.
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. Hameed: Do they have any past absences that are not excused?
 - i. Apart from this, he has a half absence from 11/2, which means he is at 1.5 absences.
 - 3. Debate
 - a. DiChiarra: That is valid. I know the senator who he went with. I would have went but I already knew about the senate meeting. I know that they knew that those dates were far ahead and were planned prior to joining Senate. I will be voting in favor because this was a commitment made prior.
 - b. Wangen: This is a prior engagement. We should not prevent people from maintaining commitments. I will be voting in favor.
 - 4. Voting
 - a. **7/0/1 Absence Approved**
- viii. Ronit Luthra 11/16
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. Luthra said that their absence was for their grandfather who went to the hospital because he had a stroke, and had to go as it was a family emergency.

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2. Questioning
 - a. None.
 3. Debate
 - a. Wangen: It is a family emergency and we should be excusing it.
 4. Voting
 - a. **8/0/0 Absence Approved**
- ix. Felipe Cairos 11/16
1. Speeches
 - a. I put the 15th, but I meant the 16th. They had got a total of 3 hours of sleep prior to the meeting. I needed to recover. I made sure to catch up on what happened at the meeting by reading the minutes and watching the YT video log.
 2. Questioning
 - a. None.
 3. Debate
 - a. None.
 4. Voting
 - a. **6/0/2 Absence Approved**
- x. Vihan Yalamanchili
1. Speeches
 - a. This absence request is for the 30th. That is today. I will not be able to make it as I have a meeting with my group for my health group to work on a research proposal poster due tomorrow. My paper was due last night. We could not find any other time to do this. We had to pick a time that conflicts with tonight. I attached supporting documentation about how I have the research proposal.
 2. Questioning
 - a. Rivera: Do you feel confident about the paper?
 - i. Yes.
 - b. Wangen: Will this allow you to miss the meeting?
 - i. No, I should be back by 8.
 - c. Wangen: Was this a request for initial or whole?
 - i. Initial
 3. Debate

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- a. Wangen: We want senators to be students first. I am in favor.
- 4. Voting
 - a. **7/0/1 Absence Approved**
- xi. Hailey Donahue 11/30
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. This absence request is not through Knight Connect. The reason for this absence for the whole meeting. I am having health care issues and I am trying to keep some of the information private. I did not ask for more information because students have a right to privacy regarding their health care.
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. None.
 - 3. Debate
 - a. None.
 - 4. Voting
 - a. **8/0/0 Absence Approved**
- xii. Chair Kennaugh 11/30
 - 1. Speeches
 - a. One of my professors will not approve my absence request for missing class on Tuesday. She says that she may miss senate because she needs to get the documentation from the doctor tonight.
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. None.
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Hameed: I love when Professors do this. I have witnessed this in my own class regarding getting an assignment excused. Professors are silly, and we should excuse this silly request. I wish her well in fighting the bureaucracy!
 - 4. Voting
 - a. **8/0/0 Absence Approved**

12. Member Discussion-

- a. What do you guys expect and want out of LJR next semester?
 - i. Rivera: I have some feedback. I think we've been doing a good job. Thank you to everyone for showing up, and I appreciate you guys.

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ii. Hameed: I want to continue the silly vibes! Senate is so serious, and I love silliness! I love the chill but silly vibes.

1. We will continue those vibes. B-)

13. Miscellaneous Business-

a. Title X Review - <https://studentgovernment.ucf.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2023/06/Title-X.pdf>

i. Speech

1. This is about installation and eligibility requirements. Do you want to do the Title X review (It is only two pages, so it is short.).

2. Updates needed to 1001.2 and 1001.3.A

ii. **Moved to informal at 4:01 PM**

b. Icebreaker – What is your favorite sports team and why?

i. **Moved to formal at 4:15 PM**

14. Final Roll Call: 7/9

15. Adjournment: 4:16 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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