



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government  
LJR Committee Meeting  
SG Conference Room  
08/01/2024  
1:00 PM

## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 1:00 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 7/10 (6)

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Courts	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice Chair Collazo	sga_sci4@ucf.edu	P	P
ILA Al-Qudah	sga_sci1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator DiChiara	sgacie2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Larsen	sgaecs7@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Gimenez Valero	sgasci15@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Naguib	sgachps4@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Wangen	sgachps5@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Blessman	sga_cah3@ucf.edu	A	A
ELA Richmond	sgsci13@ucf.edu	E	E
Pro Tempore Representative Lazo	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: [07.25.24](#) **Approved by GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by GC**
5. Open Forum.
  - a. None.
6. Announcements from the Chair Courts-
  - a. Hello Everyone !! It's basically finals week!! Make sure you are of course studying, but please please make sure to not stress yourselves out too much.
  - b. I put a When2Meet in the LJR Channel, fill it out ASAP so that I can finalize a meeting time for fall semester.

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- c. Today we are seeing 3 Absences, 3 Internal Bills, and then if we have time we will read through Titles XIII and XIV. For the Internal Bills make sure that you are asking questions and speaking in debate, as these are things that would change/add to our current processes. I'm sure that most of you know this, but I just wanted to have that fresh in your minds.
7. Announcements from the Vice Chair Collazo-
  - a. Hello everyone! Two of the three internal bills are mine so I will need someone to take minutes on my behalf while I give my speech and answer questions.
  - b. Tracking Statistics:
    - i. Total Request: 42
      1. Blanket Excuses: 3
      2. Whole Meeting: 30
      3. Initial Roll Call: 6
      4. Final Roll Call: 3
    - ii. Reasons:
      1. Prior Events: 23
      2. Any Reason: 13
      3. Academic Internship: 2
      4. Illness: 1
    - iii. Denied: 2
      1. Overturned by the Senate Executive Committee
  - c. The presentation is complete! Wooh!
8. Announcements from Committee Members-
  - a. LJR (GAP) Rep: Not much, GAP was updating the legislative priority survey, had to leave early.
  - b. LJR (E&A) Rep: We saw an election appointee. We confirmed them.
9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members
  - a. None.
10. Old Business-
  - a. Bills
    - i. None.
  - b. Resolutions
    - i. None.
  - c. Absences
    - i. Motion S-Q-D: 3-3-3, **Approved by GC**
    - i. Absence Request [SUM-24-041](#): Katrina Gumerov

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1. Speech
    - a. Senator Gumerov: So, it is the same thing as last week. I was able to go get my receipt from the auto shop. Open to any questions. Provided documentation.
  2. Questioning
    - a. None.
  3. Debate
    - a. ILA Al-Qudah: I appreciated the senator for providing documentation. Everything looks good. I'll be voting in favor.
  4. Vote
    - a. 5-0-2, **Approved by LJR**
- d. Blanket Excuses
- i. None.
11. New Business-
- a. Bills
    - i. Motion S-Q-D: 5-5-5, **Approved by GC**
    - ii. [Internal Bill 56-03](#) [Updates to Title IV] [Senator Andrew Collazo]
      1. Speech
        - a. Vice Chair Collazo: This is because we read title IV, and I saw something that we no longer do. In my time as a Justice, we did not do the processes currently outlined. I emailed the branch heads, and a few did not respond, i assume to remain impartial but Chief Justice Rivera did respond and agreed to change the wording. The reason why I added one academic day is because Chief Justice Silva was not aware that there were people getting the oath of office, and there is history that the judicial council maintains oath of office documents. Did not make it descriptive because I wanted to leave it up to the discretion if the assistant chief justices
      2. Questioning
        - a. **Lazo:** Can you explain to me why it needs to be a bill instead of spoken agreement?
          - i. Collazo: The current Statutes put us in noncompliance
        - b. Al-Qudah: You said that Chief Justice Rivera responded and wanted you to chance the wording.
          - i. Collazo: Yes, I can pull up the email. "The knowledge that I have on the oath of office (copy paste

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- c. Al-Qudah: Brody's opinion?
  - i. Collazo: No
- 3. Debate
  - a. Wangen: Amendments as technical.
  - b. Lazo: worry about over legislation, main issue a lack of communication. Target that first. Might seem as if we're stepping on their toes, need Brodie's, Pohlmann's, and Lister's opinion.
  - c. Al-Qudah: After hearing Lazo she agrees. This is more a communication problem.
- 4. Vote:
  - a. 0-4-3, **Not Approved by LJR**
- iii. [Internal Bill 56-04](#) [Updates to Title XIV] [Senator Andrew Collazo]
  - 1. Speech
    - a. Vice Chair Collazo: Oversight of caucuses. Weeks of discussion with pro temp Morissette. Like Senate Exec but for caucuses. SBA chairs but they don't have voting privileges.
  - 2. Questioning
    - a. Wangen: what is the reasoning for non-caucus leadership to be part of the executive board?
      - i. Collazo: Have oversight, sway them more in favor of the legislation. No support if not given a position
    - b. Lazo: What is in the bill that would compel non caucus leadership to not vote for it?
      - i. Collazo: They want to be a part of the conversation. There should be a boundary. Nobody seemed to mind it
    - c. Lazo: Would this not make caucuses their own branch instead of a body?
      - i. Collazo: Does not think so. Prefer if they were on there because the caucus board chair could meet with the leadership.
    - d. Wangen: Budget request forms. Wondering if the budget committee decided how it's going to work?
      - i. Collazo: Caucuses under the Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator's budget. Put that so budget can be separated to caucuses instead of one branch and then that branch allocates it.
    - e. Al-qudah: things that have been stricken on the legislation?

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- Brody will have complete oversight as well. We can do that without them being on the board.
- b. Lazo: I don't see them doing anything for unifying sg and making them isolated, the caucuses exist to be unified. Divisionary amendment.
    - a. Wangen: Caucuses already unify student government. It is made up of student government.
  - i. Vote: 3-4-0, **Amendment Fails**
    - c. Wangen: Amendments. Changing titles and words throughout legislation.
    - d. Lazo: Grammatical and technical issues. MTV.
      - a. Vote: 5-0-2, **Amendment is Approved**
    - e. Wangen: Removed 1403.2 (E)
      - a. Lazo: Better to keep it as it is and not remove it.
      - b. Vote: 1-5-1. **Amendment Fails**
    - f. Wangen: voting in favor
    - g. Al-Qudah: agrees with Lazo. Few tweaks but voting in favor just need to correct it later.
    - h. Lazo: does like what the legislation stands for. Encourages everyone to vote in favor. More organized. Would help with confusion.
4. Vote: 5-0-2, **Approved by LJR**
- iv. [Internal Bill 56-05](#) [Updates to Title V] [CRT Chair Caringal]
    - 1. Speech
      - a. Senator Caringal: This bill was originally introduced by the Comptroller. It allows the Chief Justice to be a confirmed seat. Judicial does not get any seats. Prior years was had issues with their representation. Adds to the Chief Justice's Responsibilities.
    - 2. Questioning
      - a. Senator Wangen: The reason to add the Chief Justice is for representation purposes?
        - i. Senator Caringal: Yes, but also allows for Judicial Review to go smoothly.
      - b. Senator Wangen: Example of Judicial Reviews?
        - i. Senator Caringal: It is something that can be done.
    - 3. Debate
      - a. Vice Chair Collazo: So originally, I was in favor of this bill but after hearing what Dr. Frame had to say about the ethical conflict I don't think I will be supporting this bill.

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4. Vote
  - a. 4-2-1, **Approved by LJR**
- b. Resolutions and Special Acts
  - i. None.
- c. Absences
  - i. Motion for S-Q-D: 3-3-3, **Approve by GC**
  - ii. Absence Request [SUM-24-042](#): Katrina Wangen
    1. Speech
      - a. Senator Wangen: I tested positive with COVID. I was in bed dying. No supporting documentation provided.
    2. Questioning
      - a. ILA AL-Qudah: Is there a reason why there was no supporting documentation?
      - b. Senator Wangen: I didn't think to take a photo because I thought I would be fine.
    3. Debate
      - a. Senator Gimenez-Valero: I encourage everyone to vote in favor. The senator was sick.
      - b. ILA Al-Qudah: I will be voting in favor. I encourage you all to do the same.
    4. Vote: 3-0-3, **Approved by LJR**
  - iii. Absence Request [SUM-24-043](#): Laurel Richmond
    1. Speech
      - a. Chair Courts: She says I will be working on a campaign fundraising event from 5 to 8 PM on August 1. I'm supposed to be excused from the whole meeting but as soon it is still going on after eight, I will hop on I've been working on Jack Porter campaigns this beginning of the summer Jack Porter seeking real Tallahassee city commission one is a non-election job reaching out to donors cutting curve, setting up texting punk banking, and managing, I have provided the invite for the fundraising event which I will be working. I'll be at the door signing people in and answering questions if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out.
    2. Questioning
      - a. None. MTD.

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3. Debate
  - a. Senator Wangen: Sounds like a prior engagement and we should be voting in favor.
4. Vote
  - a. 5-0-2, **Approved by LJR**
12. Miscellaneous Business-
  - a. None.
13. Member Discussion-
  - a. Motion to Move to Informal: Approved by
  - b. Statute Training and Updates
    - i. [Presentation](#)
      1. Title XIII, XIV
14. Final Roll Call: Same as initial 7/10 (6)
15. Adjournment: 2:29 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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