



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

CONFERENCE, REGISTRATION, AND TRAVEL

UCF Student Government
CRT Committee Meeting
Charge on Chamber
08/20/24
4:00 PM

54MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 4:03 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum(4): 5/7

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Caringal	sga_crt@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice Chair Shen	sgasci14@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Beneche	sga_sci2@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Gumerov	sgaecs4@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Widerberg	sga_med2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Kaufman	sgaecs6@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Lipner	sga_ugst1@ucf.edu	P	P
ORS Representative	sgaors@ucf.edu	P (4:22)	P
Pro Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	E	E

3. Approval of the Minutes: approved by gc
4. Approval of the Agenda: approved by gc
5. Announcements from the Chair
 - a) Nothing, welcome back, new times figured out, be flexible, go to when 2 meet. I am sorry.
6. Announcements from the Vice-Chair
 - a) Glad to see everyone, welcome back.

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7. Announcements from Committee Members

- a) Lipner: Sustainability caucus has no scheduled time, doing better than us.

8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members

- a) none

9. Old Business

- a) [56-068 Jeevith Kanagarajan](#)

- (1) Speech

- (a)

- (2) Questioning

- (a)

- (3) Debate

- (a)

- (4) Vote

- Postponed.**

- (a)

10. New Business

- a) Allocations 5-5-5

- i) [56-069 Manu Pillai](#)

- (1) Speech

- (a) Deny

- (2) Questioning

- (a)

- (3) Debate

- (a)

- (4) Vote

- Denied by general consent

- ii) [56-070 Renato Guzman](#)

- (1) Speech

11. Are you financially trained?

12. Yes, I've completed my financial training for this year.

13.

14. Are you familiar with the post-funding process?

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15. Yes, though I've never had funding before.
- 16.
17. Are you an international student? (If yes, this will be a longer processing time because you have to go through UCF Global, the accountant should be able to walk you through this process)
18. I am not an international student.
- 19.
20. What are your dates of travel?
21. The travel dates are September 26-29th.
- 22.
23. What are your requested costs, broken down by registration, lodging, and airfare? (make sure they match up, update any quotes, registration, and is there an early bird rate and when it would end)
24. Registration: \$85.00 for students
25. Hotel Accommodation: \$398.06
26. Greyhound Bus: \$28.48
27. There is no early bird rate to my knowledge.
- 28.
29. Are you planning to graduate anytime before or near the dates of your travel/conference? If yes, we may not be able to fund it.
30. Nope, I'm set to graduate next Fall.
- 31.
32. How do you plan on covering any expense UCF SG cannot if we can't fund 100%?
33. Unfortunately I will not be able to, I am relying on this funding to attend. If I don't receive funding my mentor has offered to share his room with me, but I would not want to burden him with that honestly.
34. Is there any conflict with you getting the funding after the date of September 12, 2024?
 - a) I don't believe so!
35. I'd like to add that I'm set to present my project abstract at Herpeton (the conference) and it will be my first step into the professional world of Biology. I understand that funding isn't guaranteed, but this conference would provide great resources for me in terms of networking and professional reputation, as well as potential graduate programs.
 - (a)
 - (2) Questioning
 - (a) None
 - (3) Debate
 - (a) Shen: sounds great
 - (4) Vote

3-0-1 approved.

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ii) [56-071 Jet and Aeronautics Society at UCF](#)

(1) Speech

- (a) I am a fill-in for original document maker, trip to convention, October 31st three days, Anaheim California. No updates to finances for it.

(2) Questioning

- (a) Caringal: are you financially trained?
(i) Yes
- (b) Caringal: do you have two financially trained?
(i) Yes
- (c) Caringal: correct costs?
(i) Yes
- (d) Caringal: approved at 1500, how covered others?
(i) We will
- (e) Caringal: how covered the others?
(i) The ones who wanted to go?
- (f) Lipner: any international students?
(i) No
- (g) Lipner: familiar with timeline?
(i) I am not. Member going knows.

(3) Debate

- (a) Widerberg: sounds good, voting in favor.

(4) Vote

3-0-1 approved.

iii) [56-072 Masoumeh Akbarpour](#)

(1) Speech

- (a) Masmoumeh: PHD candidate, environmental engineering, fourth year, water quality conference in Illinois, presenting, based on research apart of my PHD, superactive, costs all the same, 75.00 for registration, flight is 258 including tax, hotel is 139 per night, total plus tax is 417, total 750 dollars.

(2) Questioning

- (a) Caringal: financially trained?
(i) What process? Oh yes I have done before.
- (b) Caringal: have you done the new one?
(i) Yes. Just a week ago.
- (c) Caringal: leaving on 17th, coming back the twentieth.

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- (i) Yes.
 - (d) Caringal: international?
 - (i) Yes understand extra time.
 - (e) Caringal: how will cover the rest?
 - (i) Don't know, perhaps my supervisor can cover it.
 - (3) Debate
 - (a) Lipner: important, environmental study student, think it is important.
 - (4) Vote
 - 3-0-1 approved.**
 - iv) [56-073 Olena Kondrachuk](#)
 - (1) Speech
36. I have completed the financial training (please see attached the grades for the training).
37. Do you mean that I need to meet with an accountant in the Activity & Service Fee Budget Office (SU 215) 10 business days before the conference?
38. I am an international student.
39. October 13-16, 2024.
40. I requested funding for the registration. The conference is being held in Orlando, so I am going to use my personal vehicle. As I understand, you do not cover personal vehicle usage.
41. **The registration fee** is \$350 (Students Registration - Non-Member) (<https://sebm.org/event-5332322>).
42. I am not planning to graduate in Fall 2024.
43. I was approved for Grad Presentation Fellowship.
44. I am not sure what kind of conflict it can be.
 - (1) Questioning
 - (a) none
 - (2) Debate
 - (a) Lipner: in order, voting yes.
 - (3) Vote
 - 3-0-1 approved.**- ii) [56-074 Darya Sulkouskaya](#)

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(1) Speech

- (a) Darya: Accepted to conference, Washington, public health education, abstracts about distribution, Puerto Rico, October 19th-21st, starts in the morning, get there a day early. Hotel is around 325, cheaper, 126 to travel, 195 for registration, pay reg before September 12th, goes up.

(2) Questioning

- (a) Lipner: international?
 - (i) No
- (b) Lipner: familiar with post funding?
 - (i) Yes.
- (c) Caringal: new modules?
 - (i) Yes?
- (d) Caringal: still 21st?
 - (i) Yes

(3) Debate

- (a) Shen: voting in favor

(4) Vote

4-0-1 approved.

iii) [56-075 Tau Sigma Zeta](#)

(1) Speech

- (a) Hello, thanks, my name is Ivan, undergraduate, president of the society, requesting to go to conference in Chicago. We all network with each other, some chapters are bigger, nice to see how they manage with abundant/limited funding. Founder of Tau Sigma will also be there, other important adults, professional network, sage wisdom. Chicago, October 18th-20th. Like to leave 18th, come back 20th, hotel downtown, organization pays for everything besides plan tickets. For once person, 457 dollars.

(2) Questioning

- (a) Caringal: talk to me about leaving from Orlando and Jacksonville.
 - (i) We got a quote for both flights, we will meetup at the same location.
- (b) Caringal: why are they there in Jacksonville?
 - (i) Family with birthday.

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- (c) Caringal: to my knowledge, have to leave from same flight.
Will be problem?
 - (i) No, tell them to be there.
- (d) Caringal: Costs with three leaving from Orlando? Still about the same?
 - (i) Yes.
- (e) Caringal: move to 1400?
 - (i) Yes.
- (f) Caringal: still be covered unless price increase happens.
 - (i) Good. Lodging, etc, covered.
- (g) Caringal: how did you decide who was available?
 - (i) Democratic process.
- (h) Caringal: do you have backups?
 - (i) Yes.
- (i) Caringal: any international?
 - (i) No.

(3) Debate

- (a) Lipner: Tau Sigma is awesome, didn't have time but wanted to join, nice they are paying, hope you enjoy, voting in favor.

(4) Vote

4-0-1 approved.

- iv) [56-076 Parth Parag Kulkarni](#)

(1) Speech

- (a) Parth: I am Parth, PHD student, conference is in Milan, Italy. September 29th-October 4th, requests for travel, travel, here to Milan, couple days, depending on rate of flight, leave right after conference is over.

(2) Questioning

- (a) Caringal: leaving the 27th? Return 5th?
 - (i) The sixth.
- (b) Caringal: approved at 1,000, how will cover things over this?
 - (i) If there is something left over, otherwise everything else out of my pocket.
- (c) Caringal: international student?
 - (i) Yes.

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- (d) Caringal: understand extra five days?
 - (i) Yes
- (e) Caringal: are you taxable?
 - (i) Yes
- (f) Caringal: you will have to pay all up front, then they will reimburse you.
 - (i) Isn't it in the policy you don't do reimbursements?
- (g) Caringal: yes it is strange, must reach out, make sure you are approved through us and accountants to do that. We are nontaxable.
 - (i) Funding is 1,000? Should I ask what I choose.
- (h) Caringal: you can, either way receive check.
- (i) Caringal: financially trained?
 - (i) Yes.
- (j) Caringal: understand postfunding?
 - (i) Yes, might look over again.

(3) Debate

- (a) Johnson: really love how they caught we don't do refunds, will vote in favor.

(4) Vote

4-0-1 approved.

- v) [56-077 Hafijur Raman](#)

(1) Speech

- (a) Raman: Hello, my name is Hafijur, my department Computer Vision, conference, do not know full, date October 9-12 2024, department October 9, return October 13, transportation is plane. The cost breakdown is 140.99, budget changes since initial submission, only transportation cost changes, went down to 130 from 185, will get to work with other students, hands on, competition, decorate poster, present it in front of other employer, professional development, so many companies, connect to talk, perhaps get full-time job.

(2) Questioning

- (a) Caringal: poster to present?
 - (i) Did not submit yet, planning to.
- (b) Caringal: when do you plan to submit?

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- (i) Just got to UCF two days ago. Want to work on it more.
- (c) Caringal: submitting to win an reward?
 - (i) Not sure: If they accept it, see can compete, own research, see if they accept it or not, look.
- (d) Caringal: when is latest you need funding by?
 - (i) Not sure, how long registration fee is taken, maybe before the last day, don't have the information.
- (e) Caringal: we can only give you 450, currently requesting 1200.
 - (i) Hotel lots of money, like I told you, just came back two days ago, need to see who is going to conference, perhaps share room.
- (f) Caringal: must spend 80% of your funding, if you share lodging with someone else, cannot fund, 260 for flight and registration if this is done, keep at 450 and pay for lodging? Or lower coverage amounts 260? We can also postpone you, month before conference, can access? Can move you to next tier, lower approved.
 - (i) Just wait until poster submission. Suppose they didn't accept, will other option be available?
- (g) Caringal: Yes. Just have to pay business office back. We can wait, come back next week.
 - (i) Will get email?
- (h) Caringal: can basically say same thing, virtual possible.

(3) Debate

(a)

(4) Vote

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vi) [56-078 Arlette Morcelo](#)

(1) Speech

(a) Are you financially trained? - Yes, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

(b)

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- (c) Are you familiar with the post-funding process? - Yes, I've done this before.
- (d)
- (e) Are you an international student? (If yes, this will be a longer processing time because you have to go through UCF Global, the accountant should be able to walk you through this process) - No, I'm not.
- (f)
- (g) What are your dates of travel? - 10/31/24 to 11/02/24 for SACNAS.
- (h)
- (i) What are your requested costs, broken down by registration, lodging, and airfare? (make sure they match up, update any quotes, registration, and is there an early bird rate and when it would end)
- (j) If yes to early bird what is the next due date and fee? - I'm requesting member registration for \$450. Earl Bird date has passed.
- (k)
- (l) Are you planning to graduate anytime before or near the dates of your travel/conference? If yes, we may not be able to fund it. - No, I'm not graduating before the conference.
- (m)
- (n) How do you plan on covering any expense UCF SG can not if we can't fund 100%? - Go to OUR.
- (o)
- (p) Is there any conflict with you getting the funding after the date of September 12, 2024? - I won't be registered for the conference and won't be able to present my work.

(q)

(2) Questioning

(a)

(3) Debate

(a)

(4) Vote

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vii) [56-079 Adithi Tirumalai](#)

(1) Speech

45. Are you financially trained?
46. [Yes, I have completed the most up to date training for this year.](#)
47. Are you familiar with the post-funding process?
48. [I believe so. I'm aware that I cannot purchase anything on my own/be reimbursed, and that all receipts have to be sent in after culmination of the conference.](#)
49. Are you an international student? (If yes, this will be a longer processing time because you have to go through UCF Global, the accountant should be able to walk you through this process)
50. [No, but I am out of state student.](#)
51. What are your dates of travel?
52. [I will be flying into San Diego on November 5th night and will be returning on November 10th.](#)
53. What are your requested costs, broken down by registration, lodging, and airfare? (make sure they match up, update any quotes, registration, and is there an early bird rate and when it would end). If yes to early bird what is the next due date and fee?
54. [Registration: \\$310 for medical students.](#)
55. [Lodging: There are a couple conference hotels with discounted prices. The cheapest is Embassy Suites by Hilton San Diego Bay Downtown at \\$249/night. Cost of living is high in California and even higher in parts like San Diego.](#)
56. [Airfaire: \\$500 roundtrip + \\$100 for Uber/Lyft to & from airport/hotel/convention center.](#)
57. Are you planning to graduate anytime before or near the dates of your travel/conference? If yes, we may not be able to fund it.
58. [No, I will still be a full time student.](#)
59. How do you plan on covering any expense UCF SG can not if we can't fund 100%?
60. [I will try to apply for other funding, but outside funding deadlines may not work with the short turnaround like UCF does. I am an out of state medical student, so funding would help.](#)
61. Is there any conflict with you getting the funding after the date of September 12, 2024?
62. [No conflict, although flight prices may increase.](#)
- 63.

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64. I also did have a question. I have a colleague who is a co-researcher on one of my projects. She is also a medical student. Can she get funding to come to the conference with me as well, or is it just one person per project?

(a)

(2) Questioning

(a)

(3) Debate

(a)

(4) Vote

postponed

(a)

b) Bills
none

(a)

65. Member Discussion

a.

66. Miscellaneous Business

a)

67. Final Roll Call: 5/7

68. Adjournment: 4:49 PM

Key:

P - Present

A - Absent

MTD - Move to Debate

MTV - Move to Vote

MTA - Move to Amend

PFP - Post Funding Process

PP - Postpone

PPI - Postpone Indefinitely

GC - General Consent

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