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CONFERENCE, REGISTRATION, AND TRAVEL

UCF Student Government
CRT Committee Meeting
Charge on Chamber
08/27/24
4:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 4:06 PM

2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum(5): 7/7

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Caringal	sga_crt@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice Chair Shen	sgasci14@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Gumerov	sgaecs4@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Widerberg	sga_med2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Kaufman	sgaecs6@ucf.edu	P (4:23)	P
Senator Lipner	sga_ugst1@ucf.edu	P	P
ORS Representative	sgaors@ucf.edu	P (4:23)	P
Pro Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: approved by gc

4. Approval of the Agenda: approved by gc

5. Announcements from the Chair

    a) Howdy, Welcome to our first long meeting of the Fall! Hopefully, we will be able to get through these nice and easy. Still no word back on getting the Chambers.

6. Announcements from the Vice-Chair

    a) Hello! As Adam said we have a long meeting! I hope the first week of class went well and everyone enjoys their Labor Day break. Let's get some great work done.

7. Announcements from Committee Members

    a) None

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8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members

    a) None

9. Old Business

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

        (1) Speech

            (a) I am a graduate, international, request funding for lodging and travel, 2024 conference in Portland, Oregon, Nov 17th-21st, I would leave on 16th, come back 27th, hotel stay is six nights. 1,014 dollars, that is it.

        (2) Questioning

            (a) Caringal: approved at 700, how do you cover the rest?

                (i) Out of pocket

            (b) Caringal: as international, understand extra global processing?

            (c) Widerberg: tour?

                (i) Forgot to take out.

        (3) Debate

            (a) Shen: looks great, no reason not to vote in favor.

        (4) Vote

        6-0-1 approved.

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

        (1) Speech

            (a)

        (2) Questioning

            (a)

        (3) Debate

            (a)

        (4) Vote

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10. New Business

    a) Allocations

        i) [56-080 Hafijur Raman](#)

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(1) Speech
    (a)
(2) Questioning
    (a)
(3) Debate
    (a)
(4) Vote
    Postponed.

ii)   56-081 Robin Marquez
   (1) Speech
      (a) Are there at least 2 financially trained officers in our RSO?
         (i)   N/A (Individual)
      (b) Are you familiar with the post-funding process?
         (i)   Yes
      (c) Are there any international students going on this trip? (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)
         (i)   No
      (d) What are your dates of travel?
         (i)   October 30, 2024-November 3, 2024
      (e) 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)
         (i)   Requested cost from SG is only for lodging, approximately $988.81 total (estimate based on quote for Best Western Downtown Phoenix).
      (f) Are any students planning to graduate anytime before or near the dates of your travel/conference? If yes, we may not be able to fund it.
         (i)   No
      (g) How do you plan on covering any expense UCF SG cannot if we can't fund 100%?
         (i)   Since submitting the CRT application, I was notified that registration and airfare will be covered by the

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Smithsonian Institution (where I conducted the research that I will be presenting. I also plan to apply for an additional $500 funding through the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) to make up the difference. If approved, I believe OUR would send that money to the SG accountant to be included in the spend authorization. I will pay out-of-pocket for any remaining cost.

    (h) Is there any conflict with you getting the funding after the date of September 19, 2024?

        (i) No, but earlier is preferred to take advantage of lower-cost hotel rates.

    (2) Questioning

        (a)

    (3) Debate

        (a) Lipner: seems good, Adam has faith, voting in favor.

    (4) Vote

        6-0-1 approved.

iii)   56-082 Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers

    (1) Speech

        (a)

    (2) Questioning

        (a)

    (3) Debate

        (a)

    (4) Vote

        PPI

iv)   56-083 Alyssa Harbin

    (1) Speech

        (a) I am hoping to attend the national council of teachers of mathematics, I have visuals. Math of their dreams, PHD student, math ed department. NCTM premier event, largest mathematics organization, I am first year PHD, crucial for me, past graduates and their network. I can network with math leaders around the world, research, practice, I was an elementary school teacher for five

years, connect research to class room. Cost breakdown, transportation, key note speakers, eugenica chang, howie hua, luis leyva, two minutes? Teaching undergrad course, that is my presentation.

(2) Questioning
    (a) Caringal: start date is september 25th, technically one day out of timeline, we as a committee can negate timeline, business office can accelerate your request, you requested observational research? Posting?
        (i) No poster, more to present next year, explore national level.
    (b) Caringal: just attending the conference.
    (c) Caringal: how WILL you cover rest of the costs?
        (i) My own savings account.
    (d) Shen: why pursue phd?
        (i) Continue to help other students.
    (e) Caringal: financially trained new training?
        (i) Yes.
    (f) Caringal: familiar with postfunding?
        (i) Yes, will double check.
    (g) Caringal: due to timeline, must purchase before.
    (h) Lipner: grade level?
        (i) Elementary

(3) Debate
    (a) Lipner: awesome conference, lot of reason to go as a new PHD student, vital at every single stage of life, we are struggling with this in the United States. All should vote yes.

(4) Vote
    6-0-1 approved.

v) [56-084 National Society of Black Women in Medicine](#)

(1) Speech
    (a) Hello, I am the treasurer of the society, attending empowered med society, held in Jacksonville, October 12th, leaving October 11th, leaving right after, seminars, exhibition halls, networking, mentor, support fellow students, advancing diversity, we submitted two

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different requests, promotion with discounted tickets, ended yesterday, one more not attending, just 11 tickets. Updated price 1,390.10. Thank you, have all proof.

(2) Questioning
    (a) Caringal: how much is reg?
        (i) 1390.10
    (b) Caringal: just reg?
        (i) 601
    (c) Caringal: how were 11 chosen?
        (i) Advertised to e-board, wanted those who would commit, sent invitation to regular members, traveling out of bounds event, those we rely on, leadership, that is how we picked.
    (d) Caringal: backup?
        (i) Few others interested, purchase tickets on own.
    (e) Caringal: two financially trained officers?
        (i) Yes
    (f) Caringal: postfunding understood?
        (i) Yes
    (g) Lipner: international?
        (i) One on e-board.
    (h) Lipner: aware of international?
        (i) Because the registration?
    (i) Caringal: must be through global.
        (i) Five days of processing? Goes through global? Extra applications?
    (j) Caringal: yes. Does registration move anymore?
        (i) As far as we know, no.

(3) Debate
    (a) Kaufman: great conference, very knowledgeable.
    (b) ORS: favorable
(4) Vote 5-0-2 approved

vi) [56-085 Yu-Shan Huang](#)

(1) Speech

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(a) Hello, my name is Yu-Shan Huang, from marketing, college of business, document and decision making, conference, work on paper, conference in Manhattans, November 22-25th. Head there 21st, back on 26th, expenses I expect: reg is 350, airfare, 211.20, 1278.

(2) Questioning

(a) Caringal: approved at 700, request 1800, approve rest?

(i) Myself

(b) Caringal: early bird? Go up?

(i) After November.

(c) Caringal: financially trained, understand postfunding?

(i) Yes

(d) Caringal: go before?

(e) Lipner: presenting?

(i) About sustainability, when go to supermarket, see them recycle, not always true, relevant, use more plastic bags.

(3) Debate

(a) Shen: encourage all to vote in favor.

(4) Vote

5-0-2 approved.

vii) [56-086 Keri Nguyen](#)

(1) Speech

(a)

(2) Questioning

(a)

(3) Debate

(a)

(4) Vote

Postponed

(a)

viii) [56-087 Tara Blanchard](#)

(1) Speech

(a) Are you financially trained?

(i) Yes

(b) Are you familiar with the post-funding process?

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    (i) Yes

(c) 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)

    (i) No

(d) What are your dates of travel?

    (i) 10/07/24 - 10/10/24

(e) 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)

    (i) The student registration rate is $395.00. The total hotel cost is $471.28. The cost of airfare is $176.00 round trip. The registration cost is the biggest thing I would like covered. If there is additional funding left over, I would like it to go toward the cost of the hotel or airfare. I have attached an updated quote for airfare. The costs are less than my KnightConnect form because I am able to leave one day later than I thought.

(f) If yes to early bird what is the next due date and fee?

    (i) No early bird rate

(g) 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.

    (i) No

(h) How do you plan on covering any expense UCF SG can not if we can't fund 100%?

    (i) The biology department will cover a portion of the travel if I cannot receive funding to cover it.

(i) Is there any conflict with you getting the funding after the date of September 19, 2024?

    (i) Not for registration, but the costs of airfare will likely go up and the hotel may run out of available rooms.

 (2) Questioning

  (a)

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        (3) Debate

           (a)

        (4) Vote

           Postponed.

ix)   56-088 Arzou Awlad

        (1) Speech

           (a) My name is Arzou, civil engineering, undergrad, one of the conference society of engineer hold every year, October 24th,26 in Chicago. Trying to get plane tickets, don't remember how much before, 213 dollars roundtrip.

        (2) Questioning

           (a) Lipner: how are you paying for your lodging?

              (i) I am responsible.

           (b) Lipner: any research?

              (i) No, networking.

           (c) Caringal: graduate or international?

              (i) No.

           (d) Caringal: financially trained with new module?

              (i) Yes.

        (3) Debate

           (a) Lipner: seems straightforward, glad to hear you can cover rest, enjoy Chicago.

        (4) Vote

           6-0-1 approved.

x)   56-089 Kalp Devangbhai Thakkar

        (1) Speech

           (a) Hello, I am Kalp Thakkar, international graduate student, conference, summer school, AI autonomy, going on, duration is 18 of 22nd of November. I will be leaving on the 15th of November, plan two days prior, return 24th, estimate, flight, 1830, lodging is 1250, 7 nights duration, five days conference itself.

        (2) Questioning

           (a) Caringal: conference ends 22nd, when leaving?

              (i) Leaving 24th, because based on price, 23rd a bit pricy, I could make it 23rd.

           (b) Caringal: how much more expensive?

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(i) Still can do it, lodging cost, 178 per night, very equal.

(c) Caringal: business office, own policies, usually want you arriving no earlier than a day before, leave no later than day after.

 (i) 23 will also work.

(d) Caringal: taxable?

 (i) Yeah, I do, but comes back, because student, government policy, not charge.

(e) Caringal: UCF needs you to purchase it yourself, reimbursed after conference. Receive check after December.

 (i) No before?

(f) Caringal: I know it is a lot, but will reimburse, get receipts.

 (i) If I am having, we will see later.

(g) ORS: How paying for rest?

 (i) Funding from research left, any leftover, out of pocket.

(h) Caringal: observational, creating a paper?

 (i) Just attending, no paper, no presentation.

(i) Caringal: will remove 50 bucks, 950 instead of 1000.

 (i) For what?

(j) Caringal: not creating research, can't reach tier, only 50 differences.

(k) ORS: Understand postfunding?

 (i) Yes, reach out to the coordinator.

(3) Debate

 (a) ORS: Answered questions well, excited, never been to Australia.

(4) Vote

 Approved 6-0-1

xi) 56-090 Adrian Alvarez

(1) Speech

 (a) We are engineers, some of us in junior, senior, make connections, ahead of graduation, pay for student member tickets, fortunate position, early bird stage, cheaper price, details when, where, we have all details listed out, any questions more than happy to answer. Network, grow, get a job.

(2) Questioning

 (a) Caringal: 600 for registration?

  (i) I am a nonmember.

 (b) Caringal: 599, not a student member.

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     (i) Can get a membership.
   (c) Caringal: not enrolled?
     (i) Not in organization, enrolled at UCF.
   (d) Caringal: approved at 250. With all of that, chance we get you at 200 rate, we aren't meeting this week, aren't meeting this week, still approve at 250, accountant will reach out by Sept 11, ask for reimbursement, don't ask before asking for reimbursement approval. Capture airline travel receipts, use an extra 50 bucks, only do that for this current group, you guys barely caught that registration time, does that include members not here.
     (i) Will be truncated?
   (e) Caringal: spend more, reimbursed after. Is everyone here financially trained and understand postfunding?
     (i) Yes.
   (f) Caringal: know documents submit to accountant?
     (i) TRF?
   (g) Caringal: yes. Faster to get back from accountant.
     (i) To clarify, we are not with the university chapter.
   (h) Caringal: any international?
     (i) No.
   (i) Caringal: any more questions?
     (i) Can we get early bird now?
   (j) Caringal: no, liability on us. Send it ask them, early bird before.

  (3) Debate
   (a) Kaufman: awesome, engineering major, looking forward, voting in favor.

  (4) Vote
   6-0-1 approved.
 xii) 56-091 Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers
  (1) Speech
   (a) Hello, my name is Jerry, I am an officer, help our members develop skills, national convention, held in Boston, corporate sponsors, help internships, develop as professionals, 10th-13th, arrive back at night.

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Cost still up to date, 13 registration tickets, 1941, changes on September 15th, hotel room to 10th-13th.

(2) Questioning

(a) Caringal: September 15tth, what does it go up to?

(i) 25th

(b) Why request that amount?

(i) Lodging rates going up.

(c) Caringal: ask accountants.

(i) Understood

(d) Caringal: two financially trained officers?

(i) Yes

(e) Caringal: how did you choose who is going?

(i) Make sure they want to go, why they want to go.

(f) Lipner: any of you international students?

(i) No.

(3) Debate

(a) Widerberg: like process, vote in favor.

(4) Vote

4-0-1 approved.

xiii) 56-092 ANDY GONZALEZ

(1) Speech

(a)

(2) Questioning

(a)

(3) Debate

(a)

(4) Vote

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xiv) 56-093 Javier Vializ

(1) Speech

(a) Name: Javier J. Vializ

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(b) Degree Level: Undergraduate
(c) International Status: I am not an international student. I'm a US citizen and considered in-state for tuition.
(d) Financially Training Status: Completed
(e) Conference Information
(f) Name: 2024 Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) National Convention
(g) Location: Anaheim, California
(h) Date Leaving: Wednesday, October 30th, 2024
(i) Date Returning: Monday, November 4th, 2024
(j) Current Cost of Ticket: $200 (Early Bird Pricing)
(2) Questioning
(a)
(3) Debate
(a)
(4) Vote
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xv) 56-094 Tangila Islam Tanni

(1) Speech
(a) Hello, I am finishing thrid year of PHD in CS department, conference for women in tech, non-binary individuals, conference they invite speakers, offer different workshops, primary reason, especially AI aspect, going to be in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, leave Orlando October 7th, need lodging and flight. 351 dollars for flight.
(2) Questioning
(a) Lipner: planning on research or just attending?
(i) Don't usually present.
(b) Lipner: just want flight and lodging?
(i) Yes
(c) Caringal: how will you cover remaining amount?
(i) Myself
(d) Caringal: international?
(i) Yes.
(e) Caringal: postfunding?

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(i)   Yes.
(f) Caringal: have to spend now, later.
(i)   Yes
(g) Caringal: financially trained?
(i)   Yes.

(3) Debate
(a) Lipner: cool topic, great conference, surrounded by other women.
(4) Vote
6-0-1 approved.

xvi)   56-095 Eswanth Sriram Chengalasetty

(1) Speech
(a)
(2) Questioning
(a)
(3) Debate
(a)
(4) Vote
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xvii)   56-096 Michael Moloney

(1) Speech
(a) Are you financially trained?
(i)   Yes
(b) Are you familiar with the post-funding process?
(i)   I have read about the process but have not gone through it before.
(c) 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)
(i)   No
(d) What are your dates of travel?
(i)   October 30th, 2024 to November 4th, 2024

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(e) 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?
  (i) $200 for the early bird convention registration, the early registration discount ends on September 15th, 2024
(f) 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.
  (i) No
(g) How do you plan on covering any expense UCF SG can not if we can't fund 100%?
  (i) It will have to come from my financial aid distribution.
(h) Is there any conflict with you getting the funding after the date of September 19, 2024?
  (i) Yes, early registration discount ends on September 15th, which means an increase in price of $125.
(2) Questioning
  (a)
(3) Debate
  (a)
(4) Vote
  Seen as a block with 56-090

xviii)   56-097 RACHEL MARTELLA

(1) Speech
  (a)
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xix)   56-098 Anthony Mirabito

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(1) Speech

    (a) My name is Anthony, grad student, PHD in biology, my fifth year, hoping to go to international conference in San Antonio, tri-societal, main theme is AI innovations in changing climate. Nov 10th-13th, plan on leaving Orlando the 10th, return 13th or 14th. Reg is 345 dollar, early bird, that will occur if I can register before October 7th, after 420 dollar, lodging four nights, 672 dollars, 200-250 dollar for flight, total will be about 1217, also applied to travel grants, waiting to hear on that, grant for college of graduate studies, will need to get confirmation, usually have department wide travel grant, I have completed financial training.

(2) Questioning

    (a) Caringal: virtual component?

        (i) Yes. It is cheaper, someone reached out to you?

    (b) Caringal: yes, Rachel. We cannot fund anymore.

        (i) Undergrad, worried about money.

    (c) Caringal: UCF policy, cannot update.

    (d) Lipner: are you president of club?

        (i) I was, just passed down. President is now Nathan Swindberg.

(3) Debate

    (a) Widerberg: very prepared, voting in favor.

(4) Vote

    5-0-2 approved.

xx) [56-099 Swetha Sirnam](#)

(1) Speech

    (a) We are PHD, students international, paper accepted, in European Conference of Computer vision, Italy, Milan. I am specifically requesting lodging.

(2) Questioning

    (a)

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    (a)

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xxi)   56-100 Rohit Gupta
  (1) Speech
    (a) I am a student also, mostly, I have been accepted computer vision. Lodging for five days.
  (2) Questioning
    (a) Caringal: what day does conference end?
      (i)   4th
    (b) Caringal: why leave 13th?
      (i)   Could not get Italian visa, stay both places EU funding.
    (c) Caringal staying extra days, leaving the 7th.
      (i)   Transits visa to France, I had to apply to France.
    (d) Caringal: approved 1000, how cover rest?
      (i)   Three components, reimbursement from group, lodging self.
    (e) Caringal: likely need to purchase items yourself, reimbursed, understand global?
      (i)   Yes.
    (f) Caringal: gone through crt before?
      (i)   No but our departments travel.
    (g) Lipner: know engineering college has travel fund, will you be applying to them?
      (i)   Do you know program?
    (h) Lipner: not exact name.
      (i)   I applied for other conference, happened in October, reimbursed in January of next year.

  (3) Debate
    (a) Lipner: super cool go to Milan, see no reason not to vote, encourage all to do the same.
  (4) Vote
    6-0-1 approved.

11. Member Discussion
    a. None.
12. Miscellaneous Business
    a) None.
13. Final Roll Call: 7/7

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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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