



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

CONFERENCE, REGISTRATION, AND TRAVEL

UCF Student Government
CRT Committee Meeting
Charge on Chamber
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: x:xx PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum(7): 7/12

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	E
Senator Kaufman	sgaecs6@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Lipner	sga_ugst1@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Ravi	sga_grst1@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Johnson	sgachps6@ucf.edu	P (1:44)	P
Senator Thoss	sga_ba2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Trejo-Hernandez	sga_ecs1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Petrie	sga_xx@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Courts	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
ORS Representative	sgaors@ucf.edu	P (1:39)	P
Pro Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Approved by gc

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5. Announcements from the Chair

- a) Welcome back y'all. First day of the semester and we're immediately back on the grind. If y'all want to, we can look over the master tracker at the next meeting to see our remaining budget and how we'll go about these next three months.

6. Announcements from the Vice-Chair

- a) Welcome back, hope had a good and relaxing break!

7. Announcements from Committee Members

- a)

8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members

- a) Brodie: hello, I am back, good to see you all. Wanted to quickly jump in, concerns last semester over budget, I think based on what I'm aware of, I think you guys are right on track with the budget. I do not think you have over-allocated. Important thing to remember, you can't fund any bills before mid-March. Wanted to toss it out there.

9. Old Business

- a) None

10. New Business

5-5-5

a) Allocations

i) [56-380 Gianna Florentino](#)

(1) Speech

- (a) Caringal: Asked to cancel

(2) Questioning

- (a)

(3) Debate

- (a)

(4) Vote

Denied

ii) [56-381 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers](#)

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(1) Speech

(a) Hello, I am Kate, conference branch, part of large, represent electric and computer engineers and broader engineers. Professional development, want to go to Southeast Con, we are region 3, Florida, Georgia, Carolina, Kentucky. Multiple competitions, robotics, presentations, this year it is in Charlotte, North Carolina. We want to send 18 people there. No finalized list, did not realize meeting was today. Prices for hotel have not changed only thing we are asking funding for.

(2) Questioning

(a) Caringal: do offer 2,500. Additional 360, if you would like to add anything.

(i) can we add registration?

(b) Caringal: sure. At least two financially trained officers?

(i) Yes.

(c) Caringal: one attending?

(i) Yes.

(d) Thoss: want to make sure it's eighteen people if someone can't go, will you replace?

(i) Yes.

(3) Debate

(a) Shen: looks good, glad they will replace if lost.

(4) Vote

6-0-2 approved.

iii) [56-382 Alpha Kappa Psi-Nu Chi, Inc.](#)

(1) Speech

(a) Are there at least 2 financially trained officers in our RSO?

(i) Yes, there are

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

(i) Yes, we are.

(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?

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- (i) February 21- February 23rd, 2025
- (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) Registration has been paid for by every member attending.
 - (ii) Lodging is \$158.49 with taxes and fees per night
 - (iii) Check-in is Feb. 21st and check out is Feb. 23rd so a 2-night stay is \$158.49 per night with taxes bringing the total to \$316.98 per room
 - (iv) With 19 individuals attending, 5 rooms will be required, bringing the total to \$1,584.90
 - (v) To lock in these rates, we must secure the rooms by the Reservation Cut off: Friday, January 31, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Eastern
 - (vi) Airfare via United Airlines \$238.96 (taxes: \$45.14)
 - (vii) Leaving Friday 02/21/25 at 7:10 am and arriving in Chicago at 9:26 am
 - (viii) Leaving Sunday 02/23/25 at 5:58 pm (cheapest option) and arriving in Orlando at 9:50 pm
- (f) How do you plan on covering any expense UCF SG cannot if we can't fund 100%?
 - (i) We will try to fundraise for the event but due to the event being next month, student members will be paying out of pocket for uncovered expenses.
- (g) Is there any conflict with you getting the funding as late as February 6, 2025?
 - (i) No conflict, but it does increase the rate of the hoteling, leading to more funds being allocated to the hotel room rather than being divided amongst the flight fees. The price of the flights may also fluctuate as the event nears, if funding is as late as Feb. 6th.
- (h) Has your registration, flights, or lodging been purchased already? (we cannot fund any reimbursements before approval from the business office)
 - (i) Registration has been purchased by student members as I have encouraged. The early bird rate ended on Nov. 30th, so it was a better deal to purchase out-of-pocket.

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- (2) Questioning
 - (a)
- (3) Debate
 - (a)
- (4) Vote
 - 6-0-1 approved.
- iv) [56-383 Bikash Adhikari](#)
 - (1) Speech
 - (a) Are you financially trained?
 - (i) Yes, I am.
 - (b) Are you familiar with the post-funding process?
 - (i) Yes, I am.
 - (c) Are you an international student? (If yes, this will result in a longer processing time because you must go through UCF Global. The accountant should be able to walk you through this process.)
 - (i) Yes, I am.
 - (d) What are your dates of travel?
 - (i) March 27, 2025 – March 31, 2025
 - (e) What are your requested costs, broken down by registration, lodging, and airfare?
 - (i) Breakdown of costs requested from SG is as follows:
 - (ii) Lodging:
 - (iii) Rate: \$192 per day
 - (iv) Days: 4
 - (v) Total: \$768
 - (f) Are you planning to graduate anytime before or near the dates of your travel/conference?
 - (i) No, I plan to graduate in Spring 2026.
 - (g) How do you plan on covering any expenses UCF SG cannot fund if we cannot fund 100%?
 - (i) I plan to request additional funding from the College of Community Innovation and Education (CCIE) for the remaining budget.
 - (h) Is there any conflict with you receiving the funding as late as February 6, 2025?

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- (i) No, there is no conflict with receiving funding at this time.
 - (i) Has your registration, flights, or lodging been purchased already?
 - (i) No, I have not registered or purchased anything for this conference yet, as funding approval is required beforehand.
 - (2) Questioning
 - (a) Lazo: can we send them follow up email about international processes?
 - (3) Debate
 - (a)
 - (4) Vote
 - 7-0-1 approved
- v) [56- 384 Sarah Boye](#)
 - (1) Speech
 - (a)
 - (2) Questioning
 - (a)
 - (3) Debate
 - (a)
 - (4) Vote
 - Postponed
- vi) [56-385 Joseph A Goode](#)
 - (1) Speech
 - a. Are you financially trained?
 - i. Yes.
 - b. Are you familiar with the post-funding process?
 - 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?

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- i. 04/24/2025-05/01/2025
 - 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. Registration: 500
 - ii. Lodging: 1374
 - iii. Travel: 398
 - f. If yes to early bird what is the next due date and fee?
 - i. 500 Registration by March 7th
 - 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 cannot if we can't fund 100%?
 - i. Yes.
 - i. Is there any conflict with you getting the funding as late as February 6, 2025?
 - i. No.
 - j. Has your registration, flights, or lodging been purchased already? (we cannot fund any reimbursements before approval from the business office)
 - i. No
 - (2) Questioning
 - (a)
 - (3) Debate
 - (a)
 - (4) Vote
 - 7-0-1 approved.
- vii) [56-386 Katherine Wilson McCoy](#)
- (1) Speech
 - (a) Doctoral candidate, public administration program, criminology conference, Seattle, presenting dissertation work, mostly requesting funding for airfare, assuming hotel will stay the same, airfare likely to change, hoping to request funding for that.
 - (2) Questioning

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- (a) Caringal: what day are you leaving and returning?
 - (i) February 6th, return February 9th.
- (b) Caringal: how much is airfare?
 - (i) \$357
- (c) Caringal: name of conference?
 - (i) Western society of criminology.
- (d) Caringal: since you are a graduate student, receive more, anything else you would like to include?
 - (i) Lodging as well.
- (e) Caringal: how much is your lodging?
 - (i) \$874
- (f) Caringal: financially trained and understand postfunding process?
 - (i) Yes.
- (g) Caringal: gone through CRT before?
 - (i) Yes
- (3) Debate
 - (a) Widerberg: sounds great, she knows her stuff.
- (4) Vote
 - 8-0-1 approved.**
- viii) [56-387 John Janisch](#)
 - (1) Speech
 - (a) So, my name is John Janisch, graduate student in the physics department, looking for funding for global joint summit, American physics society meeting, basically APS March meeting is a global joint meeting, wider audience then we typically would, allows me and other students to interact with each other.
 - (2) Questioning
 - (a) Caringal: what day are you leaving and returning?
 - (i) March 15th, March 21st.
 - (b) Caringal: presenting research?
 - (i) Yes.
 - (c) Caringal: flight?
 - (i) 801.
 - (d) Caringal: early bird for registration?
 - (i) Yes will go up to \$325.
 - (e) Caringal: how will you cover the rest?

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- (i) Other funding in and out of UCF.
 - (f) Caringal: financially trained, understand postfunding process?
 - (i) Yes.
 - (3) Debate
 - (a) Lazo: looks great, let's go ahead and get them funded.
 - (4) Vote
 - 8-0-1 approved.
- ix) [56-388 Geotechnical Engineering Institute](#)
- (1) Speech
 - (a) [Presentation](#)
 - (b) Hello, I am Martha representing institute of UCF, student organization, gives chance to establish ourselves as geotechnical energy, main work is for us to organize seminars, working with guest speakers. Geo-congress, meet people in Kentucky March 2-5. Great opportunity to meet people, six students applying for this, each one of us will present paper at this conference, Airfare is \$2,240 for all of us, lodging is \$1659 in total 3,899 dollars.
 - (2) Questioning
 - (a) Thoss: hello one of the documents, you gave us one room, can you send us updated?
 - (i) Sure.
 - (b) Caringal: leaving on second, returning on 5th?
 - (i) Yes.
 - (c) Caringal: at least two financially trained officers?
 - (i) Yes.
 - (d) Caringal: one is going?
 - (i) Yes.
 - (e) Caringal: how were six chosen?
 - (i) Based on publications.
 - (f) Caringal: if one didn't go can you replace them?
 - (i) Yes.
 - (g) Caringal: international students going on this trip?
 - (i) Yes.
 - (h) Caringal: aware of extra processing?
 - (i) Yes.
 - (3) Debate

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- (a) Thoss: seems you have everything you need to have, geotechnical engineering seems very cool, make sure you send us your lodging, voting in favor, implore you to do the same.
- (4) Vote
8-0-1 approved.
- x) [56-389 Sophia Chase-Azzaoui](#)
 - (1) Speech
 - (a)
 - (2) Questioning
 - (a)
 - (3) Debate
 - (a)
 - (4) Vote
Postponed
- xi) [56-390 Tyler Borges](#)
 - (1) Speech
 - (a) Senior studying event management, Super Bowl February 2-9 to New Orleans, likely splitting Air B&B with other employees, work as event staff, direct experience, hope to network, hope to bring back knowledge to Rosen. Professional staff supported, glad student government can help, people might not be able to attend if not, I am financially trained, not an international student, funding as soon as possible.
 - (2) Questioning
 - (a) Lazo: concerned about safety, what plans and assurances do you have for your students safety?
 - (i) Great question, assuming they will hit on that. If something happens with flight, I will tell you, generally find our own place to stay, I have been around the world, used to it.
 - (3) Debate
 - (a) Shen: glad to see you go, please be careful.
 - (4) Vote
8-0-1 approved
- xii) [56-391 Ectis Velazquez](#)

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(1) Speech

- (a) Hello, I am Ectis Velazquez, PHD candidate electrical engineering department, domestic student, not staying at conference hotel, just commuting back and forth, registration \$480 dollars, presenting research.

(2) Questioning

- (a) Caringal: lowering you down, avoiding sanctions.
 - (i) Got it.
- (b) Thoss: presentation yet?
 - (i) Not ready yet.
- (c) Caringal: added acceptance?
 - (i) I should have.

(3) Debate

- (a) Lazo: looks good, move to vote.

(4) Vote

7-0-2 approved.

xiii) [56-392 Bushra Ashraf](#)

(1) Speech

- (a) Hello this Bushra, graduate student, international student, presenting my research at American Political Society, requesting lodging and affair, happening in California, a little bit costly, airfare is ranging between \$350-\$400, two main things for this funding.

(2) Questioning

- (a) Caringal: only requesting lodging and travel?
 - (i) Yes.
- (b) Caringal: how are you covering cost?
 - (i) Last time there was a price.
- (c) Caringal: financially trained and understand postfunding?
 - (i) Yes.
- (d) Caringal: what day are you leaving and returning?
 - (i) March 15-25

(3) Debate

- (a) Courts: looks good, excited to see what happens.

(4) Vote

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xiv) [56-393 Carson Maschmeier](#)

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(1) Speech

- (a) Are you financially trained?
 - (i) Yes, I completed the SG A&SF Financial Training on December 12, 2024.
- (b) Are you familiar with the post-funding process?
 - (i) The financial training modules explained the process thoroughly. If I have issues, I am aware of who I should reach out to.
- (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) I will be traveling to Montreal on 3/25/25 and flying home on 3/30/25.
- (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) Registration: \$145.00
 - (ii) Lodging: \$168.04 per night x 5 nights = \$840.20
 - (iii) Airfare: \$641.07 (I have attached an updated quote. The price for the same flights has gone up from the previously quoted \$577.39)
 - (iv) Total: \$1,626.27
- (f) If yes to early bird what is the next due date and fee?
 - (i) The early bird rate has passed, but I am registering as a student for a discounted price. There is no further early bird date.
- (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, I will not be graduating before March.
- (h) How do you plan on covering any expense UCF SG cannot if we can't fund 100%?

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- (i) I have received a \$500 presentation fellowship from the College of Graduate Studies. Besides that fellowship, every cost would come out of my own personal finances.
 - (i) Is there any conflict with you getting the funding as late as February 6, 2025?
 - (i) No, there is no conflict getting the funding as late as February 6, 2025.
 - (j) Has your registration, flights, or lodging been purchased already? (we cannot fund any reimbursements before approval from the business office)
 - (i) No, no purchases have been made yet.
 - (2) Questioning
 - (a)
 - (3) Debate
 - (a)
 - (4) Vote
 - 7-0-1 approved.**
- xv) [56-394 Hamid Moloudian](#)
 - (1) Speech
 - (a) Hello, my name is Hamid Moloudian, chemistry PHD candidate, international but American card holder regarding global paper work, attending American chemical society, March 23-27, I made this fund to cover my funds for traveling, flight, using resources from university, in collaboration with UF, treatment, need to find connections for jobs
 - (2) Questioning
 - (a) Caringal: what are your costs for lodging and traveling?
 - (i) 1400 for Idoging.
 - (b) Caringal: financially trained, understand postfunding process?
 - (i) Yes.
 - (3) Debate
 - (a) Johnson: abstract very cool, you guys should do the same.
 - (4) Vote
 - 8-0-1 approved.**
- xvi) [56-395 Sofia Lisman](#)

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- (1) Speech
 - (a)
 - (2) Questioning
 - (a)
 - (3) Debate
 - (a)
 - (4) Vote
 - Postponed
- xvii) [56-396 Zahid Hasan](#)
- (1) Speech
 - (a) Hello, my name is Zahid Hasan, PHD candidate, request fund for conference, it is happening Cocoa Beach, February 19-21. Already paid registration.
 - (2) Questioning
 - (a) Caringal: moving you to \$480, don't want you to incur charges.
 - (i) Sounds good.
 - (b) Caringal: financially trained, understand postfunding process?
 - (i) Yes.
 - (3) Debate
 - (a) Widerberg: everything looks so good, excited for you to attend.
 - (4) Vote
 - 8-0-1 approved.**
- xviii) [56-397 Ashley Lynn Pekmezian](#)
- (1) Speech
 - (a) Hello, my name is Ashley, fourth year medical student at UCF, requesting funds to go to Southeast Medical Conference, very a rare case, submitted to conference, received acceptance, \$350 , \$650 dollar for two night.
 - (2) Questioning
 - (a) Caringal: financially trained, understand postfunding?
 - (i) Yes.
 - (b) Caringal: anything over \$700 how will you cover?
 - (i) Funding I can get from medical school.

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- (3) Debate
 - (a) Shen: looks great, no reason to vote against.
- (4) Vote
 - 7-0-1 approved.**
- xix) [56-398 National Black Law Student Association](#)
 - (1) Speech
 - (a)
 - (2) Questioning
 - (a)
 - (3) Debate
 - (a)
 - (4) Vote
 - Postponed
- xx) [56-399 Carlie Abraham](#)
 - (1) Speech
 - (a)
 - (2) Questioning
 - (a)
 - (3) Debate
 - (a)
 - (4) Vote
 - Postponed
- xxi) [56-400 Knights Racing Baja SAE](#)
 - (1) Speech
 - (a) Are there at least 2 financially trained officers in our RSO?
 - (i) Yes, two officers are financially trained.
 - (b) Are you familiar with the post-funding process?
 - (i) Yes, we are familiar with the post-funding process.
 - (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)

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- (i) No there are no international students on this trip.
- (d) What are your dates of travel?
 - (i) June 10 - June 17, 2025
- (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? 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) Lodging costs \$3139.45
 - (ii) Registration costs \$1750
- (f) How do you plan on covering any expense UCF SG cannot if we can't fund 100%?
 - (i) We fundraise throughout the year and would have the funds to cover any other costs.
- (g) Is there any conflict with you getting the funding as late as February 6, 2025?
 - (i) No there is no conflict.
- (h) Has your registration, flights, or lodging been purchased already? (we cannot fund any reimbursements before approval from the business office)
 - (i) Registration has been purchased but the lodging has not been purchased.
- (2) Questioning
 - (a) Shen: did we just fund them?
 - (b) Caringal: no.
 - (c) Lazo: only paying for lodging, what is their cap?
 - (i) 2,500
 - (d) Thoss: different lodging cost, we have another.
- (3) Debate
 - (a)
- (4) Vote
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xxii) [56-401 Ashley Houff](#)

(1) Speech

- (a) Are you financially trained?
 - (i) Yes
- (b) Are you familiar with the post-funding process?
 - (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) N/A, local conference
- (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) a. If yes to early bird what is the next due date and fee?
 - (ii) Early bird fee is \$125 and ends 1/29/25 at noon.
 - (iii) Next fee is \$195 due by the time of the conference
- (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 cannot if we can't fund 100%?
 - (i) Self-pay
- (h) Is there any conflict with you getting the funding as late as February 6, 2025?
 - (i) No
- (i) Has your registration, flights, or lodging been purchased already? (we cannot fund any reimbursements before approval from the business office)
 - (i) No

(2) Questioning

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- (a)
- (3) Debate
- (a)
- (4) Vote
- 6-0-2 approved
- xxiii) [56-402 UCF The Improv Academy](#)

- (1) Speech
- (a)
- (2) Questioning
- (a)
- (3) Debate
- (a)
- (4) Vote
- Postponed
- xxiv) [56-403 Ornella Vintimilla](#)

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

11. Member Discussion

- a. Caringal: are we cool with seeing the master tracker next week and not this week?
 - a. Yes.
 - b. Caringal: Please debate.

12. Miscellaneous Business

- a) None.

13. Final Roll Call: 8/12 (7)

14. Adjournment: 2:30 PM

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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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