



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
LJR Committee Meeting
Charge on Chamber
01/29/2024
1:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 1:02 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 6/6 (4)

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Courts	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice Chair Gaudio	sgaec9@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Naguib	sgachps4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Benwick	sga_sci7@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Trejo-Hernandez	sga_ecs1@ucf.edu	P	P
ELA Richmond	sgaela@ucf.edu	E	E
Pro Tempore Representative Collazo	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: [01.29.25](#) **Approved by GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by GC**
5. Announcements from the Chair Courts-
 - a. Hi guys! Today we will be seeing three absences and having a few conversations, possibly rereading the statutes
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair -
 - a. None.
7. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. LJR (GAP) Rep: We continued research on DATC, and the survey is in its first weeks of being live! I promised that if the survey gets 1000 submissions, then I will splurge on a Cameo from AJ & Big Justice. The meeting was relatively short due to the SLC Mentor/Mentee event which was fantastic. Great job, ILA Al-Qudah.
 - b. LJR (E&A) Rep: E&A saw 1 confirmation and adopted one Internal bill.
 - c. LJR (SBA) Rep: Saw three proclamations, talked about doing food themed tabling to get student input.

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8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
 - a. None.
9. Old Business-
 - a. Bills
 - None.
 - b. Resolutions
 - None.
 - c. Absences
 - None
 - d. Blanket Excuse
 - None.
10. New Business-
 - a. Bills
 - None.
 - b. Resolutions
 - None.
 - c. Absences ([Supporting Documentation](#)):
 - Kieran Connolly
 1. Speech
 - a. I will be leaving Thursday afternoon and won't be back until Saturday, I will be at my grandmother's funeral.
 2. Questioning
 - a. Benwick: MTD, **Approved by GC**
 3. Debate
 - a. Naguib: MTV, **Approved by GC**
 4. Vote
 - a. 5-0-1
 - Jordan Lipner
 1. Speech
 - a. I was driving to the University of Southern Mississippi to competing in the Southern Forensics Championship Tournament on Friday, January 31st. At the competition I placed 2nd in Dramatic Interpretation and 7th in extemporaneous speaking!
 2. Questioning
 - a. Benwick: MTD, **Approved by GC**
 3. Debate

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- a. Naguib: MTV, **Approved by GC**
 4. Vote
 - a. 5-0-1
 - Jordan Metellus
 1. Speech
 - a. I will be volunteering at a Campus Cleanup from 6-8. I will head straight to the Senate Meeting after. Thank you for understanding.
 2. Questioning
 - a. Benwick: MTD, **Approved by GC**
 3. Debate
 - a. Benwick: I will be voting in favor, though I wish that he had submitted documentation, I do trust him. MTV, **Approved by GC**
 4. Vote
 - a. 4-0-2
 - d. Blanket Excuse
 - None.
11. Miscellaneous Business-
 - a. [Possible Internal Bill](#) – DLEG Collazo
 - Collazo: Hi everyone, since we do not have a regular Senate meeting this week we cannot remand any legislation, but this is a bill I was going to remand so I am asking the committee to adopt it today. If you open it, it changes Title V: The Judicial Branch. To quickly go over it and why I'm writing it, the first part where a Justice cannot interpret the Constitution or provide advice outside of judicial proceedings, I am putting this forward due to the previous judicial review in which there was a lot of conversation in which we are unsure the rule the Chief Justice played before the proceedings. The second aspect is primarily an ethical change, this is so the students use the Attorney General/Judicial Advisor as that is their role rather than the Judicial Council's. I see no reason why they should go to a Justice for an interpretation without calling for a Council proceeding. I am adjusting the powers and duties by changing it to resignations as only the Senate has the power to remove a Justice. As for the third section, as Senators we are required to have an understanding of the Constitution & Statutes, however there is no actual requirement for this in the Judicial Branch. This change would make it so that requirement exists, during E&A meetings in the summer I asked the Justices a lot of statutory questions and they did not all give me correct answers. While the Chief Justice later said that the Justices are not the Attorney General to be consulted for advising, I think that the Justices should absolutely have a working knowledge of the Statutes. I also added that the

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Chief Justice will be over enforcement of the annual training before they can join Judicial Council proceedings.

- Courts: I have a question. While I am not opposed to this, why would this need to be adopted instead of being remanded next week?
- Collazo: There isn't really a need, this week is just a special circumstance. I wanted to get it remanded this week, but due to the special session I would prefer it be adopted this week so it can be in the timeline I've laid out for myself. E&A also had to adopt legislation this week.
- Courts: Completely understandable, but for E&A the election is about to happen so time is important.
- Collazo: It would be too late to take effect this election anyway, E&A adopted it so they would have business this week.
- Benwick: I really like it and would want to adopt it, however I would also be comfortable waiting for it to be remanded so if there are any amendments you decide you would like to put in then you can do so before a first or second reading.
- Collazo: There are no more personal amendments I would like to make, it would be from the committee.
 1. Vote to adopt the measure as committee
 - a. 2-3-1, measure will not be adopted by committee.

12. Member Discussion- MTIF: **Approved by GC**

- a. Statutes and Rules
- b. MTF: **Approved by GC**

13. Final Roll Call: 6/6 (4)

14. Adjournment: 1:32 PM

Key:

- P - Present
- A - Absent
- MTD - Move to Debate
- MTV - Move to Vote
- MTA- Move to Amend
- MSQD – Motion for Speech, Questioning, & Debate Time
- MTIF – Move to Informal
- MTF – Move to Formal
- PP - Postpone
- PPI - Postpone Indefinitely
- GC - General Consent

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