

**Fifty-Seventh Student Senate
1st Meeting Agenda
May 15th, 2025**

- € **Call to Order**
 - 6:04 PM
- € **Land Acknowledgement**
- € **Pledge of Allegiance**
- € **National Anthem**
- € **Roll Call and Verification of Quorum**
 - Quorum: 51/59
 - ☐ Chauhan – 6:12 PM
 - ☐ Greene – 6:59 PM
- € **Approval of the Agenda** – 05/15/2025; Approved by GC
- € **Open Forum**
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- € **Senate President Elections**
 - Senator Courts
 - [Materials](#)
 - Vote: **45-0-1; Senator Courts elected Speaker**
- € **Senate President Pro Tempore Elections**
 - Senator Hameed
 - Senator Gaudio
 - [Materials](#)
 - Vote: **25-23-2; Senator Hameed elected Senate President Pro Tempore**
- € **Announcements from the Student Body President (Luci Blanco, sga_pres@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening, everyone! So excited for you all and I am looking forward to a great year ahead, you all should be very proud of yourselves.
 - First, I would like to introduce our cabinet positions for this year, please refer to this document preparing for confirmations, especially noting the changes to Chief and Deputy Chief of Staff. Any questions regarding these descriptions, do not hesitate to reach out for further clarification.
 - [Cabinet Position Descriptions](#)
 - [Cabinet Appointments](#)
 - With that being said, I hereby appoint:
 - Chief of Staff: Soraya Pearson
 - Deputy Chief of Staff: Panayiota Laliotis
 - Attorney General: Jorge Altuna
 - Comptroller: James Drinkwater
 - Governmental Affairs Coordinator: Allie Demarco
 - Director of Student Affairs: Carly Berthiaume
 - Academic Affairs Coordinator: Shivani Vakharia
 - Athletics Coordinator: Dwayne Jones
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator: Noor Alaraj
 - Safety and Transportation Coordinator: Emely Lopez
 - Sustainability, Wellness, and Innovation Coordinator: Ava Hendricks
 - Director of Communications: Andy Ayup
 - Digital Media Coordinator: Gabriella Parra
 - In addition, I had the pleasure of sitting in on judicial interviews the past week and working with Interim Chief Justice Pazera and the council, I hereby appoint:
 - Seat #1: Isabel Johnson
 - Seat #2: Noach David
 - Seat #3: Jovhanise Leonard
 - Seat #4: Bianca Nunez
 - Seat #5: Noemi Tilky
 - Seat #6: Collin Hoffner
 - Seat #7: Sammi Toscano
 - Seat #8: Madeline Grady
 - Lastly, I hereby re-appoint Zachary Gaudio to Graduate Studies Seat #5
 - The application for the Graphic Design Coordinator as well as the Election Commission openings will be posted tomorrow on Knight Connect and Instagram.
 - Really exciting event coming up, be sure to spread the word, in collaboration with the Department of State and Rep, Maxwell Frost, on May 30th in the Live Oak Ballroom from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm there will be a pop-up passport day to help students and Orlando citizens complete their passport applications! More information to come on our Instagram!
- € **Announcements from the Student Body Vice President (Jarib Benitez, sga_vp@ucf.edu)**
 - Hello Senate! Big congratulations to everyone who is sitting in these chairs. You are all going to be great leaders for our UCF community and cannot wait to work with you all this year.

- Since being sworn in, we have various introductory meeting with our UCF partners to lay the foundation for our term. Along with that, we had the opportunity to speak at a Transfer Orientation session to our new Knights. Along with, speaking to the First Year Experience Orientation Leaders and informing them about Student Government and the SGLC program, as this is a big recruiting method for the program.
- As you settle into your seats, if you want to chat about anything- feel free to email me and we can get that settled.
- ≠ **Comptroller's Report (Kylie Cimillo, sga_comp@ucf.edu)**
 - Hi everyone!! So happy to see the chamber full again for those of you that don't know me my name is kylie cimillo and i am the comptroller from the previous cabinet but my role continues until a new comptroller is sworn in.
 - I work very closer with the senate branch and oversee all student government fiscal matters.
 - There will be a new face here soon, but for now, you still have me! As we transition into new leadership after today's meeting, I want to extend an offer: if you'd like to meet with me to go over the budget or review what this year's financials looked like, I'm more than happy to do that. As well as add or overview anything that you would like to happen or see in next year's fiscal year and the expenses.
 - We have 2.39% left in the non-personnel budget of student government, which is items that are like merch, events, catering, and RSO funding
 - We have 27.94% left in the personnel budget of the student government, which is OPS.
 - Also super excited to say I just got word that the PO is in and final for our new order for scantrons because we don't want to run out!!! They are on their way, pretty and pink.
 - FAO: \$5301.20; Reversion of 4.43%
 - CRT: \$706.26; Reversion of 3.76%
- ≠ **Attorney General's Report (Vacant, sga_ag@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- ≠ **Cabinet Forum**
 - None
- ≠ **Announcements from the Interim Chief Justice (, sga_cjus@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening, Senate! I am very excited for the new session and the newly appointed agents. I wish them all the best of luck in the next weeks.
 - I would first like to thank President Blanco for assisting the Judicial Branch in our transition period and helping out with our interview process. It was a competitive application pool of 28 students, and I am very excited to have 8 appointees, hopefully joining the branch in just a few weeks.
 - I would also like to shout out my sitting justices Seats #9-14 for all their dedicated time, especially because of the current influx of SCAI cases.
 - And lastly, I hereby resign Justice Seat #8 Maya Netto. She has been an amazing justice, and we will definitely miss her. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.
- ≠ **Announcements from the Supervisor of Elections (Luke Brown, sga_ec@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- ≠ **Announcements from the Activity and Service Fee Committee Chair (Vacant, sga_asf@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- ≠ **Announcements from the Scholarship Committee Chair (Vacant, sga_scholarship@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- ≠ **Caucus Reports**
 - **Arab Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgarabcaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
 - **Asian/Pacific Islander American Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgapiacaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
 - **Black Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgblackcaucus1@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
 - **Disability Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgdisabilitycaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
 - **Inter-Campus & Transfer Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgitccaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
 - **Latin/Hispanic Caucus (Chair Vacant, sglatinxcaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
 - **LGBTQ+ Caucus (Chair Vacant, sglgbtqcaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
 - **Military & Veterans Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgmvcaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
 - **Sustainability Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgsustaincaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
 - **Women's Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgwxmenscaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
- ≠ **Announcements from the Senate President (Kirsten Courts, sga_spkr@ucf.edu)**
 - Hello Senate, for those of you who don't know me my name is Kirsten Courts, and I am so happy to have been elected for this position. I have already started the process of scheduling an introductory meeting with The President and Vice President and will also be having a meeting with Comptroller Cimillo regarding the rest of the budget and will get back to all of you next week regarding those.

- As mentioned in my speech, I will be appointing an ELA, ILA, and Sergeant-at-Arms for this session. All three of these applications will open tomorrow by 3pm and will close on Sunday. I will be having interviews for those positions next week and hopefully having them confirmed next week. For all three of them, you may send in a resume if you wish.

☐ ILA

🗨️ This position has an affect on the Senate within the office. The bill has yet to be enacted, but they will be the point of contact between the Senate and the Judicial Branch, SG Caucuses, and the Election Commission. They are also statutorily required to run the SLC mentorship program, and I would like those applying to have a proposal for that.

☐ ELA

🗨️ This position is important regarding the Senate and their public relations. They are the point of contact between the Senate and the Executive Branch as well as media agencies. They are now responsible for working with the Pro Tempore's office to plan and execute branch media training. For this proposal I would like a bit of a plan as to how this would work, as well as a general idea of what they would do for dean meetings.

☐ Sergeant-at-Arms

🗨️ This position is very important when it comes to maintaining decorum on the Senate floor. This person must be confident in their abilities to call distracting behaviors out, as well as being able to refer back to Robert's Rules and Black's Law Dictionary.

⌘ **Internal Legislative Assistant Report (Vacant, sgaila@ucf.edu)**

- None

⌘ **External Legislative Assistant Report (Vacant, sgaela@ucf.edu)**

- None

⌘ **Senate President Pro Tempore Report (Jason Hameed, sga_pro@ucf.edu)**

- Hello everyone!
- Thank you all for electing me to this position. I'm super excited to get to work.
- For the deputy applications, they are open right now. Please send me an email with
- DLEG: Resume, Proposal for initiatives or any improvements/changes you'd make to the role, and any other documents you deem necessary
- DSR: Resume, Proposal including things such as bonding activities and email templates, and any other documents you deem necessary.

⌘ **Deputy Pro Tempore of Legislative Affairs Report (Vacant, sga_dleg@ucf.edu)**

- None

⌘ **Deputy Pro Tempore of Senate Relations Report (Vacant, sgadsr@ucf.edu)**

- None

⌘ **Old Business**

- None

⌘ **Fiscal Committee Caucus Time**

- None

⌘ **Fiscal Committee Reports**

⌘ **CRT Committee (Chair Vacant, sga_crt@ucf.edu)**

- None

⌘ **FAO Committee (Chair Vacant, sga_fao@ucf.edu)**

- None

⌘ **ORS Committee (Chair Vacant, sgaors@ucf.edu)**

- None

⌘ **Fiscal Legislation**

⌘ **Notice of Legislation on First Reading**

- Bills
- Resolutions
- Special Acts

⌘ **Notice of Legislation on Third Reading**

- Bills
- Resolutions
- Special Acts

⌘ **Notice of Legislation on Second Reading**

- Bills
- Resolutions
- Special Acts

⌘ **Internal Committee Caucus Time**

- E&A Committee – 30 min [05.15.2025 E&A Agenda](#)
 - ☐ Recess at 7:44 PM, to reconvene at 8:14 PM;
 - 🗨️ Reconvenes at 8:28 PM

⌘ **Internal Committee Reports**

⌘ **E&A Committee (Chair Escobar, sga_ea@ucf.edu)**

- Elected Chair Escobar, Thanks!
- Meeting next week to start confirmations

⌘ **GAP Committee (Chair Vacant, sgagap@ucf.edu)**

- None
- ⌘ **LJR Committee (Chair Vacant, sga_ljr@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- ⌘ **SBA Committee (Chair Vacant, sgasba@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- ⌘ **Confirmations**
 - None
- ⌘ **Internal Legislation**
- ⌘ **Notice of Legislation on First Reading**
 - Constitutional Amendments
 - Bills
 - Resolutions
 - Proclamations
 - Special Acts
- ⌘ **Notice of Legislation on Third Reading**
 - Constitutional Amendments
 - Bills
 - Resolutions
 - Special Acts
- ⌘ **Notice of Legislation on Second Reading**
 - Constitutional Amendments
 - Bills
 - Resolutions
 - Proclamations
 - Special Acts
- ⌘ **Senate Forum**
 - Beneche: So excited to see where this session takes us.
 - Lipner: Endangered Species Act Public Comment: <https://www.regulations.gov/commenton/FWS-HQ-ES-2025-0034-0001>
 - Varela: Where to send legislation?
- ⌘ **Senate Deliberation**
 - None
- ⌘ **Advisor's Report**
 - Brodie:
 - ☐ Welcome to Senate! I probably should have a lot of announcements, but nothing really comes to mind. You should have access to your emails, if you're not sure how to access it then shoot me an email or google it, UCF has resources for it. You should also be in the Teams and will be added to your committee's Teams channel hopefully by tonight. You all will probably be added to KnightConnect for submitting Absence Requests tomorrow, more things will come!
 - Medhavi:
 - ☐ If you want to suggest any website changes for SG website, please use this form to do so. <https://forms.office.com/r/Eqha4VzBwb>
- ⌘ **Miscellaneous Business**
 - Appointments
 - ☐ CRT
 - 🗑 James Kapinos
 - 🗑 Jordan Lipner
 - 🗑 Nathan Rickett
 - 🗑 Niklas Luecht
 - 🗑 Shivi Jain
 - 🗑 Kai Prol
 - 🗑 Katrina Wangen
 - 🗑 Daisy Trejo Hernandez
 - 🗑 Gabriel Casimiro
 - 🗑 Isabella McRay
 - 🗑 Coursen Greene
 - 🗑 Victoria Jones
 - 🗑 Olivia Smith
 - 🗑 Alex Rosenblum
 - ☐ FAO
 - 🗑 Owen Sherman
 - 🗑 Niklas Luecht
 - 🗑 Shivi Jain
 - 🗑 Anthony Bonaventure
 - 🗑 Ibrahim Nasim
 - 🗑 Mohammed Fawaz Kidwai
 - 🗑 Kai Prol
 - 🗑 Katrina Wangen
 - 🗑 Ryan Kaufman
 - 🗑 Mariah Simmons

- ☐ ORS
 - ✗ Grace Rudie
 - ✗ Jaci Lim
 - ✗ Sahasra Satvika
 - ✗ Alex Rosenblum
 - ✗ Gabriel Casimiro
 - ✗ Isabella McRay
 - ✗ Diana Nguyen
 - ✗ Coursen Greene
 - ✗ Melva Diei
 - ✗ Victoria Jones
 - ✗ Jonah Scott
 - ✗ Samuel Rose
 - ✗ Ryan Kaufman
 - ✗ Juan Varela
 - ✗ Veronica Perez
 - ✗ Jaci Lim
 - ✗ Spurthi Nrusimhadevara
 - ✗ Peter Roehrkasse
- ☐ LJR
 - ✗ Julia Zivin
 - ✗ Zachary Gaudio
 - ✗ Daisy Trejo Hernandez
 - ✗ Rose Rodriguez
 - ✗ Abby Matthews
 - ✗ Owen Sherman
 - ✗ Anthony Bonaventure
 - ✗ Mariah Simmons
 - ✗ Melva Diei
 - ✗ Grace Rudie
 - ✗ Brandon Cominsky
 - ✗ Haleema Al-Qudah
 - ✗ Mohammed Fawaz Kidwai
 - ✗ Sahasra Satvika
- ☐ E&A
 - ✗ Nghi Chau
 - ✗ Rose Rodriguez
 - ✗ Abby Matthews
 - ✗ Nathan Rickett
 - ✗ Bobby Escobar
 - ✗ Peter Roehrkasse
 - ✗ Elle Beneche
 - ✗ James Kapinos
 - ✗ Jocelyn Candiloro
 - ✗ Julia Zivin
 - ✗ Zachary Gaudio
 - ✗ Jordan Metellus
 - ✗ Jordan Lipner
 - ✗ Anna Reed
- ☐ GAP
 - ✗ Juan Varela
 - ✗ Khushi Chauhan
 - ✗ Jocelyn Candiloro
 - ✗ Anna Reed
 - ✗ Angelia Varghese
 - ✗ Luke Paul
 - ✗ Chris Correlli
 - ✗ Bobby Escobar
 - ✗ Ibrahim Nasim
 - ✗ Dyne' Smith
 - ✗ Angelique Leon
 - ✗ Cameron Renda
 - ✗ Teri Faucette
 - ✗ Jonah Scott
- ☐ SBA
 - ✗ Dyne' Smith
 - ✗ Angelique Leon
 - ✗ Cameron Renda
 - ✗ Jordan Metellus

- 🗑 Nghi Chau
- 🗑 Ella Widerberg
- 🗑 Teri Faucette
- 🗑 Olivia Smith
- 🗑 Mila Teodorescu
- 🗑 Veronica Perez
- 🗑 Spurthi Nrusimhadevara
- 🗑 Arwa Arshad Ali
- 🗑 Brandon Cominsky
- 🗑 Haleema Al-Qudah

☐ Acting Chair of the Committees: Pro Temp Hameed

☐ Resignations

🗑 CRT

- Coursen Greene

☐ Appointments

🗑 CRT

- Owen Sherman

⌘ **Final Roll Call**

- 51/59

⌘ **Adjournment**

- 8:51 PM