



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
Charge On Chamber
02/06/2025
5:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 5: PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (8): 14/14

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Vasquez	Sgagap@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice-Chair Varela	Sgsci15@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Al-Qudah	Sga_sci1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Candiloro	Sga_sci3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Chauhan	Sgachps2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Corelli	Sga_ba1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Escobar	Sgachps3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Greene	Sga_nur1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Hall	Sga_grst4@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Johnson	Sgachps6@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Reed	Sga_cah4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Rodriguez	Sga_sci6@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Shen	Sgsci14@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Thoss	Sga_ba2@ucf.edu	P(5:07)	P
LJR Representative	Sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representative	Sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P

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1. Approval of last meeting's Agenda: [01/30/25](#)
 - a. APPROVED BY GC
2. Approval of the minutes:
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3. Open Forum:
 - a. Vasquez: SLCers introduce yourselves!
4. Announcements from the Chair:
 - a. Hello GAP <3
 - b. Welcome to the SLCers!
 - c. Accessing past GAP agendas
 - d. Slime with the Senators yesterday was a success! Shoutout to Senator Escobar and Candiloro for the great help!
 - e. Important dates, discussing survey data so far, and research break!
 - f. Make sure you go to the chamber at 6:20 for budget hearing prep
5. Announcements from the Vice Chair:
 - a. Hi GAP. Good luck with the budget meeting today
 - b. I went through and organized the GAP teams so let me know if you can't access anything
 - c. More bills keep being filed so make sure all our lists are up to date. Also make sure the monitor the special session because key bills keep being seen
 - d. Notable News:
 - i. Lt Govenor Jeanette Nunez has been appointed Interim President of FIU
6. Announcements from Committee Members:
 - i. LJR Rep: Good afternoon GAP, yesterday we saw 3 absences, a possible internal bill, and we are rereading the statutes! Dean meetings, please submit your absence request.

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- ii. Polera: My event is one week from today in cape Florida ballroom 12-2. I will be printing the flyers for the leg priority survey. I also have DATC flyers for all y'all to hand out
- iii. Lazo: Why was the tradition of GAP being an auto include into DATC changed
- iv. Polera: In previous years we didn't have as many GAP members that wanted to go so I can't guarantee to take them all
- v. Chauhan: Rubric?
- vi. Polera: I did create on that I'm debating on using
- vii. Al-Qudah: What is the process on how you choose the GAP/Exec applicant pool bases on how many applicants
- viii. Polera: Quality over quantity. Depends on the interviews
- ix. Benwick: Was the intention to make GAP apply an effort to bring my regular students
- x. Polera: In the past less people in GAP have wanted to go...can you ask you question again?
- xi. Polera: Do you intend to bring more students from the student body over GAP, who researched the bills
- xii. Polera: Once everyone is accepted into the DATC we have orientation setting to help everyone feel comfortable reading they bills and advocating at DATC. I don't know the numbers of who gets to go
- xiii. Lazo: Was there communication if this change was going to be coming
- xiv. Polera: Andrea have been talking about it for a while,
- xv. Al-Qudah: Did you poll to see how many members of GAP wanted to go
- xvi. Polera: From people in the committee who have come up to me I can tell that a lot of people want to apply
- xvii. Shen: To chair...you were not involved with SG when you first went?
- xviii. Vasquez: Correct
- xix. Shen: What was your experience?
- xx. Vasquez: DATC prep gets better year after year. First year was tough for me but the next year and the next year became easier for me
- xxi. Chauhan: Is there a spot om the application specifying that we are from GAP?
- xxii. Polera: No
- xxiii. Escobar: I will be in Tallahassee for my major. Since I'll be up there do I still have to apply

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- xxiv. Polera: To attend tours and meetings, yes
- xxv. Benwick: Can you ensure that GAP members can help assist in educating students about the bills?
- xxvi. Polera: Yeah I was planning on having Gray Robinson and Gov Relations helping out with the orientations
- xxvii. Al-Qudah: How many members from GAP go traditionally?
- xxviii. Polera: Last year it was 5
- xxix. Vasquez: Number of current applicants
- xxx. Polera: Don't know, 20-30 probably, capacity of bus
- xxxi. Varela: Is there anyone else who will be exempt from the interview process
1. Polera: Everyone on cabinet has to apply, and then decide on the need for an interview for them
 2. Benwick: Everyone in exec goes but not the committee?
 3. Polera: As far for exec, historically it's a cabinet event so it's precedent that everyone on the cabinet gets to go with no interview, I've changed that a bit this year. Left up to GAC
 4. Brawley: Everyone in Exec has to apply, but if the application is not impressive then they interview.
 5. Vasquez: Same idea for GAP?
 6. Brawley: Up to Polera
 7. Lazo: You mentioned historically that its a cabinet event. GAP is included statutorily. Is there a disconnect?
 8. Polera: GAP does the research but GAC plans the event
 9. Lazo: GAP schedule?
 10. Polera: We did
 11. Lazo: does this not mean GAP is involved
 12. Polera: GAP does not plan the research
 13. Al-Qudah: Can you reclarify the interview process for exec members?
 14. Polera: They all have to apply and if I'm not pleased I can deny them
 15. Al-Qudah: Are you keeping an open mind to doing the same process for GAP committee?
 16. Polera: That's definitely a possibility
 17. Al-Qudah: Throughout the process what measures can you put in place for transparency

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18. Polera: Asking me questions in GAP and emailing me

7. Announcements from Non-Committee Members:

8. Old Business:

a. Bills:

i.

b. Resolutions:

i.

9. New Business:

a. Important Dates:

i. Caucus Takeover (12-3 in the atrium) Monday Feb 10th

1.

ii. Political& Legal Info Fair: Thursday February, 13th 12:00PM-2:00PM Cape Florida Ballroom SU

1. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EA9AD28A6FBC07-54609013-political>

2. I'll be there 1:00PM-2:00PM! Shoutout Khushi and Jocelyn for signing up! <3

3. SG Tabling, promote the Survey!

iii. Office of Civil Discourse and Engagement Panel: Residency for Tuition Purposes

1. Thursday March 6

2. Panel with members of both sides of the discussion, open conversation, pre-prepared questions and Q&A for students who attend.

b. Day at the Capitol:

i. Legislative Priority Qualtrics Survey:

1. [Published Survey Link!](#)

2. Quota: _____

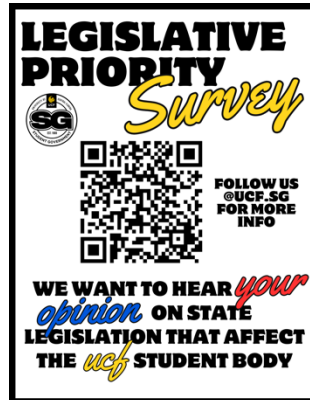
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- 3.
4. Ideas for distribution:
 - a. Promote on Social Media (GAC Submitted Request)
 - i. Est. Post date; ~ Feb.6th
 - b. Digital Signage in SU – Approved!
 - c. Flyer at SG Front Desk! (it's already up!)
 - d. Approved to post flyers in ALL Housing communities!
 - e. Approval for flyers in Burnett Honors College!
 - f. RSO Email Template:
 - i. [Legislative Priority Survey RSO Email Template](#)
 - g. Weekly/Bi-Weekly Tabling events (w/ SBA)
 - i. Wednesday, February 12th
 - h. Mass emails
 - i. Knight Connect Relay: Pending
 - ii. Add the survey to the SPISA Webcourses
 - iii. Work with civic literacy programs
 1. Lou Frey: Have been contacted.
 - iv. Transfer Center
 - v. UCF Global
 - vi. Fraternities and Sororities
- ii. Survey Data Analysis:
 1. Takes an average of 4 minutes to fill out
 2. Top 3 colleges that have filled it out:
 - a. College of Sciences (35%)
 - b. College of Business (19%)
 - c. College of Engineering and Computer Science (17%)

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3. Top 3 topics chosen:
 - a. Education (81%)
 - b. Healthcare (68%)
 - c. Civil Liberties (57%)
4. Highest Ranked Topic in each section:
 - a. Education: Bright Futures Scholarship
 - b. Healthcare: Reproductive Rights Protections
 - c. Civil Liberties: Firearm Regulation
 - d. Public Welfare: Food and Housing Insecurity
 - e. E&S: Water Quality Improvements
5. Topic most written in: Housing Affordability
 - a. Vasquez: Some confusion with "Firearm Regulation" wordage. Change to "Fire arm restriction">
 - b. Rodriguez: I prefer the term regulation because it makes it more grey rather than black and white
 - c. Thoss: restriction feels like a more partisan work
 - d. Reed: How are you addressing DEI initiatives
 - e. Vasquez: It's on the survey
 - f. Al-Qudah: It gives us even more reason to advocate for it
 - g. Lazo: Did you want to change it to firearm laws?
 - h. Benwick: Hearing both sides, it should stay the same and people with no matter what interpret it with their bias
 - i. Greene: With the firearm regulation piece can we add a "please specify" box
 - j. Rodriguez: What about 2nd amendment rights
 - k. Varela: I think that we are getting too caught up over this one person's misinterpretation
 - l. Al-Qudah: I think that regulation is a neutral word but if we change the word how will that impact current data
 - m. Vasquez: No impact
 - n. Corelli: I have concerns about editing the survey after it's been sent out
 - o. Vasquez: i can separate it
 - p. Varela: I think anyone who has issues will regulation will make the clear in the open response section

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iii. Published Legislation Update:

1. [Bill List Website:](#)

iv. Qualtrics Form Topics:

1. Public Welfare: [Public Welfare Working Doc](#)

- a. Johnson
- b. Escobar
- c. Reed
- d. Chauhan
- e. Vasquez
- f. Varela

2. Civil Liberties: [Civil Liberties Working Doc](#)

- a. Lazo
- b. Candiloro
- c. Al-Qudah
- d. Escobar
- e. Varela

3. Education: [Education Working Doc](#)

- a. Shen
- b. Hall
- c. Benwick
- d. Al-Qudah
- e. Vasquez

4. Healthcare: [Healthcare Working Doc](#)

- a. Chauhan
- b. Greene
- c. Thoss
- d. Johnson
- e. Varela

5. Environment & Sustainability: [E&S Working Doc](#)

- a. Corelli
- b. Reed
- c. Rodriguez
- d. Varela

- v. [UCF SG Legislative Brief Template.docx](#)

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vi. [DATC Summary Presentation](#)

1. For new GAP members, please check this out ^

10. Member Discussion:

a.

11. Miscellaneous Business:

a. Ice Breaker:

- i. Reed: Chicago
- ii. Rodriguez: Spongebob the Musical
- iii. Thoss: Spider-man
- iv. Benwick: Kinky Boots
- v. Escobar: Wicked
- vi. Greene: Cabert
- vii. Al Quduh: Great Gastby
- viii. Canidloro: Wicked
- ix. Shen:
little shops of horros
- x. Chauham: Chicago
- xi. Cirelling" Micjeal Jakson
- xii. JohnsonL: Shrek the musical
- xiii. LAzo: Phantom of the Opera
- xiv. Varela: Hamilton'
- xv. Vasquez: Wicked

12. Adjournment 5:58 PM

Key:

P - Present

A - Absent

MTD - Move to Debate

MTV - Move to Vote

MTA- Move to Amend

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PP - Postpone
PPI - Postpone Indefinitely
GC - General Consent

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