



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

**UCF Student Government**  
GAP Committee Meeting  
Charge On Chamber  
02/13/2025  
5:00 PM

## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 5:01 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (8): 12/13

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1. Approval of last meeting's Agenda: [02/06/25](#)
  - a. Approved by GC
2. Approval of the minutes:
  - a. Approved by GC
3. Open Forum:
4. Announcements from the Chair:
  - a. Hi GAP!
  - b. Yesterday VC Varela and I had a meeting with Grey Robinson to discuss policies that students at UCF would specifically like to see them lobby on our behalf. These topics are Expanding EBT requirements for College students, Toll Relief for Commuter Students, and expanding the STEM Fee Waiver (for Engineering students and Statistics students).
  - c. We have pushed the survey a lot this week! Will discuss more in Old Business!
  - d. Today, we are going to review the analytics from the survey as of last week, and take another recess for research, as well as discuss timeline changes for the committee.
  - e. DATC Applications
    - i. Corelli: Where to find the application?
    - ii. Vasquez: KnightConnect
5. Announcements from the Vice Chair:
  - a. Hi. I wish you all a good Valentine's day.
  - b. Relevant news:
    - i. SB 100/HB 75 (the one prohibiting Government entities from flying "political flags) passed it's first committee in the special session. I know this is a bill that was been widely talked about in the Florida politics sphere so it's worth tracking the rest of this bill's process.
    - ii. New bills (SB 542/HB 469) have been filed with the intention of lessening the racial disparities in relation to access to mental health services so those

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of you who are working on the Health care working Doc, this should be on your radar.

- iii. Due to an undercount in our census, Florida TaxWatch estimates that Florida billions of dollars in Federal funding for programs like Medicaid, Medicare and SNAP. The undercount was by about 750,000 and it is estimated to cost Florida 11-21 billion dollars, per Florida TaxWatch
- iv. In a recent poll conducted by the Florida Chamber of Commerce, about 75% of Floridians would support prohibiting “special interest groups” from filing ballot initiatives. This is part of a larger trend of Florida lawmakers placing more regulations on the ballot initiative process.
- v. New swath of immigration bills

## 6. Announcements from Committee Members:

- a. LJR Rep: Good afternoon GAP, yesterday we saw 3 absences and 2 blanket excuses. Please submit supporting documentation with your absence requests! Instead of rereading the statutes like discussed last meeting, we read them on our own and talk about them at the meeting now. With that being said, amendments to each statute will be drafted as 1 bill per title. I.e. all Title III amendments we made yesterday will be seen as one large bill.
- b. GAC Polera: Thank you to everyone who tabled at the Political and Legal Info fair today! Also your reminder that the DATC application closes tomorrow Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:59PM.
  - a. Al qudah: How many GAP members have applied
  - b. Vasquez: I don't have a count
  - c. Rodriguez: Do all GAP members have to do an interview
  - d. Vasquez: Not my discretion

## 7. Announcements from Non-Committee Members:

- a. DLEG Collazo: Internal legislation
  - i. Collazo: We are working on one large bill that will revise Title III. If you have any suggestions please email me or Chair Courts. Furthermore review senate rules and the internal statutes to see if you think an changes should be made.
  - ii. Vasquez: When will the big bill be introduced
  - iii. Collazo: No timeline. Bill has alreadyt been drafted though
  - iv. Al qudah: Is LJR during any bills for senate rules?

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- v. Collazo: Currently only Title III
  - vi. Varela: Why one big bill?
  - vii. Collazo: Makes more sense than many small bills
  - viii. Vasquez: What if someone agrees with one part of the bill but not another
  - ix. Collazo: We can debate that on the floor
8. Old Business:
- a. Bills:
    - i. None
  - b. Resolutions:
    - i. None
9. New Business:
- a. Important Dates:
    - i. 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: **NEW QUOTA IS 550**
      - 1. [Published Survey Link!](#)
      - 2. Quota: \_\_\_\_\_
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- 3.
  - 4. Ideas for distribution:

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- 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)
  - h. Mass emails
    - i. Knight Connect Relay: SENT!
    - 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 9 minutes to fill out
  - 2. Top 3 colleges that have filled it out:
    - a. College of Sciences (32%)
    - b. College of Engineering and Computer Science (22%)
    - c. College of Business (13%)
  - 3. Top 3 topics chosen:
    - a. Education (80%)
    - b. Healthcare (64%).
    - c. Civil Liberties (60%)
  - 4. Highest Ranked Topic in each section:
    - a. Education: Bright Futures Scholarship
    - b. Healthcare: Reproductive Rights Protections
    - c. Civil Liberties: LGBTQ+ Rights
    - d. Public Welfare: Food and Housing Insecurity
    - e. E&S: Green Energy
  - 5. Topic most written in: Housing Affordability
    - a. TDT Reform

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- b. Substance Misuse
    - c. Right to Repair - HB0235, S0412/H311. We should have the right to fix our stuff, it saves money, reduces e-waste, provides valuable learning opportunities, and boosts the local economy. <https://florida.repair.org/>
    - d. Mental Health Initiatives for Men
    - e. Immigrants Rights
- iii. Timeline:
  - 1. Vasquez: GAC and I discussed timeline changes. Survey closes in a week in a half. On that Thursday we will discuss our priorities. Two weeks after that happens we will be writing our resolutions for the topics chosen and see them on the senate floor.
    - a. Greene: Hard deadline to be ready by?
    - b. Vasquez: Before or after spring break (not a hard deadline yet)
    - c. Greene: Can RSOs sponsor them as well?
    - d. Greene: If an RSO chooses to sponsor do they have to show up to advocate
    - e. Vasquez: No
- iv. Published Legislation Update:
  - 1. [Bill List Website:](#)
- v. 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

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- 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
- vi. [UCF SG Legislative Brief Template.docx](#)
- vii. [DATC Summary Presentation](#)
  - 1. For new GAP members, please check this out ^

## 10. Member Discussion:

a.

## 11. Miscellaneous Business:

- a. Varela: Bills that pass in the Special Session
  - i. Bills that are going to pass, if GAP Committee wants to do something if bills are good or bad, we can write proclamations for or against them, even though special session is happening and we can't advocate effectively
  - ii. Vasquez: We have talked about this in Latin/Hispanic a lot. I don't know if I can write it but I encourage the committee to write them
  - iii. Escobar: I think GAP and caucus should write them as an entity

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b. Ice Breaker: If you had to sit on a fiscal committee which one?

- i. Benwick: ORS
- ii. Chauhan: CRT
- iii. Corelli: FAO
- iv. Escobar: FAO:
- v. Candiloro: CRT
- vi. Shen: CRT
- vii. Greene: CRT
- viii. Rodriguze: FAO
- ix. Johnson: ORS
- x. Varela: ORS
- Vasquez: FAO

12. Adjournment 5:58 PM

Key:

P - Present  
A - Absent  
MTD - Move to Debate  
MTV - Move to Vote  
MTA- Move to Amend  
PP - Postpone  
PPI - Postpone Indefinitely  
GC - General Consent

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