



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
Charge On Chamber
02/27/2025
5:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 5:00 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (8): 11/14

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	E	E
Senator Corelli	Sga_ba1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Escobar	Sgachps3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Greene	Sga_nur1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Johnson	Sgachps6@ucf.edu	E (5:12)	P
Senator Muratov	Sga_ecs1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Reed	Sga_cah4@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Rodriguez	Sga_sci6@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Shen	Sgsci14@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Thoss	Sga_ba2@ucf.edu	E	E
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 minutes: [02/20/25](#)
 - a) APPROVED BY GC
- 2) Approval of the agenda:
 - a) APPROVED BY GC
- 3) Open Forum:
 - a) None
- 4) Announcements from the Chair:
 - a) Hi GAP!
 - b) Today, we are seeing our first legislation!
 - c) I've submitted legislation that will be remanded to LJR regarding changes to Title 3 and Senate Rule 2.
 - d) Reviewing the analytics from the Qualtrics survey
 - e) GAP Chair Role
 - f) Good luck to those finishing up their DATC interviews!
 - i) Al Qudah: Did you ever get numbers on how many people applied to DATC
 - ii) Vasques: I was told about 60-
 - iii) Al Qudah: Did anyone get updates about the interview process
 - iv) Vasquez: The GAC did not agree to have a public rubric or a third party interviewer
 - v) Al Qudah: In the past as the GAP chair been included in teh interview process
 - vi) Vasquez: Maybe two years ago
 - vii) Al Qudah: Do you think there can be more collaboration in the i interview process
 - viii) Vasquez: For sure
- 5) Announcements from the Vice Chair:
 - a) Hi y'all. Hope you're week is going well
 - B) The filing deadline for bills for this session is tomorrow so we should have our finalized research docs that are complete and exhaustive by the end of next week

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6) Announcements from Committee Members:

- a) LJR Rep: Hiiii GAP, yesterday LJR had a very very long meeting, but it was fun! We saw 5 Internal Bills, 1 Resolution, 13 absences, and 1 blanket excuse. We also decided not to break up the Prospective Title III Bill and instead we will continue to introduce it as a committee. I believe that is all?!?!? Kisses to you all.
 - i) Varela: What was the reasoning for not breaking up the title 3 bill
 - ii) LJR Rep: We believe that most things are grammatical and we do not need to break up every part of the bill into separate bill
 - iii) Vasquez: Will mt title 3 bill be included in the big bill
 - iv) LJR Rep: I am not sure
- b) Al-Qudah: I wanted to say that as the session is coming to the end I want you all to reflect on GAP operations and sharing feedback on what can be done better as well as feedback on operations in your personal roles

7) Announcements from Non-Committee Members:

- a) None

8) Old Business:

- a) Bills:
 - i) None
- b) Resolutions:
 - i) None

9) New Business:

- a) Bills:
 - i) None.
- b) Resolutions: 5/5/5
 - i) [Resolution 56-13](#) [Resolution Advocating for the Expansion of SNAP Requirements for College Student Eligibility] [Chair Vasquez]
 - (1) Speech: Scale of food insecurity, got some data from KP that shows this is especially needed at UCF. We've spoken to Grey Robinson about this issue since SNAP is a federal program, which means it on a state level, requirements can be more strict or lenient.
 - (2) Questioning: MTD
 - (3) Debate:
 - (a) Al-Qudah- Motion to see amendments as a technical.

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- (b) Escobar: I think this is great, we should be advocating for food security, food and groceries have been very expensive, price of eggs. Encourage you all to vote in favor.
- (c) Vasquez: Motion to see comma as a technical.
- (d) Greene: Food is great, I like it when people have access to food, vote in favor.
- (4) Vote: 11-0-0
- ii) [Resolution 56-14](#) [Resolution Advocating for the Implementation of Toll Relief Measures for Commuter Students] [Chair Vasquez]
 - (1) Speech: This advocates for implementing toll relief. Long title but we gotta. This goes directly to FDOT, oversees Sunpass and other toll companies, they set regulations, these are the main ones based in Florida hence why I chose to focus on Sunpass and EZpass. There already is a toll relief program in place but has specific regulations but asks too much for college students, we should be giving them more hope. Piece of data, driving to Rosen from MC taking 35 minutes low traffic costs 8 dollars both ways, with DTC similar costs. Included data for Valenica and Seminole State as this advocates for all of Central Florida since they commute to UCF too. High demographic of students that commute and they can all benefit from this.
 - (2) Questioning:
 - (a) Al-Qudah: Last whereas clause, to what extent are Grey Robinson helping with this resolution?
 - (i) Vasquez: They are going to talk to the proper legislators and committees to see how far it goes since they have easier access to those groups. They did not have alot of information about SNAP, so I went ahead and made a collection of data for all three resolutions.
 - (ii) Follow-up: Given that, when a copy be sent to Grey Robinson, I'm assuming thats what you mean?
 - (iii) Vasquez: Yes, Chris Carmody and Kylie Consuelo
 - (b) Greene: If I find numbers for UCF Daytona and Cocoa, can I add them?
 - (i) Vasquez: Yes, we should advocate for the whole state, but anything starting in Central Florida is good, so yes add anything you find.
 - (c) Escobar: For the whereas clause for students that live on campus, can we add a year?
 - (i) Vasquez: Omg yes it is 2023. Adding that in.
 - (d) Al-Qudah: How is it being determined how students are eligible?

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- (i) Vasquez: We discussed it in a way that it wouldn't be applicable to online students. The way we saw it was you have to show a UCF ID/Email that will be noted on your sunpass account. You have to reapply semesterly. We don't want people abusing the problem.
 - (e) Corelli: Is 70k accurate?
 - (i) GAP Committee: Yes.
 - (f) Greene: Can I add numbers for Seminole state?
 - (i) Vasquez: They're there.
 - (3) Debate:
 - (a) Vasquez: Motion to see Amendments.
 - (i) Speech: Just added the year data was collected in.
 - (ii) Questioning: None.
 - (iii) Debate: None
 - (iv) Vote: Majority.
 - (b) Benwick: Voting in favor. Very nice when I get the toll relief reimbursement. I didn't know it was a thing at first but I love having it.
 - (c) Al-Qudah: Motion to see my amendment.
 - (i) Speech: This just adds a statistic that 56% of Valencia students reside in Orange County.
 - (ii) Questioning: MTD
 - (iii) Debate: MTV
 - (iv) Vote: Majority.
 - (4) Vote: 11-0-1
- iii) [Resolution 56-15](#) [Resolution to Advocate for the Expansion of Programs Eligible for the STEM Tuition Waiver] [Chair Vasquez]
 - (1) Speech: On the Legislative priority survey we had a lot of students asking for this. GR was a little confused on this as it is sort of unclear who exactly is in charge of setting what programs do and do not get the waiver, but that is set by BOG hence why they are all in the be it further resolved. There are only twelve majors who apply for the waiver, while there are more than twelve that are not included. I have a bunch of data covering how many students would benefit from this bill.
 - (2) Questioning:
 - (a) Benwick: How does this waiver work?
 - (i) Vasquez: There are set by Florida and there are stipulations.
 - (3) Debate:
 - (a) Corelli: Looks good. MTV.

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(4) Vote: 10-0-1

c) Day at the Capitol:

i) Legislative Priority Qualtrics Survey: **NEW QUOTA IS 500**

(1) [Published Survey Link!](#)

(2) Quota:



(3)

- (a) Johnson: I think that we should keep it open
- (b) Vasquez: We are currently at 468

ii) 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) Benwick

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- (c) Al-Qudah
- (d) 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
- iii) [UCF SG Legislative Brief Template.docx](#)
- iv) [DATC Summary Presentation](#)
 - (1) For new GAP members, please check this out ^

10) Member Discussion:

- i) 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 (21%)
 - (c) College of Business (12%)
 - (3) Top 3 topics chosen:
 - (a) Education (78%)
 - (b) Healthcare (63%).
 - (c) Civil Liberties (59%)
 - (4) Highest Ranked Topic in each section:
 - (a) Education: Bright Futures Scholarship
 - (b) Healthcare: Reproductive Rights Protections
 - (c) Civil Liberties: Free Expression Protection
 - (d) Public Welfare: Food and Housing Insecurity
 - (e) E&S: Green Energy

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(5) Topic most written in: Housing Affordability

- (a) Section 504 prohibits discrimination of disability rights. Section 504 should be protected and advocated for as it protects disabled people in healthcare, education, and various other categories. Without 504, disabled people will lose access to their rights. Currently, Texas vs. Becerra is attempting to get rid of 504 along with 16 other states which includes Florida. If section 504 is lost, many people will be negatively impacted financially, medically, jobs/employment, and much more. As Florida is one of the states on the list, it should be advocated and protected to be kept instead of removing 504.
- (b) Rights for students with disabilities (specific to assistance in helping them be more eligible for bright futures)
- (c) Keeping and protecting Section 504 because it protects disability rights and prohibits discrimination.

b) Proclamations condemning or supporting active legislation in the state:

- a. Randy Fine's Flag ban
- b. Immigration Bills
- c. Johnson: Texas v Becerra

11) Miscellaneous Business:

- a) Ice Breaker: Favorite Song
 - i) Benwick: Dancing in Circles-Lady gaga
 - ii) Escobar: Roi-video club
 - iii) Canidlorp: Chill Mix
 - iv) Shen: Father Figure-George Micheal
 - v) Muratov: 80s-90s rock
 - vi) Corelli: Took her to the O-King von
 - vii) Al qudah: Sheiße-lady gaga
 - viii) Lazo: Sever the blight-hemlocks rings
 - ix) Greene: Prescious-Depeche Mode
 - x) Vasquez: Venus by Lady Gaga
 - xi) Varela: Never Enough- Rex Orange County

12) Adjournment 6:00PM

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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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