



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
Charge On Chamber
03/13/2025
5:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 5: 00PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (8): 12/14

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	E
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	P	P
Senator Muratov	Sga_ecs1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Reed	Sga_cah4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Rodriguez	Sga_sci6@ucf.edu	E	P
Senator Shen	Sgsci14@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Thoss	Sga_ba2@ucf.edu	E	E
LJR Representative	Sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	
Pro Tempore Representative	Sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	

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- 1) Approval of last meeting's minutes: [03/06/25](#)
 - a) APPROVED BY GC
- 2) Approval of the agenda:
 - a) APPROVED BY GC
- 3) Open Forum:
 - a) None
- 4) Announcements from the Chair:
 - a) Hello GAP!
 - b) This week has been long! I can't wait for Spring Break to start, for all of us to relax, and take a well-deserved break.
 - c) Congratulations to those who won the election, and those who were re-elected! Another congratulations to those here, who were accepted to go to Day at the Capitol this year. I do share my sympathies with those in this committee who unfortunately did not. You and I know you are more than qualified to go, let this decision not be a reflection of your character, your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed by me and your peers in this committee. Additionally, to those who were not accepted, I do not expect you to work on the final research aspect of our preparations leading to DATC, unless you volunteer to do so. I respect any and all decisions to resign from GAP, for which it will not be held against you on my behalf. I am open to a conversation happening in member discussion, if the committee so chooses, about this matter.
 - i) Benwick: GAC Present at Senate?
 - ii) Vasquez: I do not know
 - d) Today, we are seeing 2 proclamations, the very first of this session!
- 5) Announcements from the Vice Chair:
 - a) Hello all! I hope you've had productive weeks. I also hope you all have great Spring Breaks! I know we all need a rest
 - i) Muratov: Why is everyone not going to DATC
 - ii) Vasquez: The GAC decides who goes to DATC and they were made to interview and over half were denied
 - iii) Muratov: Who sets the limit
 - iv) Vasquez: GAC

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- v) Muratov: Is it a financial problem
- vi) Vasquez: I cannot tell you that

6) Announcements from Committee Members:

- a) LJR Rep: Good afternoon GAP, I hope you all are well, I am tweaking!!!! Any who we saw, 3 internal bills, 2 resolutions and 10 absences. We also postponed 1 internal bill until next LJR meeting. We discussed Titles IV and V and meeting adjournment time. Thanks guys.
- b) Al-Qudah: [DATCEmailExchange.pdf](#)
 - i) Questions for Senate President Pohlmann to direct to President Lister and Vice President Brawley in her meeting regarding our concerns surrounding DATC selection this Friday
 - (1) Muratov: What was the main reason of limitation on GAP attendance
 - (2) Lipner: Numbers on who got accepted
 - (a) Reed: 8 including GAC, VP and President
 - (3) Lipner: Judicial Members who got in

7) Announcements from Non-Committee Members:

- a) Lipner: Lessons from Earth Advocacy Day
 - i) Lipner: Members for GenCLEO went to earth advocacy day. They went to legislators to implore the, to support Enviromental policy. We advocated to protect state parks. We also advocated to prevent companies from shutting off power during natural disasters. We also advocated against making it harder to do citizen's iniative. They recommended in depth research and knowledge of the policy being discussed as well as the ability to defend one's position
 - ii) Escobar: Florida Youth power in holding another lobbying event April 14th-16th <https://tr.ee/UnowwmGnGZ>
- b) Lipner: Sustainability at DATC
 - i) Lipner: I am the Chair of the sustainability caucus chair. I respect that sustainability ranked lower in the survey but I do believe that advocating for sustainability could benefit UCF's mission. I think we should advocate for the following bills relating to sustainability. UCF has used natural lands like the Arboretum. Supporting these bills aligns with our goals of sustainability and

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allows our students to develop skills for their professional lives. In our 2025 Master Plan, UCF reaffirmed its effort in getting a gold sustainability rating. UCF currently has a silver. A Pre-Req for this star is advocating for at least one sustainability policy to the government

(1) HB1209/SB80: Preserving State Parks

(2) HB612/SB1496: State Renewable Energy Goals

(3) HB375/SB50: Nature Based Methods for Preserving Coastal Resilience

(a) Muratov: Current initiatives

(b) Lipner: Largest natural gas producer in the world, more solar, use chilled water hvacs. Further implanting resources into sustainability energy development. Creating carbon sinks. Plus more

(c) Greene: Part of C-Grant

(d) Lipner: Not sure

c) Lipner: Concerns about Citizen-led ballot initiative bills

i) Lipner: Lots of issues brought to Florida House and Senate about citizen led ballot initiatives. These are the amendments we sign to get on amendments on the ballots. There are currently bills in place to limit these opportunities. First bill requests a million dollars bond for anyone who wishes to start a petition. Main concern will be special interests being controlling the process.

8) Old Business:

a) Bills:

i) None

b) Resolutions:

i) None

c) Proclamations:

i) None

9) New Business:

a) Bills:

i) None

b) Resolutions:

i) None

c) Proclamations: 5/5/5

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- i) [Proclamation 56-40](#) [Proclamation Denouncing Florida's Involvement *Texas v. Becerra*] [Senator Johnson]
 - (1) Speech ():
 - (a) Johnson: This lawsuit is a lawsuit that involves 17 other states and is trying to abolish section 504 of the ADA. The reason they are doing that is because they expanded the definition of disability to include gender dysphoria. This lawsuit is both transphobic and illegal. This lawsuit will target any building that is funded by Federal money
 - (2) Questioning ():
 - (a) Benwick: MTD
 - (3) Debate ():
 - (a) Reed: I think what is written is great. I have nothing bad to say about what is written. I think this lawsuit is horrible. Very happy to vote in favor
 - (b) Vasquez: Motion to see my amendment as a technical (<- seen as technical)
 - (c) Greene: I will also be speaking in favor of this. Thank you for bringing this to the attention of the Senate. Speaking as LGBTQ+ Chair, I appreciate the allyship. I am disgusted and horrified of Florida's involvement in this lawsuit
 - (d) Reed: Why not send this to the Governor DeSantis
 - (e) Johnson: Fears over drawing the ire of him
 - (f) Escobar: I think we should get his attention because this is a big lawsuit
 - (g) Johnson: I think that if we get the backing of a representative I will be more comfortable having them send it to his office
 - (h) Varela: If we are not sending it to DeSantis why send it to others who are not sympathetic
 - (i) Johnson: I didn't add him
 - (j) Bobby: I feel like this is our chance as GAP to lobby and when I went to lobby, I feel like it's important to get their attention.
 - (k) Reed: I understand both perspectives, I agree with not sending it to Ron DeSantis but I do think we should have some Republican senators and not just democratic senators.

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The more members that know of the unpopularity of this lawsuit the better.

(I) Muratov: MTV

(4) Vote: 9-0-1 PASSED 1ST READING

ii) [Proclamation 56-43](#) [Proclamation Condemning SB 2-C: Immigration and HB 1-C: Immigration] [Senator Escobar]

(1) Speech ():

(a) Escobar: On Feb 14th, HB 2C and SB 1C were signed into law by our governor. These bills were part of a larger swath of legislation that are anti immigration. These bills would require undocumented students that have lived in Florida their whole life to pay out of state tuition. This bill condemns the actions of the Florida Legislature as this harms UCF students. I have included statistics about the number of undocumented students at ucf and the US

(2) Questioning ():

(a) Reed: Elaborate on be it further resolved

(b) Escobar: I am willing to put in our elected politicians

(c) Muratov; They are saying that undocumented students pay out of state tuition?

(d) Escobar: Yes

(e) Reed: Do you have any numbers on the amount of UCF students that are undocumented

(f) Vasquez: Very hard numbers to get because they don't have to claim they are undocumented

(g) Benwick: MTD

(3) Debate ():

(a) Vaquez: My amendments will be seen as technical

(b) Corelli: Motion to see my amendments as technical

(c) Vasquez: Granted

(d) Reed: MTV

(e) Escobar: Object

(f) Reed: Withdraw

(g) Escobar: See my amendment as a technical

(h) Vasquez: Granted

(i) Escobar: Motion to see my amebdments

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- (i) SEEING AMENDMENTS BY ESCOBAR
 - (ii) Escobar: Adding politicians to be it further resolved
 - (iii) Reed; MTD
 - (iv) Reed: MTV
 - (v) Vasquez: Seeing majority amendment pass
 - (j) Benwick: MTV
- (4) Vote: 8-0-1 PASSED FIRST READING
- d) Day at the Capitol:
 - i) Qualtrics Form Topic Assignments:
 - (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
 - (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

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

10) Member Discussion:

- i) Advocacy Agenda Discussion:
 - (1) Education (Johnson, Vasquez)
 - (a) Bright Futures
 - (i) [HB 167](#)
 - (ii) [HB 17](#)
 - (b) Immigrant/International Students
 - (i) [HB45/SB90](#) Resident Tuition
 - (ii) [HB 855](#) Postsecondary Education
 - (c) DEI
 - (i) [HB731](#)
 - (2) Civil Liberties (Candiloro, Reed, Corelli)
 - (a) Freedom of Expression
 - (i) [SB100](#) Flags
 - 1. Reed
 - (ii) [HB1519](#) Boycotting Israel
 - 1. Brief (Escobar): [UCF SG Legislative Brief HB 1519.docx](#)
 - (iii) [SB894](#) Faith-Based Material in programs, DCF
 - (b) Firearm Regulation
 - (i) [HB759](#) Minimum Age for firearm purchase
 - (ii) [SB814](#) Weapons on School Property
 - 1. Brief: Candiloro
 - (c) LGBTQ+ Rights
 - (i) [SB144](#)

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- (3) Healthcare (Greene)
 - (a) Reproductive Rights
 - (i) [SB288](#)
 - (b) Mental Health and Substance Abuse
 - (i) [HB469/SB542](#)

- (4) Written Section: Housing Affordability

Example of 2024 Resolutions Written:

[Civil Rights Legislative Priority.docx](#)

[Education Legislative Priority.docx](#)

[Environmental Concerns Legislative Priority.docx](#)

[Public Welfare Legislative Priority.docx](#)

Miscellaneous Business:

- b) Ice Breaker:

11) Final Roll Call Quorum (8): /14

12) Adjournment 6: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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