



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
LJR Committee Meeting
Charge on Chamber
03/26/2024
1:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 1:02 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 6/7 (4)

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Courts	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	
Vice Chair Gaudio	sgaecs9@ucf.edu	P	
Senator Naguib	sgachps4@ucf.edu	P	
Senator Benwick	sga_sci7@ucf.edu	P	
Senator Trejo-Hernandez	sga_ecs1@ucf.edu	P	
Senator Jolicoeur	sga_ba5@ucf.edu	E (1:04 PM)	
ELA Richmond	sgaela@ucf.edu	E	
Pro Tempore Representative Collazo	sga_dleg@ucf.edu	P	

3. Approval of the Minutes: [03.12.25](#) **Approved by GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by GC**
5. Open Forum
 - i.
6. Announcements from the Chair Courts-
 - i. Hey guys!! I hope your spring break was amazingggggggg. Today we will be seeing 3 internal bills, a resolution, a special act, and 5 absences.
 - ii. We will also take a gander at the senate rules.
 1. Senate Rule 2
 - iii. So proud of LJR
7. Announcements from the Vice Chair -

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- i. I hope you all have been enjoying watching the elections as much as I have, we're coming up on the end so let's finish out strong.
8. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - i. LJR (GAP) Rep: Good afternoon LJR, last meeting we saw 2 Proclamations later seen on the Senate floor and continued to talk about the Advocacy Agenda for DATC. There was not too much time for research due to non-committee member announcements taking up a majority of the meeting. That is all, thank you.
 - ii. LJR (E&A) Rep: We had a lengthy meeting talking about the reapportionment bill that will be seen on the senate floor tomorrow. We also talked about a prospective bill that will be submitted by Vice Chair Gaudio.
 - iii. LJR (SBA) Rep: Eternal Knights proclamations as well as a couple of other proclamations, I wasn't personally present as I was studying for a midterm.
 - iv. DLEG Collazo: Last day of submitting legislation will be next week **April 2nd at 5pm**. I will be in SG on Tour next week so I will not be on committee.
9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
 - i. None.
10. Old Business-
 - i. Bills
 1. [Internal Bill 56-40](#) [Updates to Title IX: Penal Actions] [Senator Borges]
 - i. Gaudio: Move to retain this measure in committee and postpone.
APPROVED BY GC
 - ii. Resolutions
 1. None.
 - iii. Absences
 1. None
 - iv. Blanket Excuse
 1. None.
11. New Business-
 - i. Bills Motion for S-Q-D: 5-5-5 **Approved by GC**
 1. [Internal Bill 56-46](#) [Updates to Title X: Installation of Student Government Agent] [Senator Borges]
 - i. Speech
 - i. None
 - ii. Questioning
 - i. Benwick: MTD, **APPROVED BY GC**
 - iii. Debate

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- i. Benwick: MTV, APPROVED BY GC
 - iv. Vote
 - i. 6-0-1, measure passes LJR favorably
 - 2. [Internal Bill 56-49](#) [Updates to Title III: Moving Times of Adjournment to Senate Rules] [Senator Gaudio]
 - i. Speech
 - i. Small snippet, broad effort for Senate Adjournment times. Moving from titles to senate rules. Not attached to the larger bills due to specific time, a lot of discussion regarding adjournment, rather see it by itself. Resolution will put it back under Senate rules.
 - ii. Questioning
 - i. Benwick: MTD, APPROVED BY GC
 - iii. Debate
 - i. Gaudio: Motion to see my amendments to Resolution 56-21.
 - i. Speech
 - 1. Originally I wanted to set a closing time at 10PM, however I have changed my mind and decided to make this update purely a structural one.
 - ii. Questioning
 - 1. Benwick: MTD, APPROVED BY GC
 - iii. Debate
 - 1. Trejo-Hernandez: MTV, APPROVED BY GC
 - iv. Vote
 - 1. 6-0-1, amendments pass
 - ii. Benwick: MTV, APPROVED BY GC
 - iv. Vote
 - i. 6-0-1, measures pass LJR favorably
- ii. Resolutions
 - 1. [Resolution 56-21](#) [Adding Times of Convention and Adjournment] [Senator Gaudio]
 - i. Speech
 - i. Seen with Internal Bill 56-49
 - ii. Questioning
 - i.
 - iii. Debate
 - i.
 - iv. Vote

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iii. Special Acts

1. [Special Act 56-01](#) [Creation of Senate Rule I: Mission Statement and Values] [DSR Lazo]

i. Speech

i.

ii. Questioning

i. Gaudio: Does this proposed Senate Rule actually do anything or is it just a statement of values?

i. Collazo: You have to follow Senate Rules, while they are just a set of values, enshrining them implies that you could be disciplined for violating them.

ii. Gaudio: Wouldn't this just be covered by the Code of Ethics? Why not update the Code of Ethics?

i. Collazo: I think that DSR Lazo's intention was to mimic what the Judicial Rules of Procedures state, where in the beginning there are ethical codes the justices have placed on themselves. I do concede some of these are already covered by the Code of Ethics, but I will not put my personal opinion into this until debate as this is not my bill.

iii. Benwick: MTD, APPROVED BY GC

iii. Debate

i. Benwick: I do think this is pretty well written, I will be voting in favor as I see it helping later for disciplinary reasons as it makes it more clear in formatting.

ii. Gaudio: I will be voting against this as to me this is grandstanding and enshrining a really nonenforcable set of statements into a set of rules that are meant to govern how the Senate functions. At the beginning of every Senate session we issue a Resolution stating the values of that Senate session, and if we wanted to go down a disciplinary route, violations of the Code of Ethics are censurable offenses. I just don't see the point of this and I think it's putting something where it shouldn't be.

iii. Collazo: I'm kind of in a grey area, my take is that I do not see anything wrong with enshrining core values as they can be consistently changed with provisions such as the first Resolution introduced at the start of a Session. The Resolution we did at the

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beginning had no enforcement, but specifically with the language of the bill, I agree with the missions statement and declaration of values. The problem I run into is the impartiality and neutrality, as placing that onto Senators kind of goes against that idea that we are able to not be impartial or neutral with regards to Senate business as we are expected to raise opinions and be partial for the people we represent. That is where I run into the problem. As an example, while LJR acts impartial with respect to disciplinary matters, to place that on all Senators though is a bit going too far. Our Code of Ethics already says no SG Agent may allow personal biases to influence a vote. I'm actually more in favor of retaining this special act, as I think we should talk to the DSR about potential amendments. I am having struggling to determine how to amend that code without hindering our freedom to not be impartial or neutral with some business.

- iv. Jolicoeur: I will be voting in favor of this as Senator Benwick has already put it how I could possibly put it, just to add on though; I do not see any harm in adding this to the Senate Rules. From a writing standpoint, it just makes sense to be to be a sort of mission statement in the Senate Rules. While I could make the argument that this is possibly redundant as who doesn't already know this due to the Code of Ethics, I do think there is a purpose to it and if we need to address the code of impartiality further than we can do so but as a whole I see no problem with moving this forward.
- v. Trejo-Hernandez: I am in favor of postponing it, I find it a bit redundant but I do share the same sentiment with DLEG Collazo about how we cannot be expected to be impartial when we exist to represent constituents. I know that I represent College of Engineering & Computer Science and so I have those interests in mind.
- vi. Collazo: Move to see my amendments. **Approved by GC**
 - i. Speech
 - 1. The first one is to strike out the specific and random actions, and so I modified them to be more broad and tailored to encompass everything related to Senate matters. I also added that not all Senate

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matters demand neutrality and encourages using professional judgement in determining when it is necessary. I know that DSR Lazo was also looking for more sentences, hence the addition to the middle. At the end, this mandates that the rule shall be reviewed at the beginning of each Senate session to reflect those evolving standards as each Body is different and should be constantly updated.

ii. Questioning

1. Benwick: MTD, APPROVED BY GC

iii. Debate

1. Jolicoeur: I'm a fan of the amendment overall, I do believe it clears up the Rule.
2. Trejo-Hernandez: I'm not sure why it has to be written that updates go through the standard legislative process.
3. Collazo: It just reiterates them but also highlights that it's not a Rule that's just changed on a whim. This portion also talks about amendments and revisions and while it seems redundant, I think it is important to explain how the rule is changed.
4. Courts: It does make sense why that is included due to the context of being amended and revised at the start of the Senate session, so this helps with that interpretation of when it's reviewed.
5. Benwick: MTV, APPROVED BY GC

iv. Vote

1. 6-0-1, amendments pass committee

vii. Vote

- i. 5-1-1, this Special Act has passed LJR favorably

iv. Absences ([Supporting Documentation](#)): Motion for S-Q-D: 2-2-2 **Approved by GC**

1. Owen Sherman

i. Speech

- i. I will be unable to attend this Thursday's senate meeting because I will be in Washington, DC taking part in a two-day shadow with AstraZeneca's Governmental Affairs team. My flight leaves

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Orlando on Wednesday night, with the shadow taking place on Thursday and Friday.

- ii. Questioning
 - i. Benwick: MTD, APPROVED BY GC
 - iii. Debate
 - i. Naguib: MTV, APPROVED BY GC
 - iv. Vote
 - i. 5-0-1, absence is approved by LJR
2. Nathan Rickett
- i. Speech
 - i. A few weeks ago my aunt suffered a few injuries due to a car accident in Vero Beach. She turned 65 this year and lives with my 72 year old uncle. I took it upon myself to go down to Vero Beach to take care of her, she is doing better but I will be leaving immediately after this meeting to go back down and continue to care for her.
 - ii. Questioning
 - i. Benwick: MTD, APPROVED BY GC
 - iii. Debate
 - i. Benwick: MTV, APPROVED BY GC
 - iv. Vote
 - i. 6-0-1, absence is approved by LJR
3. Laurel Richmond
- i. Speech
 - i. Mandatory RA Meeting.
 - ii. Questioning
 - i. Naguib: MTD, APPROVED BY GC
 - iii. Debate
 - i. Benwick: MTV, APPROVED BY GC
 - iv. Vote
 - i. 6-0-1, absence is approved by LJR
4. Jordan Metellus
- i. Speech
 - i. I will be a bit late to this Senate meeting to attend the American Society of Civil Engineers Meeting with CDM Smith, a major Civil Engineering firm. This is an opportunity for me to network with

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professionals in my industry as well as utilizing this opportunity to inform members of this RSO about what SG can offer them. Thanks for understanding.

- ii. Questioning
 - i. Gaudio: MTD, APPROVED BY GC
 - iii. Debate
 - i. Benwick: MTV, APPROVED BY GC
 - iv. Vote
 - i. 6-0-1, absence is approved by LJR
 - 5. Rajan Jinadra
 - i. Speech
 - i. I was absent from the Senate meeting on March 6th, 2025, because of the calc 3 exam. The evidence of the exam timing is attached.
 - ii. Questioning
 - i. Gaudio: MTD, APPROVED BY GC
 - iii. Debate
 - i. Jolicoeur: MTV, APPROVED BY GC
 - iv. Vote
 - i. 6-0-1, absence is approved by LJR
 - v. Blanket Excuse
 - 1. None.
 - 12. Miscellaneous Business-
 - i. None
 - 13. Member Discussion- MTIF: **Approved by GC**
 - i. [Senate Rules 1, 2, 3, and 7](#)
 - ii. SG Agents in campaigning, with regards to censures & non-compliances
 - 1. ICEBREAKER: What did you do for spring break?
 - i. Gaudio: Birthdays, including my own
 - ii. Courts: Went to NYC, saw everything but the Empire State Building or the Statue of Liberty. Also took the wrong subway route and went the wrong direction.
 - iii. Collazo: Went to a wedding
 - iv. Jolicoeur: Road trip to Atlanta
 - v. Benwick: Did homework
- MTF: **Approved by GC**
14. Final Roll Call: 7/7 (4)

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15. Adjournment: 2:17 PM

Key:

- P - Present
- A - Absent
- MTD - Move to Debate
- MTV - Move to Vote
- MTA- Move to Amend
- MSQD – Motion for Speech, Questioning, & Debate Time
- MTIF – Move to Informal
- MTF – Move to Formal
- PP - Postpone
- PPI - Postpone Indefinitely
- GC - General Consent

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