



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
LJR Committee Meeting
Charge on Chamber
04/09/2025
1:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 1:00 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 5/7 (4)

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Courts	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice Chair Gaudio	sgaecs9@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Naguib	sgachps4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Trejo-Hernandez	sga_ecs1@ucf.edu	A (P @ 1:09 PM)	P
Senator Jolicoeur	sga_ba5@ucf.edu	A (P: 1:18PM)	P
ELA Richmond	sgaela@ucf.edu	E (P: 1:18PM)	E
Senator Escobar	sgachps3@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representative Collazo	sga_dleg@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: [04.02.25](#) **Approved by GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by GC**
5. Open Forum
 - i. None.
6. Announcements from the Chair Courts-
 - i. Hi guys, we are going to be running around the agenda a little today. I think whenever we get to Internal Bill 56-65 that we are going to have to PPI that one. Other than that, everything looks good.
7. Announcements from the Vice Chair -

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8. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - i. LJR (GAP) Rep: None.
 - ii. LJR (E&A) Rep: This morning we saw 6 bills, all of which passed favorably will be seen on the floor.
 - iii. LJR (SBA) Rep: Eternal Knights is a thing, you should go if you have the time (I personally do not).
 - iv. DLEG Collazo: Please be working on your transition binders! Also, my recommendation, if a speech is not provided or the Senator is not present, is to vote on the bill as is. If you vote in the negation now because your questions haven't been answered, that is totally fine. You can ask them on the floor and maybe your vote will change.
 - v. Naguib: Can we please be efficient today as Eternal Knights today and we should be there to support the family members.
9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
 - i. None.
10. Old Business- A-Q-D: 5-5-5 **Approved by GC**
 - i. Bills
 1. [Internal Bill 56-52](#) [Updates to Title III: Unobjectionable Vote of No Confidence] [CRT Chair Caringal]
 - i. Speech
 - i. Hi guys, we saw this last week and kinda went into the discussion of whether we should bring back seconds or just the overall structure. With that, I would still like the majority of this bill to pass through. I still think that the current state of the bill should be seen, especially if other bills do not pass.
 - ii. Questioning
 - i. Naguib: MTD
 - iii. Debate

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- i. Gaudio: I'm not going to go on a tirade again because I believe that I put all my points across at the last meeting but I will do not like this bill and encourage everyone to vote in negation.
 - ii. Collazo: I will be voting in favor of the bill, it was kind of odd that the motion could be objected to especially when it is calling the confidence of an office into question. I do not think that is a motion that should be objected, it should be fully considered even if there is no merit at the end of the process and it is voted down.
 - iii. Naguib: MTV
 - iv. Vote
 - i. 3-1-1, bill passes favorably
 - 2. [Internal Bill 56-56](#) [Updates to Title XII] [Senator Muratov]
 - i. Speech
 - i. For the last time we gathered hear I was presenting my speech about 56-55 and 56-56. This committee found problems with 56-56 regarding its flawed message that could potentially affect more people than I intended it to, and with that due regard I made one suggestion to be amended where rather than affecting all students, it would only affect Student Government agents. Each end every Student Government agent should have fair and equal rights for events hosted with their own money which require applications. You should have a set of criteria which will affect the application and, if they get denied, they should have the right to ask why they were denied and have that why answered. I believe that this bill is very much needed for futureproofing our event system.
 - ii. Questioning
 - i. Trejo-Hernandez: Would this updated language still have any potential side effects as we discussed last meeting? For example, agencies are still considered Student Government Agencies.
 - i. Brodie: I think you're probably okay with this one, it doesn't include all the members of the agencies but this would include CAB or Lates Knights taking a group of their students to NACA every year. Changing this language reduces a lot of what we covered, but would still cover areas still related to Student Government.

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- ii. Collazo: You included in your reasoning because we pay the A&SF fee, so therefore we should be allotted the reason why we may have been denied, couldn't you use the same reasoning for students paying the fee?
 - i. Muratov: Yes, but this bill was drafted to only affected Student Government agents. I believe there are problems with some definitions as I view this as members of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial branches.
 - ii. Collazo: So why should Student Government agents be given that special privilege over regular students?
 - iii. Muratov: Because this bill is for Student Government agents. We could make a separate bill for students, but our Constitution is only following Student Government entities. We represent the Student Body as part of a Student Government entities, all students should have the same rights and we could make a bill for this, but it would be much bigger. Last time though, there were concerns involving RSO events and those would all have to be addressed. I believe this serves as a starting point for granting access to certain events and we can continue onwards from there in future sessions.
- iii. Naguib: MTD
- iii. Debate
 - i. Gaudio: I am still in opposition to this bill should the amendments pass, while my reasoning has shifted because the concern for RSOs is no longer there, I do not like that rights are now being afforded to us that are not being afforded to regular students. I think that the separate bill which was mentioned in questioning by the author is what this bill probably should be, and I think that just as it stands, it very much sits wrong with me.
 - ii. Collazo: If the bill were to pass with the proposed amendment, I won't be voting in favor. I believe if there is an application process than all applicant students should have the rationale as to why they were denied. The Student Body Constitution also applies to the entire Student Body so I find that logic flawed. If the amendment is

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not passed, I would vote in favor as I just think that should be a privilege to any student.

iii. Courts: Move to see the amendments.

i. Speech:

1. I think that, hearing some mixed opinions about the amendment, let's make the major vote decide if this amendment is more favorable to this bill or less favorable. I already explained my reasoning behind this amendment but I will agree that only granting this right to Student Government agents has some concerns.

ii. Questioning:

1. Trejo-Hernandez: MTD

iii. Debate:

1. Escobar; I will not be voting in favor, as Student Government agents are applying as students when applying to these events. We should also most likely be specifying "Student Government hosted" events to clarify some concerns.
2. Trejo-Hernandez: The whole reason we have this amendment in place is because in the original wording, it would include all RSOs due to Student Government distributed funding to RSOs, which was our biggest concern and why we postponed the bill originally. If this amendment is voted against, just so you know, we are back to square one where this not only includes agencies but also RSO events.
3. Collazo: I read last meeting's minutes and I personally do not understand why this amendment is being proposed, like I stated previously if we are extended a privilege to ourselves, it should be extended to all other students. I agree with Chair Escobar when I say we should include "hosted" in there to make that distinction to exclude agency or RSO events.

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- iv. Vote
 - 1. 0-5-1
 - iv. Courts: Motion to see my amendment.
 - i. Speech
 - 1. Chair Courts: Im putting it to say Hosted. I agree with Chair Escobar. We changed the definition. This is good.
 - ii. Question
 - 1. MTD
 - iii. Debate
 - 1. Escobar: Looks Good MTV
 - iv. Vote
 - 1. 7-0-1, Amendment passes favorably
 - v. Naguib: MTV
 - iv. Vote
 - i. 6-0-2, this bill passes LJR favorably
 - ii. Resolutions
 - 1. None.
 - iii. Absences
 - 1. None
 - iv. Blanket Excuse
 - 1. None.
- 11. New Business-
 - a. Bills
 - i. [Internal Bill 56-62](#) [Updates to Title IV: The Presidential Cabinet] [Chair Escobar]
 - 1. Speech
 - a. So what this bill does is it addresses some concerns due to the cabinet and how it functions and can best carry out its duties. What it does is it allows teh Student Body President to amend their list of executive cabinet positions along with their duties and responsibilities, which would then be published to the Student Body Senate along with reasoning for the changes. This was due to in part of some Senators being concerned with how specifically the Communications department is just overwhelmed. Student Government hosts a lot of events and there are some times of the year there are very busy, and there were four of them within that

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department. This would allow the cabinet to be expanded should it be believed that it needs to be if it is deemed necessary by the Student Body President and to make such changes. It also provides for a timeline on if these changes were to be made to be brought in line with other chapters of Title IV such as removing a cabinet position.

2. Questioning
 - a. Naguib: MTD
3. Debate
 - a. Collazo: I will be voting in favor of this bill, I think that it looks good because I think things can change at any given moment and the president and vice president must give a list of positions and responsibilities, while the new president-elect has not done so yet if they find later that one person can do two persons jobs or vice versa, they should be allotted that privilege.
 - b. Trejo-Hernandez: MTV
4. Vote
 - a. 7-0-1, this bill passes favorably
- ii. [Internal Bill 56-65](#) [Updates to Title V: Internalizing Chief Justice Appointment]
[Chair Caringal]
 1. Speech
 - a. **Postponed indefinitely**
 2. Questioning
 - a.
 3. Debate
 - a.
 4. Vote
- iii. [Internal Bill 56-69](#) [Updates to Title XIV: The Student Government Caucuses]
[Chair Lipner]
 1. Speech
 - a. I am writing this speech in support of Internal Bill 56-69 (wow, thats a lot of internal bills) and its companion Resolution 56-32, formally establishing the Sustainability Caucus as a permanent part of Student Government under Title XIV and Senate Rule 4. This step comes after consistent, collaborative work and has received supermajority support from the Ad Hoc

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Sustainability Caucus members. Our caucus has demonstrated the mission-driven leadership and structure that merit permanent recognition. Since its formation, the Sustainability Caucus has served as a vital platform for advocacy and collaboration. We've hosted events like the Cultural Sustainability Market, connecting cultural RSOs to environmental education through the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. We've supported legislation, offered guidance to other caucuses and committees, and built strong working relationships with departments across campus from the Arboretum and Landscape & Natural Resources to Housekeeping, Dining, and Athletics. We've provided a consistent voice on issues ranging from food insecurity and climate resilience to waste diversion and green infrastructure. Some have questioned whether sustainability "fits" the intended scope of a caucus, implying that caucuses should only represent students from specific demographic identity groups. Many caucuses are indeed formed around ascriptive identities such as race, gender, disability, or military service, and we deeply support their work. But Title XIV is clear: caucuses are defined by their mission and identity, not by whether they represent a minority demographic. To quote the statutes directly: 1401.2.A.1. states, "Caucuses shall sponsor measures to address issues that are unique to the population of students that they identify with," and 1401.3.A. states, "Any Student Government Agent who identifies with the mission of a Caucus" [may join]. Sustainability has a clear mission and identity. It serves as a unifying and intersectional issue that affects every student, particularly those from communities disproportionately impacted by environmental and economic injustice. Another concern is whether the Sustainability & Innovation Coordinator already covers this work. That reflects a misunderstanding of SG structure. Coordinators are executive roles focused on programming. Caucuses are interbranch bodies that include members from the legislative, executive, and judicial branches. We shape policy, partner

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with RSOs, and provide forums for student voice and accountability. We work closely with the S&I Coordinator and intend to continue doing so. Our efforts complement, not duplicate, the work of the Executive Branch. In fact, our vision is one of deep partnership with ALL branches of SG. In the coming year, we plan to work more closely with the Athletics Coordinator on expanding our Make Game Day Green campaign and with the Transportation & Safety Coordinator to support students who walk, bike, or take transit to campus. We also look forward to partnering with the Comptroller and the Chief of Staff to ensure that broad sustainability initiatives proposed by incoming President Blanco and Vice President Benitez are supported, refined, and brought to fruition. In all, our Student Government as a whole is strongest when all branches and roles work together. The truth is this, sustainability issues are only growing more urgent, and the work of this caucus is not temporary. We've fulfilled every requirement of an ad hoc caucus, and we've done so with a commitment to shared governance, student empowerment, and long-term impact. We are not asking for special treatment; we are asking for recognition. Recognition that sustainability belongs in this chamber permanently as part of our work to improve student life and prepare our campus for the future. I urge you to vote yes on this bill and resolution. Let's make it clear that sustainability is here to stay and that it deserves a lasting seat at the table. Thank you.

2. Questioning
 - a. Naguib: MTD
3. Debate
 - a. Naguib: I have always been in favor of sustainability and will be voting in favor.
 - b. Richmond: MTV
4. Vote
 - a. 6-0-2, bill passes favorably.
- iv. [Internal Bill 56-70](#) [Updates to Titles IV and V] [Chair Vasquez]
 1. Speech

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- a. Collazo: When this came across my desk, I won't speak necessarily on the intention but I thought that it was a bill worth looking at.
2. Questioning
 - a.
3. Debate
 - a. Collazo: Move to see my amendments.
 - i. Speech:
 1. The Chief Justice gives weekly reports anyways and I believe he already is required to. The formatting is also incorrect.
 - ii. Questioning:
 1. Jolicoeur: MTD
 - iii. Debate:
 1. Courts: Just because of the subsection thing, I don't think it's worth going through and fixing the subsections now.
 2. Collazo: I just reviewed Title V and this would mandate a weekly report by the Chief Justice, currently it is not mandated, I will be rescinding the amendment.
 - b. Gaudio Amendment
 - i. Speech
 1. The actual substance of the bill is unchanged, if it is somebody change it.
 - ii. Questioning
 1. Brodie: Weekly could be interpreted as "not when senate meets" so maybe fix that.
 2. Naguib: MTD
 - iii. Debate
 1. Collazo: I will vote in favor of the amendments, I don't think that giving stipulations is necessary and it seems repetitive. MTV
 - iv. Vote
 1. 6-0-1, amendments pass favorably.
 - c. Naguib: MTV
4. Vote

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- a. 6-0-1, bill passes favorably.
- b. Resolutions
 - i. [Resolution 56-30](#) [Updates to Senate Rule 6: Requiring a Second] [Chair Caringal]
 - 1. Speech
 - a. Every other body that I have seen requires seconds, at some point it was added that we do not but I feel that if we required seconds then it would get rid of a lot of the uncertainty with a lot of motions being made on the floor. For instance, when we have motions to move to debate or to amend measures, it gets rid of the questionability of the absurdity of the motion and will act as a time saver. It will takes ome getting used to but we could start rolling with it in the next session. I think it is a reasonable change to make.
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. Brodie: Do you think it would be simpler to just delete line a and revert to Robert's Rules?
 - i. Caringal: Yes, it would.
 - ii. Escobar: Do you think it would be beneficial to have it anyway just so it's there for newer Senators?
 - iii. Brodie: The new Senators have to learn it anyway and I think that it'll just be normal after a while when people don't remember we used to not have them.
 - b. Naguib: MTD
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Escobar: I think it's pretty good, having to ask for objections after every motion is kind of redundant, so this would require another senator to second.
 - b. Gaudio: Kind of going off that point, having a second would be good for making sure that every motion has at least a small amount of force behind it, a concern has been raised to me about people not paying much attention just seconding any motion that comes across but I don't think that's a huge deal. I will say though that the asking for objections is just asking for an objection to general consent which is just a natural part of Robert's Rules.
 - c. Collazo: I move to see my amendments.
 - i. Speech:

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1. Collazo: I believe in conciseness. If we do not need it and we are just following Robert's Rules, I would rather it be removed.
 - ii. Questioning:
 1. Naguib: MTD
 - iii. Debate
 1. Naguib: I like this, MTV.
 - iv. Vote
 1. 5-0-1, this amendment passes.
 - d. Escobar: MTV
 4. Vote
 - a. 5-0-1, measure passes LJR favorably
 - ii. [Resolution 56-32](#) [Updates to Senate Rule 4: The Business of Senate] [Chair Lipner]
 1. Seen with Internal Bill 56-69 as a block, passes favorably.
 - iii. [Resolution 56-36](#) [Updates to Senate Rule 4 and Senate Rule 5] [Chair Courts]
 1. Speech
 - a. I think that while we do sometimes stray away from the mimicking state processes, it is thought when a bill comes to a committee, I think when a committee sees a bill unfavorably, it shouldn't be seen on the senate floor
 2. Questioning
 - a. Guadio: I've noticed that for measures placed on third reading, it must have changed that on third reading it will be changed from going straight to third reading, to seen successfully on second reading and can you elaborate on that
 - i. Courts: I am amendable to taking that out, but to keep it concise, if not favorable, just vote it out
 - b. Collazo: Have you considered bills that have failed in committee and have passed on the floor?
 - i. Courts: In 5.03.C.2, the student body can still the bill, the bill passing by senate, and not by the committee is an outlier. We use that reasoning in debate
 - ii. Brodie: occasionally the Senate will not understand the reasons that the Committee voted something down, in moments where it isn't controversial, the committee just noticed

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- c. Escobar: MTD
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Courts: Motion to see my amendment
 - i. Speech:
 - 1. I want to put this to a committee vote, I'm neutral, I think that second reading be impactful
 - 2. Collazo: MTD
 - ii. Debate:
 - 1. Guadio:
 - 2. Collazo: I will be voting in favor, our vote should matter.
 - 3. Escobar: At the Day at the Capital yesterday, bills die in committee.
 - a. Guadio: This is about bills that have failed on second reading
 - 4. Jolicoeur: I agree, MTV
 - iii. Vote
 - 1. 0-4-3, this amendment fails
 - b. Collazo: Voting in favor, MTV
 - 4. Vote
 - a. 6-0-1 Bill passes favorably in committee
 - c. Absences
 - i. None
 - d. Blanket Excuse
 - i. None.
12. Miscellaneous Business-
 - i. None.
13. Member Discussion-
 - i. None.
14. Final Roll Call: 7/7 (4)
15. Adjournment: 2:11 PM

Key:

P - Present

A - Absent

MTD - Move to Debate

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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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