



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
Latin/Hispanic Caucus Meeting
SG Conference Room
9:30 AM
01/24/2025

LATIN/HISPANIC MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 9:33 AM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (4): 5/6 Quorum is Verified

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Escobar	sglatinxcaucus@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice-Chair Vasquez	sgsci16@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Varela	sgasci15@ucf.edu	P	P
DGC Ex-Officio Seat		A	A
HSA Ex-Officio Seat (Celine Torres)	Hispanicstudentassociation.ucf@gmail.com	A	P
ΛΘΦ Ex-Officio Seat (Brandon Torres)		A	E
Senator Rodriguez	Sga_sci6@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Smith		P	P

3. Approval of the [Minutes](#):
 - a. Approved by GC
4. Approval of the Agenda:
 - a. Approved by GC
5. Open Forum:

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- a. None.
- 6. Announcements from the Chair:
 - a. Escobar: Good morning caucus, thank you all again for electing me as Latin/Hispanic caucus chair! This week I have been busy getting the ball rolling for this semester. I have contacted the relevant organizations and RSOs to let them know of the change in leadership. I've also been in the process of taking up the previous initiatives and working on our new ones. Yesterday, I met with the caucus leadership and the Diversity and Inclusion coordinator to discuss the caucus takeover event. Today, I will meet with the Black Caucus Chair to discuss the collaborative initiative. I have also set up a meeting with the librarian to discuss the display initiative. Please let me know if you would like to attend these meetings and that can be arranged. I know this announcement is long, but I want to communicate to you all and want you guys to do the same :)
- 3. Announcements from the Vice Chair:
 - a. Vasquez: Nothing from me, have a great weekend, and always let me know if you need any help from me, or have any questions 😊
- 7. Announcements from Caucus Members:
 - a. None.
- 8. Old Business:
 - a. Carnival event: Early march would be good, still have RSOs table/cultural fair. Have resources as well (contact Jasmine) ... Work with dining services to have other businesses rather than food trucks. Recruit latin dance rsos. Club kreyol. Little duck game. Corn hole (free), water balloons... dodgeball with the balloons. Talk to RSO. Memory mall event!
 - a. Varela: If we decide to do a big scale event we should work with D&I coordinator
 - b.
 - b. Salsa night: talked to Jasmine and Allison about this, they both liked it. Jasmine and I made a group chat with Pulso Caribe so this event will be a go! Want to get it finalized before we go home for break (reserve ballroom/get poll from people)
<https://www.when2meet.com/?27470125-cVbvW>
 - a. Escobar: Invites to RSOs and SG as a whole
 - c. Collab with VUCF on immigrant community
 - a. Andrea has contact 😊

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- b. Vasquez: Working with Office of Civil Discourse and Engagement workshop, invite VUCF, to have an open conversation, and providing resources students can access on campus if this does pass.
 - d. UCF Global
 - a. Meet with ISA
 - b. Panel/Workshop educating students about bill regarding out-of-state tuition waivers, residency. Office of Civil Discourse and Engagement.
 - c. Scholarships for International students (general)
 - d. HSI scholarships on SG website
 - e. Proclamations
 - a. Any ideas?
 - b.
- 9. New Business:
 - a. Ex-Officio Seat Elections
 - a. Nominations:
 - i. Celine Torres – Hispanic Student Association
 - ii. Brandon Torres – Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity Inc.
 - b. Speech (3):
 - i. Torres:
 - 1. Currently a sophomore, biomed sciences minor in psych, Cuban American, started Hispanic Student Association, saw there was a lack of representation for smaller minority groups, major Hispanic ethnicities have large organizations to represent them, there was one that was missing that was all inclusive, bring non-Hispanics as well, to teach about our beautiful culture.
 - ii. Brandon Torres: President of org, first Latin frat in the nation, I am Cuban as well, from Miami, studying bio on pre-med track, came here because I was to make sure Latin representation is done right, am restarting Cuban association, great to hear we are getting more representation for Latin/Hispanic students.
 - c. Questioning (3):

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- i. Varela: As an ex-officio seat, are there any problems/issues you want to solve through here, to get the word out?
 - 1. Celine Torres: Wanted to talk about the political climate within our countries, that are going on back over there, have meetings where we could talk about those problems and shed light on those issues. I don't know how restrictive talking about those topics can be.
 - 2. Brandon Torres: No.
- ii. Varela: Can you commit to coming to caucus meetings at 9:30Am?
- d. Debate (3):
 - i. Rodriguez: Will be voting in favor of both candidates,
 - ii. Varela: I will be voting in favor for both, important for caucuses to have good access and perspectives with rsos.
- e. Vote: 5/0/0 **Celine and Brandon are confirmed**
- b. Library display initiative
 - a. Meeting set up with Katy Miller for Monday (2.3.2024) at 1pm in LIB-326 Conference Room
 - b. Include downtown campus
 - c. Any ideas for Latin/Hispanic authors/books
 - i. Varela: On Hundred Years of Solitude, House on Mango Street, should we include Spain?
 - ii. Escobar: Yes, we should.
 - iii. Varela: Should we use what is already in the catalog, or new books? (Ask about this in meeting, what is available, and what we could add)
 - iv. Celine Torres: Jose Marti, poet from 1800s
 - v. Varela: Range of eras, and types of literature, political, cultural, all encompassing
 - vi. Brandon Torres: Federico Garcia Lorca
 - d. Possibly be in collaboration with Black Caucus for BHM

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- c. Black Caucus Leadership Panel collab
 - a. Meeting today with Chair Metellus to discuss event
 - b. Planning on early March/late February
 - c. In collaboration with Latinx/Hispanic Caucus of UCF Dems
 - i. Hosted in the COC
 - ii. Rodriguez: Questions targeted to specific members on the panel
 - iii. Vasquez: Idea of presentation
 - iv. Brandon Torres: Fraternity and Sorority Leaders
 - d. Latin/Hispanic RSO GBMs
 - a. Attend general body meetings, introduce yourself to RSO as caucus member
 - b. Any you are interested in? [Latin Hispanic Contact Document.docx](#)
 - c. Create survey for RSOs/students about Latin/Hispanic Caucus
 - i. Escobar: Outreach from caucus at meetings
 - ii.
 - e. Caucus Takeover: February 10th 12pm-3pm in SU
 - a. Tabling materials, ideas? (Updating Latin/Hispanic Caucus flyer, stickers?)
 - b. Anyone interested in tabling
 - c. LHC logo!
 - f. LASA
 - a. Revive Latin American Student Association
 - b. Get more info
10. Member Discussion:
- a.
11. Miscellaneous Business:
- a. Ice Breaker: Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
 - i. Varela: Hopefully, in first year practicing law at public defender's office
 - ii. Rodriguez: 1.0- Me as a lawyer, first year, 2.0- getting phd in intelligence
 - iii. Celine Torres: In 2/3 year of med school, prob in research phd
 - iv. Vasquez: Will have a masters in animal science from somewhere, maybe working on a phd, or in 2/3 year of vet school
 - v. Escobar: 3 years working as a scoail worker hopfully in tally
 - vi. Smith: Be in my last year of law school, passing the bar exam

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12. Final Roll Call: 5/7

13. Adjournment: 10:30 AM

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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