



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
Senate Executive Committee Meeting
Charge On Chamber
6:00 p.m.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 6:02 P.M.
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum:
 - a. 11/17

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Senate President Pohlmann	sga_spkr@ucf.edu	E	E
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FAO Vice Chair Wangen	sgachps5@ucf.edu	A	
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LJR Vice Chair Gaudio	sgaec9@ucf.edu	P	
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3. Approval of the Minutes: [03.6.2025 Senate Exec Agenda .docx](#) **Approved by GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by GC**
5. Announcements from the Chair-
 - a. N/A
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair-
 - a. Bear with me
 - b. Checking in on Transition Binders
 - c. Current Senate Sentiments/Environments
 - i. Shen: Talked with Speaker Pohlmann, will be sitting in the back to be given the best view so I can see everything.
7. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. Chair Hameed: For the sake of transparency because this was how it was done two years ago. We write proclamations for Eternal Knights which honors the Knights who have passed. There are 7 for this year, me and VC Vasquez will be writing the proclamations over spring break and they will be seen in Senate after spring break. I don't know everyone's experience with grief/loss, want everyone to be prepared for that topic to be brought to the floor. If you have any feelings surrounding it, I know of resources to help. I will talk about this in Senate tonight and will post an announcement the day we see it in Senate because I don't want anyone to experience uncomfortable feelings.
 - i. VC Gaudio: Do you guys want to keep it restricted to students or are you opening it up to faculty members as well?
 1. Hammed: We are given a list by Chantel Carter, and we write based off that list. This is because their families have allowed this.
 - b. Chair Escobar: Concerns about hazing danger and hate on campus. Specifically Anti-Gay, Greek life hazing, and homophobia. I heard a very troubling recording, will be bringing it up in LGBTQ Caucus when I have more information. DATC.
 - i. Morissette; I know the proper authorities are aware, but it is important for students to know.
8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-

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- a. Chair Lipner: We hosted a Climate Conference yesterday and today at the Celeste, and as a result I have some goodies to hand out for you all. Thank you all for hosting and they hope to see y'all again next year.
 - 9. Old Business-
 - a. None.
 - 10. New Business-
 - a. None.
 - 11. Member Discussion:
 - a. Vasquez: Statement regarding decorum. I personally find it disrespectful when committee members come to committee to vote on one bill and then leave. I think that just how there is an attendance factor in Senate, it carries over to in s
 - b. ILA Al-Qudah: Email exchange with GAC Polera: [DATCEmailExchange.pdf](#) wanted to open the floor to any concerns that you may have had. My most recent concern is GAC Polera's refusal to answer the questions that I had which raised red flags when I would have preferred clarity. Thank you to President Lister and Vice President Brawley for attending.
 - i. Morissette: They are here to provide more clarity, do not interrogate.
 - c. Original Email Exchange: [OriginalDATCEmail.pdf](#)
 - i. Why trying to hold GAC Polera accountable when GAP committee is in noncompliance for not
 - 1. Varela: This is a special year because of deadlines. Currently there is a bill on the floor to better work with this because it is impossible to know when not all of the bills are filed
 - 2. Vasquez: If i can add to the uniqueness to this year, it has never been as unique as this year. I have a lot of context and experience with DATC this is a problem that hasn't been a problem for the last three years, the GAC is usually available to answer questions.
 - ii. Gaudio: Given all of this, what is the actual concern that is being had right now
 - 1. Varela: I think the main issue was that during the whole process there have been transparency issues raised to the GAC regarding the GAP committee, and we asked for measures such as a rubric for DATC and a third party. Half of GAP are not going to DATC which is unprecedented, considering the committee is who does all of the research. The issue is lack of transparency, seems like there are a lot of issues
 - a. Gaudio: You mentioned tension, could you elaborate

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- i. Vasquez: This is something that has been ongoing, have not talked about it in committee because it is all hearsay. It isn't until this last Monday when decisions have been released that action has been taken.
 - 1. Gaudio: Historically all of GAP go and this year not, you mentioned that GAP would be qualified to represent. Could this have just been a year where other people were more qualified?
 - a. Hameed: I have never been to DATC, have not lobbied, I still got in. I believe that I am qualified but if we are comparing there are others who are qualified as well.
 - i. Vasquez: POI nothing is to discredit, you are more than qualified.
- b. Varela: I want to raise attention to the fact that the one year where there is tension between GAC and GAP, that over half of GAP gets denied.
- c. Lipner: How long was the idea to only bring one bus?
 - i. Brawley: The last time we brought more than one bus was 3-4 yrs ago
 - ii. Lipner: Have we seen similar numbers of applicants
 - iii. Brawley: I don't know, this year 88
 - iv. Vasquez: In previous years, last year 55, 55, 65, I would also like to note that DATC budget was 11,000 and was 10,000 before with two buses.
 - v. Lipner: Do you know how many people applied during those years?
 - vi. Vasquez: No, not GAP information.
- d. Rivera: Several of my justices didn't go. Clear understanding that it is Exec's job to execute. Understand GAP is writing the legislation.
 - i. Vasquez: My sympathies, Moreso the qualifications that being in GAP gives. Not asking that they are given that, and also it is our understanding that for

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- downtown day it is justices counterparts, but DATC is senates counterparts
- ii. Escobar: Joined GAP so i can lobby and advocate in general but also DATC. I know how much work we do, reading through 100s of bills and doing research. Disheartening that we do so much work and more than half don't go
 - e. Al-Qudah: Given the numbers provided, do you know why only 44 were selected
 - i. Brawley: GAC received complaints and feedback from individuals who did not want to be as close to people for so much time.
 - ii. Al-Qudah: To clarify, that means not all seats were filled?
 - iii. Brawley: Correct
 - f. Al-Qudah: I directed the questions to President Lister, could you answer in email
 - i. Lister: Yes, I have a draft.
 - g. Gaudio: To pres. or VP, prevailing concern seems to be communication. Has popped up a lot in the session. Were either of you approached by any of the concerned parties?
 - i. No not for specifically DATC
 - ii. Varela: I believe that is untrue because there were concerns brought to the executive branch. I believe that GAP chair was going to be made to interview
 - iii. Lister answered truthfully, I was aware of the concerns.
 - h. Lipner: Did you notice that proportion being different
 - i. Rivera: Not sure, all came in with the understanding that it is open to everyone. For us we know that it is at discretion of GAC
 - i. Varela: GAC said "we" a lot, was there anyone else?
 - i. Brawley: No.
 - j. Hameed: Did GAC use a rubric?
 - i. Lister: Yes, she had 10 questions and a column.

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- k. Al-Qudah: Given some tensions that were mentioned by GAP leadership, were there any measures ensured to there was full objectivity and impartiality
 - i. Brawley: We told her that she had full discretion to deny. Don't think that she was targeting.
- l. Rivera: What is the remedy we seek here? Is this just to address concerns
 - i. Varela: I want a greater understanding, personally was denied. I was denied as VC of GAP, i have done so much work and am just very confused
- m. I personally hope to have more transparency for the process. Very unprecedented, needs to be considered before it is set. I think other than VC not being accepted, I would hate for other GAP committees have the opportunity.
- n. Was there a precedence of the VC going through interview
- o. Last year everyone had to applied, none had to interview. VC did not apply so they did not go, VC before them was the current GAC and I doubt they would have liked that .
- p. Going over the emails, GAC said that it wasn't just about qualifications but also diverse roster. What does that mean?
- q. Lister: We are going as SG but also as students. Wanted diversity as a lot of poli sci and aero space and represent us in that sense. Majors all across the university
- r. Varela: I requested my rubric, was denied my request. Can I have or at the discretion of GAC.
- s. At her discretion, you can set up email
- t. Mentioned including students, any students from Downtown day?
- u. No.
- v. Downtown day concerns as well, restucture in the future because of precedent
- w. Gaudio: As mentioned by Chief Justice, DATC is the Executive branch's discretion. Precedence talked about being set but they don't really have to
- x. Hameed: Correct if wrong, but precedent set talked about is "Exec and Judicial are meeting their counterparts. DATC is us meeting with legislators of the state" majority of Exec and

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- Judicial went to Downtown Day, and were given the notion that it's because of the counterparts.
- y. Rivera: I had 7 justices go, not the whole branch
 - z. Al-Qudah: Was the opportunity given to everyone?
 - aa. CJ Rivera: No, only leadership
 - bb. Varela: My concerns are personal, it is the idea that GAP committee has been told that we have no merit or qualification when we are the ones who put in the work.
 - cc. Gaudio: The people not chosen were not qualified was never said, maybe passed up the opportunity to someone else who could have the opportunity. Statutorily
 - dd. 4 of the 6 people denied have never been to DATC so giving that experience. Another thing that is statutorily required is the GAC collaborating, that can translate to
 - ee. Also I understand that it is an incredible opportunity for newcomers. I still believe that the GAP committee are the experts and we all agree that we want someone who is qualified. There are people going who don't know the bills like GAP committee has
 - ff. Can't give answers, but end of the day it is the GAC who makes the decision. I know it is hard when you have all put in so much work
 - gg. I understand it is the jurisdiction, but i don't believe that just because it is jurisdiction that is the right decision
 - hh. How many that were accepted went last year
 - ii. Don't know
 - jj. Don't remember seeing them last year
 - kk. I would like to defer back to what VP said, and there is a desire to have a healthy mix
 - ll. I want to make a short statement, the interview an application process is comparative.
 - mm. Earlier Homophobia and haHad a discussion with the SSWB individuals
 - nn. If there is a proclamation, can you bring to

12. Advisers' Report:

- a. Submit your time!

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13. Miscellaneous Business-

14. Final Roll Call:

15. 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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