


**Fifty-Seventh Student Senate
3rd Meeting Agenda
May 29th, 2025**

- ⌘ **Call to Order**
 - 6:02 PM
- ⌘ **Land Acknowledgement**
- ⌘ **Roll Call and Verification of Quorum**
 - Quorum: 48/57
 - Present and Voting:
 - ☐ Senator Lipner; 6:11pm
 - ☐ Senator Greene; 6:11 pm
- ⌘ **Approval of the Minutes – [05/22/2025](#); Approved by GC**
- ⌘ **Approval of the Agenda – 05/29/2025; Approved by GC**
- ⌘ **Open Forum**
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- ⌘ **Announcements from the Student Body President (Luci Blanco, sga_pres@ucf.edu)**
 - Good Evening, Senate, hope everyone had a great holiday weekend. Not much from me this week, I was under the weather for most of the week. This week I attended the RWC leadership meeting where I got to introduce myself to their leaders and cover some of Jarib and I's platform initiatives regarding health and wellness. Tomorrow is the passport event with Rep. Frost and his team as well as my first FSA meeting. Good luck to all the appointees and have a great weekend!
- ⌘ **Announcements from the Student Body Vice President (Jarib Benitez, sga_vp@ucf.edu)**
 - Hello Senate, I hope everyone had a chance to rest and recharge over the holiday weekend! This week, I began speaking at the FTIC orientations to promote Student Government and the services we offer. I've also been onboarding our newly confirmed members. Additionally, Deputy Chief Laliotis, Speaker Courts, Chair Escobar, and I met to discuss the process for filling the vacant Senate seats. We're finalizing the timeline and will update you all once everything is confirmed. A quick reminder that Graphic Design Coordinator and Election Commission applications close tonight at 11:59 PM, so please continue spreading the word; we've still got about five hours left. Lastly, best of luck to all of tonight's appointees during confirmations!
- ⌘ **Comptroller's Report (James Drinkwater, sga_comp@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening, everyone! Thank you much for confirming me last week as your Comptroller. I'm really grateful and excited for the year ahead. This week, I worked on creating master budget trackers for each branch to help us better monitor OPS and operations spending all in one place. I also met with Senate President Courts to talk through budget goals and how we plan to work together this year. I had a great meeting with Owen and Niklas, our CRT and FAO chairs. We went over the allocation request forms and made some changes based off the recommendations from the A&SF Business Office and Kylie. I met with Phong today from the A&SF Business Office and Luribel, one of our Travel Coordinators. We talked about ways to help RSOs and individuals better understand what is needed for requests. We also reviewed our current budget balances and discussed strategies for the new fiscal year. We're currently working on a measure to make the process easier for international students, especially when it comes to knowing what extra forms, they need to submit which would work to prevent reversions. Next week, I'll be meeting with the ORS Chair, Interim Chief Justice, and Pro Temp Hameed. I will also be attending some of the Sports Club Council internal budget hearings to provide guidance and support in any way possible. I'm here to support all of you, so if you have any questions or ideas, don't hesitate to reach out.
 - FAO: \$5,301.20; Reversion of 4.43%
 - CRT: \$706.26; Reversion of 3.86 %
- ⌘ **Attorney General's Report (Vacant, sga_ag@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- ⌘ **Cabinet Forum**
 - None
- ⌘ **Announcements from the Interim Chief Justice (Bella Pazera, sga_cjus@ucf.edu)**
 - Hi Senate! Apologies for not being able to be here this evening. The Judicial Branch has been steady in its operations since last week; the main focus now being on the upcoming Judicial Appointee confirmation process. Congratulations to the newly confirmed and best of luck to those going through confirmations tonight.
- ⌘ **Announcements from the Supervisor of Elections (Luke Brown, sga_ec@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- ⌘ **Announcements from the Activity and Service Fee Committee Chair (Vacant, sga_asf@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- ⌘ **Announcements from the Scholarship Committee Chair (Vacant, sga_scholarship@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- ⌘ **Caucus Reports**
 - Arab Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgarabcaucus@ucf.edu)
 - ☐ None
 - Asian/Pacific Islander American Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgapiacaucus@ucf.edu)
 - ☐ None
 - Black Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgblackcaucus1@ucf.edu)
 - ☐ None
 - Disability Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgdisabilitycaucus@ucf.edu)
 - ☐ None
 - Inter-Campus & Transfer Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgitccaucus@ucf.edu)
 - ☐ None

- **Latin/Hispanic Caucus (Chair Vacant, sglatinxcaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
- **LGBTQ+ Caucus (Chair Vacant, sglgbtqcaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
- **Military & Veterans Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgmvcaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
- **Sustainability Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgsustaincaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
- **Women's Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgwxmenscaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - ☐ None
- ⌘ **Announcements from the Senate President ((Kirsten Courts, sga_spkr@ucf.edu)**
 - Hi, guys! Just a few things from me
 - Again, I am expecting all of you to be professional and respectful for the duration of this meeting. Please only use the zoom chat for technical issues or concerns, as having other conversations in the chat still goes against decorum. If able, please turn on your cameras but ensure that you are maintaining a professional demeanor. We can have fun during the end of the meeting, after confirmation.
 - I will be limiting each person to two questions per individual that we are seeing, so please be intentional with what you wish to ask.
 - Other than that, me and Pro Tempore Hameed are currently setting up meetings with Chief of UCFPD Carl Metzger and Christina from Aramark. I met with the Comptroller this week to discuss the policy that I will uphold for those in paid positions in our branch.
 - Last thing, congrats to all of our vice chairs! If you haven't already, please teams message me your name and pronouns (if preferred) so I can order nametags.
- ⌘ **Internal Legislative Assistant Report (Vacant, sgaila@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- ⌘ **External Legislative Assistant Report (Vacant, sgaela@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- ⌘ **Senate President Pro Tempore Report (Jason Hameed, sga_pro@ucf.edu)**
 - Hey everyone! I hope you're all doing great.
 - Orientation emails for those who missed both days of orientation have been sent out. For those who missed one day, I will be sending you an email soon.
 - Fiscal Training is due today. For returning senators, if you could also send me your fiscal training confirmation, I would appreciate it. If it is not completed, you will be sent non-compliance.
 - Ethics is still due 2 weeks from now.
 - I'm finishing up my initial leadership meetings! They've been really helpful to me and I hope its been helpful to the chairs. All future leadership meetings will include the VCs.
 - Fiscal leadership met today to talk about future fiscal policy.
 - For those interested in submitting legislation, Please send it to my email by Wednesday at 5:00pm. The earlier the better.
 - We have 2 proclamations on second reading and 1 internal bill on first reading (heading to ORS)
 - Congrats to all the elected VCs!
- ⌘ **Deputy Pro Tempore of Legislative Affairs Report (Vacant, sga_dleg@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- ⌘ **Deputy Pro Tempore of Senate Relations Report (Vacant, sgadsr@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- ⌘ **Old Business**
 - None
- ⌘ **Fiscal Committee Caucus Time**
 - None
- ⌘ **Fiscal Committee Reports**
- ⌘ **CRT Committee (Chair Owen Sherman, sga_crt@ucf.edu)**
 - Congratulations to Senator Jones, who we elected as vice chair in committee on Tuesday. Comptroller Drinkwater has approved our funding request forms for both allocations and bills, and I'm hoping to get those open soon so we can start seeing business.
- ⌘ **FAO Committee (Chair Niklas Luecht, sga_fao@ucf.edu)**
 - Today in committee Senator Wangen was elected vice chair, we went over how allocations and bills are seen and approved our quarterly budget. The FAO funding forms are approved, and we will open them very very very soon.
- ⌘ **ORS Committee (Chair Samuel Rose, sgaors@ucf.edu)**
 - Today we elected Senator Jonah Scott as Vice Chair. Big congrats to him!
- ⌘ **Fiscal Legislation**
- ⌘ **Notice of Legislation on First Reading**
 - Bills
 - Resolutions
 - Special Acts
- ⌘ **Notice of Legislation on Third Reading**
 - Bills
 - Resolutions
 - Special Acts
- ⌘ **Notice of Legislation on Second Reading**
 - Bills

- Resolutions
- Special Acts
- ≠ **Internal Committee Caucus Time**
 - E&A – 30 min
 - Recesses at 6:18, to reconvene at 6:38 pm
 - ☞ Reconvenes at 7:05 pm
- ≠ **Internal Committee Reports**
- ≠ **E&A Committee (Chair Bobby Escobar, sga_ea@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening, this week E&A saw eight confirmations, two in our caucus time today.
 - Carly Berthiaume for Director of Student Affairs confirmed 9-0-0;
 - Shivani Vakharia for Academic Affairs Coordinator confirmed 8-0-0;
 - Dwayne Jones for Athletics Coordinator; 14-0-0
 - Noor Alaraj for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator confirmed 9-0-0;
 - Emely Lopez for Safety and Transportation Coordinator; 12-2-0
 - Ava Hendricks for Sustainability, Wellness, and Innovation Coordinator confirmed 10-0-0;
 - Gabriella Parra for Digital Media Coordinator confirmed 10-0-0;
 - Jorge Altuna for Attorney General confirmed 11-0-0;
- ≠ **GAP Committee (Chair Juan Varela, sgagap@ucf.edu)**
 - Hello Senate. Massive congrats to Senator Candiloro on being elected Vice-Chair of GAP. The committee was relatively uneventful. We had conversations on how we want the GAP newsletter to be. You all can hopefully expect the first rendition of that newsletter to be available next week.
 - Also, please be aware of upcoming special elections in Florida, including one in Orange County. You can use the resources below to stay informed
 - <https://dos.fl.gov/elections/for-voters/special-elections/>
 - <https://ballotpedia.org/Florida>
 - <https://www.ocfelections.com/election-calendar>
- ≠ **LJR Committee (Chair Zachary Gaudio, sga_ljr@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening. Last meeting, we elected Daisy Trejo Hernandez as our Vice Chair, Owen Sherman as E&A Representative, Abigail Matthews as GAP Representative, and Melva Diei as SBA Representative. We also amended and approved our absence precedent sheet, which is being posted to Teams right now, and saw six absences.
 - Melva Diei: Approved 5-0-3
 - Spurthi Nrusimhadevara (for May 22nd): Approved 8-0-2
 - Rose Rodriguez: Approved 8-0-2
 - Teresa Faucette: Approved 9-0-1
 - Katrina Wangen: Approved 9-0-1
 - Spurthi Nrusimhadevara (for June 2nd, 5th, 12th, 19th): Approved 9-0-1
 - We also saw a single blanket excuse request.
 - Shivi Jain: Postponed until our next meeting.
 - Emails will also be sent out sometime tonight or tomorrow.
- ≠ **SBA Committee (Chair Mila Teodorescu, sgasba@ucf.edu)**
 - Hi Senate! I hope everyone is having a good week. Last meeting we elected Senator Nrusimhadevara as Vice Chair. We also passed two proclamations on the first reading.
 - Proclamation 57-01: passed 10-0-0
 - Proclamation 57-02; passed 10-0-0
- ≠ **Confirmations**
 - [Materials](#)
 - Ryan Kaufman for Deputy Pro Tempore for Legislative Affairs; **Confirmed; 40-0-1**
 - James Kapinos for Deputy Pro Tempore for Senate Relations; **Confirmed; 39-1-2**
 - Grace Rudie for Internal Legislative Assistant; **Confirmed; 40-0-1**
 - Anna Reed for External Legislative Assistant; **Confirmed; 43-0-1**
 - Anthony Bonaventure for Sergeant-at-Arms; **Confirmed; 41-0-1**
 - Carly Berthiaume for Director of Student Affairs; **Confirmed; 46-0-0**
 - Dwayne Jones for Athletics Coordinator; **Confirmed; 44-0-0**
 - Emely Lopez for Safety and Transportation Coordinator; **Confirmed 40-4-1**
- ≠ **Internal Legislation**
- ≠ **Notice of Legislation on First Reading**
 - Constitutional Amendments
 - Bills
 - [Internal Bill 57-01](#) [2025-2026 Funding Limitations for Registered Student Organizations] [Chair Rose] **Remanded to ORS**
 - Resolutions
 - Proclamations
 - Special Acts
- ≠ **Notice of Legislation on Third Reading**
 - Constitutional Amendments
 - Bills
 - Resolutions

- Special Acts
- ⌘ **Notice of Legislation on Second Reading**
 - Constitutional Amendments
 - Bills
 - Resolutions
 - Proclamations
 - ☐ [Proclamation 57-01](#) [Proclamation Recognizing May 22, 2025, as the International Day for Biological Diversity]
[Senator Lipner] Passed **41-1-0**
 - ☐ [Proclamation 57-02](#) [Proclamation Recognizing June as Pride Month and June 12, 2025, as Orlando United Day]
[Senator Lipner] **Passed 40-3-2**
- Special Acts
- ⌘ **Senate Forum**
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- ⌘ **Senate Deliberation**
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- ⌘ **Advisor's Report**
 - Brodie:
 - ☐ Hey everybody, I don't even think I have any announcements, you guys are doing great. I know we've had a lot of confirmations and have to do extra meetings to get through it all, but you guys are doing good, stay strong and it will get less busy.
 - Medhavi:
 - ☐ Go home safely; it's raining so make sure to stay dry and not get sick!
- ⌘ **Miscellaneous Business**
 - Resignations
 - ☐ SBA
 -  Nathan Rickett
 - Hameed's Amazing Apparel Ranking (A Letter) (8/10)
 - ☐ 1st: Reed & Rudie
 - ☐ 2nd: Jones
 - ☐ 3rd: Escobar & Bonaventure
- ⌘ **Final Roll Call**
 - 49/57
- ⌘ **Adjournment**
 - 8:56 pm