



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

**UCF Student Government**  
Elections & Appointments (E&A) Meeting  
Charge on Chamber  
05/22/2025

## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 6:31PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 14/15 (8)

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3. Approval of the Minutes: [05.21.25](#)
4. Approval of the Agenda:
5. Announcements from the Chair
  - a. Escobar: Good evening. Thank you for being here today. I want to reiterate expectations for committee members; participate, committee members are to be respectful and substantial in their questions/debate, committee members should only abstain if they have a conflict of interest as it is our senatorial duty to vote, if your neutral or have not made up your mind ask questions, also be germane and have decorum. My vision for E&A is to be a respectable committee that reviews qualifications and acts as a second opinion to the decisions of the Student Body President. These appointments have put time and effort into their proposals and preparation for this committee, and we are to give them our respect, leaving any biases at the door. I would appreciate it if we were mindful of this moving forward. With that being said, today we are caucusing to see the confirmation of the GAC.  
[E&A Questioning Diary](#)
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair
  - a. Chau: Good evening, everyone! Reminder to listen carefully and weigh all factors of the GAC candidate. As stated before, it is difficult to remove someone out of their position so keep this in mind while voting. Like Chair Escobar has said, make sure to either vote for or against the candidate, do not abstain unless you have a conflict of interest.
7. Announcements from Committee Members
  - a. Rickett: Prayers and wishes to the individuals that were harmed during the tragic happenings in Washington D.C. at the Jewish Museum. Heartfelt wishes and prayers.
  - b. Beneche: Speak clearly, concisely, difficult to hear what you are saying if you are mumbling. Once again, keep things running smoothly and concisely for the Vice-Chair.
8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members
9. Old Business
10. New Business
  - a. Confirmations – [Materials](#)
    - i. Government Affairs Coordinator: Allie Demarco
      1. Speech
        - a. Thank everyone for considering me for the GAC (Governmental Affairs Coordinator) position. I believe that civic duty is a privilege, has shaped my professional and academic journey. I have a strong interest in American history and politics, a difference is created by serving and showing up. I have a current position at a law firm for injury law and worker's compensation, supported clients who are dealing with the hardest times of their lives- taught me communication, consistency, etc. I work at the Office of the

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President, saw how to bridge different positions. Where I had to prepare high-level meetings or help students navigate. I was Vice-Chair of SG scholarship committee, allocating funding for our student body. This experience underscored that thoughtful policy could have on our student body. Last summer, I helped mobilize, created civic materials, and connected with constituents- helping individuals with voting. I went to DATC to lobby for UCF students. Meeting with state legislatures and had discussions about higher education level funding. Gave me insight and deepened my commitment to hear all students in all levels. Observing Brooke's leadership and talking with key stakeholders, I gained insight on how to navigate through this role and inspired me to take initiative and energy to this position. I am excited to take on this role- for smooth operation and continuing to build on her foundation. Excited to bring a new vision, through this experience- GAC would represent all students regardless of their beliefs. Bipartisan relationships and advocating for students and tying that in with government. If confirmed, I will make sure students are heard, foster relationships with government partners, and promote civic engagement for all campuses. I look forward to representing on and off campus.

## 2. Questioning

- a. Lipner: explain your relationship with Brooke and former GAC.
  - i. Bonded with Brooke because she was the GAC before the previous GAC and ...
- b. Gaudio: part of your duties is to create a tentative timeline for the completion and advocacy agenda for the event for the time you get delegated the duty- how long do you have to make the timeline.
  - i. 30 days.
- c. Beneche: question on one of your proposals. College republicans and college democrats debate; how and why do you plan on hosting it?
  - i. Couldn't happen for the past years, we have prominent republicans and democrats- fun to have a mediated debate on current events and policies for all government levels. Fun for those individuals to debate and have a friendly conversation.

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- d. Reed: DATC how do you intend on working with the GAP committee.
  - i. I work with GAP Chair Varela and GAP Vice-Chair, and I like to meet with them and listen to their opinions to see how smooth it would be. They are the main aid and oversee the student body advocacy agenda. They are a huge resource for me in this position.
- e. Beneche follow-up: I was wondering with the recent, reinstatement of college Republicans- how can we ensure the conversations are germane?
  - i. Meeting the presidents of the 2 clubs, this will be a mediated and refined event. There will not be any lashed-out arguments. This will be a positive event to promote their values and what they are interested in. Meeting with other clubs and leaders on campus will be explored.
- f. Rickett: Can you tell me how many seats are in Florida House and Senate?
  - i. I am unable to answer the question currently, but I would love to do research.
- g. Rickett follow-up: As GAC what is the process for setting up the DATC event and logistics? Working into selecting individuals?
  - i. Pending confirmation, I don't have access to budget currently, would love to bring in as many UCF students, would have a process to ensure that students are prepared to talk with legislatures. Bringing SGLCers to DATC was a wonderful experience as an SGLCer. Using a vetting process.
- h. Lipner: Please describe what you will be doing in the first few weeks when you are confirmed?
  - i. Get in touch with GAP committee Chair and Vice-Chair and to see what they want to do. Get in contact with our administrators and representatives at Gray Robinson. All of that would be fast, but the first week will be building relations.
  - i. Lipner follow-up: Elaborate on interview process?
    - i. I will have set-out questions for each candidate. Look into why people want to lobby, do they have a certain niche that they are advocating for, are they are part of another

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- organization on campus, is there another reason?  
Professionalism will be measured, especially for hot topics.
- j. Reed: Initiative about downtown day, how do you intend on funding for the buses to transport individuals on the downtown area.
    - i. Do not have access to budget, we do have a good relationship with the vendors from the past year. Will take leadership from each branch to downtown day- up for discussion. I like to take as many people as possible.
  - k. Gaudio: Do you have any ideas on handling food for DATC, accommodations for dietary decisions?
    - i. Do not have access to budget, use the Little Cafe in the Capital, must investigate this to see the details. Anyone with dietary restrictions will be questioned through the vetting process. Rest assured that there will be substitutes for those who need them.
  - l. Rickett: Last year there were issues with GAC and GAP not seeing eye to eye, how would you mitigate or change the dynamic and work better with GAP?
    - i. Pending confirmation, the first few weeks will be building relations with GAP Chair and Vice-Chair, working in tandem with the committee. I want to have collaboration on the student advocacy agenda, amazing to have them on my side. Value their opinions and look forward to building that relationship.
  - m. Rickett follow-up: Tell us any of the initiatives or policies or legislation that we will see at the legislative session?
    - i. I do not know for the upcoming session, aware of 584... aiding students with homelessness or in the foster system, they will be in priority.
  - n. Reed: Expand further on the Rally and Talley and Big 12 on the hill ideas, is it all UCF students or a select group?
    - i. It will have leadership from the branches for the Rally and Talley. The biggest thing is learning what other universities are doing and seeing how to benefit students at UCF. Big 12 on the hill is a unique experience, 2<sup>nd</sup> year doing it, broadening our range of advocacy. Get to go to D.C. and be with other universities. Get to advocate for legislature in Washinton.

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## 3. Debate

- a. Beneche: please remain germane for questions, she is not appointed yet and she will not have access to certain things like the budget. Voting for the candidate, incredible background and qualifications. Meticulous with materials and her plans. Loved the policies to put in place. Hopes that she gets confirmed because she is an exceptional candidate.
- b. Reed: Voting in favor for the candidate, her qualifications speak for herself, SGLC did get to do voting activity that happens. She always was in government. The only thing I will say is for the initiatives that involve more students, broadening the entire student body. Especially for Downtown Day, can see the passion for this candidate and look forward to what she does.
- c. Metellus: Second everything that was said before me. Make sure to be germane, budget questions were repeated when she does not access on the budget. The candidate is highly qualified; she felt passionate about the role and knew what she was talking about. Worked with the president and sought how it worked. Voting in favor for this candidate. Move to vote.

## 4. Vote:

- a. 14-0-0, appointee is confirmed in E&A.

## 11. Member Discussion

- a. Beneche: make sure to ask relevant questions and they are germane and considerate.

## 12. Miscellaneous Business

- a.

## 13. Final Roll Call: 14/15

Adjournment: 7:04 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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