



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

CONFERENCE, REGISTRATION, AND TRAVEL

UCF Student Government  
CRT Committee Meeting  
Charge on Chamber  
06/10/2025  
12:00 PM

## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 12:01 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (7): 11/12

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3. Approval of the Minutes: [06\\_03\\_2025 CRT Meeting Agenda.docx](#) Approved by GC
4. Approval of the Agenda: Approved By
5. Announcements from the Chair
  - a) Hello everyone! We will be seeing 9 allocations. Nine individuals and 1 RSOs. Have committee tracker open and supporting do
6. Announcements from the Vice-Chair
  - a) I hope you all are having a great summer! I had a chat with chair Sherman about the committee this past weekend and we got to know each other a little bit better. I also discussed with him the idea of making cheat sheets. Here is [CHEAT SHEET](#) that y'all can use if you need it for this meeting. It is a rough draft, so if you have anything that I should add please just send me a message on teams.
7. Announcements from Committee Members
  - a) None
8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members
  - a) None
9. Old Business
  - a) None
10. New Business
  - a) Allocations
    - i) [57-001 Amir Alipour Yengejeh](#)
      - (1) Speech 5
        - (a) Good afternoon, everyone! I'm an international student. I am requesting travel funding to attend JSN 2025 from Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> to Aug 7<sup>th</sup>. Plan to leave Orlando August 23<sup>th</sup>. Will be presenting research. I have completed financial training. Thank you for your time and consideration.
        - (b) Projected Expenses:
          - (i) Conference registration: \$150
          - (ii) Airfare: \$350 Round Trip
          - (iii) **Lodging: \$613.24 for 4 nights, 130 per night**
          - (iv) Transportation: \$200
          - (v) Food: \$150
          - (vi) Total expenses: \$1,370
      - (2) Questioning 10

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- (a) Wangen: We won't be able to approve the requested amount. The max we can approve is \$500. How will you fund the rest of your cost?
  - (i) I received \$500 from the department of statistics. Received \$500 from a graduate fellowship presentation but after tax it would be \$430. COS will support \$400.
- (b) Wangen: You have \$900 that you already approved. Is any of that paying for your lodging?
  - (i) I am looking for SG to fund my lodging.
- (c) Sherman: Just to confirm, you said \$150 for registration, \$350 for travel. For SG you are only requesting for...
  - (i) 150 for registration, \$350 for roundtrip travel, \$520 for lodging, and \$200 for local transportation, and for SG I am only requesting lodging.
- (d) Rosenblum: You said you received \$1200 from other forms of funding.
  - (i) Yes, I received \$500 from the department of statistics. Received \$500 from a graduate fellowship presentation but after tax it would be \$430. COS will support \$400.
- (e) Sherman: You said you needed funding a month before travel. Is there a reason you need it so early?
  - (i) I just needed to confirm that I would be supported.
- (f) Sherman: You wouldn't be able to get it until July 14<sup>th</sup>. I think your request was for July 1<sup>st</sup>. Would you still take the funding if you couldn't get it until July 14<sup>th</sup>?
  - (i) Conference isn't until august.
- (g) MTD

## (3) Debate 3

- (a) Wangen: We should approve him at the max \$500. As long as how much money he is actually getting doesn't cause him to revert funding.

## (b) MTV

## (4) Vote

- (a) **Vote 9-1-1 Approved**

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ii) [57-002 Fariba Sanaei](#)

(1) Speech

(a) All three of us are going to a conference in Chicago. From Aug. 22- Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>.

(b) Projected Expenses:

(i) Room: One room will be \$1,267 for 3 people

(ii) Registration: \$399

(iii) Airfare: \$142

(2) Questioning

(a) Kapinos: You mention there would be three individuals going on the trip. Are they per individual or the round total for the 3 of you.

(i) The flight and registration are per person. The room would be divided into 3.

(b) Kapinos: The amount that you listed is that putting all the people together or is that \$400 per person. The airfare is per person, but the room has to be divided into 3.

(c) Wangen: Would you be comfortable with us amending this in debate to take out the lodging cost since we can't fund shared lodging but its over the \$500 limit anyways with the registration + travel.

(d) Sherman: Yes, I was going to mention this after the questions.

(e) Kapinos: Want to clarify. The travel cost of \$143 per person per ticket, that's not accounting for the other two correct.

(i) Yes, that is per person

(f) Wangen: Have you completed financial training?

(i) I just completed it

(g) Kapinos: Will the other people attending also be requesting funding in the upcoming weeks.

(i) Yes, they will

(h) Wangen: Is all the information exactly the same for all three allocations? Move to see 57-02, 57-05, and 57-07 as a block.

(i) Sherman: There has been a motion. Any objections? Seeing none. The registration on 07 looks like it is \$100 higher.

(j) Wangen: Is everyone requesting funding out of these 3 financially trained

(i) Yes, everyone is financially trained

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(k) MTD

(3) Debate

- (a) Wangen: Move to amend all registration to \$399
- (b) Sherman: Seeing none approved.
- (c) Wangen: Motion to amend all the lodging cost to \$0
- (d) Sherman: Motion. Any objections?
- (e) Kapinos: Motion to move the travel cost to all match for all 3 individuals at \$142.96.
- (f) Sherman: No objections.
- (g) Wangen: Voting in favor of approving at \$500. Please debate if you plan to vote against!
- (h) Trejo Hernandez: Repeating what Senator Wangen said. Will be voting in favor.

(i) MTV

(4) **Vote 9-0-1 Approved**

iii) [57-003 Bethany Hintz](#)

(1) Speech

- (a) Good morning. I am a PHD candidate, and I am not an international student. My proposal is for the astrodynamics specialist conference in Boston. Aug 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. Completed financial training.
- (b) Projected Expenses:
  - (i) Registration: \$565
  - (ii) Lodging: \$291 per night for 4 nights
  - (iii) Airfare: has went up to \$451 roundtrip

(2) Questioning

- (a) Kapinos: Do you plan on getting any other funding outside of the SG office.
  - (i) Yes, \$500 for the UCF grad presentation fellowship and anything else she will be working with her advisor to get money from her department.
- (b) Kapinos: Do you have any other options for lodging, or is this just the closest option?
  - (i) Staying at the hotel that the conference is located in. Being here allows me to put my transportation costs \$0.

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- (c) Sherman: Instead of amending the total we will just approve them at \$500. Then in this unspecified category, we will say it's not unspecified and we will say it has to be spent on registration or travel.
- (d) MTD
- (3) Debate
  - (a) Kapinos: I think we should definitely approve of this. The travel cost makes sense, and this is a very smart person to stay in the hotel. I think the cap is 100. I'm not sure if we want to specify that in lodging, seeing that the most expense cost.
  - (b) Sherman: We would specify to make sure it doesn't go to shared lodging, but they can spend the funds on whatever they want.
  - (c) MTV
- (4) Vote
  - (a) **10-0-1 Approved**
- iv) [57-004 Nicole Weeden Martins](#)
  - (1) Speech
    - (a) Hello my name is Nicole! I am currently an undergrad majoring in aerospace engineering. I am a international student. The conference is in Boston, which starts Aug.10<sup>th</sup> and ends Aug.14<sup>th</sup>. I am aware that you cannot fund the whole thing, but I just wanted to give the total. Without the funding, I would not be able to attend this conference.
    - (b) Projected Expenses:
      - (i) Registration: \$455 this is the early bird so it would go up to \$515
      - (ii) Transportation: \$463
      - (iii) Lodging: \$991 per night for 4 nights. Total is \$2,084.
  - (2) Questioning
    - (a) Kapinos: I have a question directed to the chair. The last allocation we saw could be approved for 500. Are we still in the 500, or since it wasn't an international student, I thought we improved 400?
    - (b) Sherman: The extra \$400 is for grad students, not international students.

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- (c) Kapinos: You have the same conference title as the last allocation we just saw. Is there a reason for the travel costs being a little bit higher? Are you planning on staying at the hotel conference cost as the allocation we just saw?
  - (i) So, actually the travel cost is because I have to have specific accommodations for the travel. My family will be here from Brazil, so I have a specific travel time. So that's why the travel cost is a little bit higher, but the lodging is lower and also the registration cost is lower because I'm a member of the conference.
- (d) Sherman: Just to clarify, you are not sharing lodging with other individuals.
  - (i) No
- (e) Kapinos: We can't fund the total amount requested. How will you get the rest of the funds?
  - (i) I will try to apply for the undergraduate research conference funding. If I don't get it, I will also talk to my professor to see if he can have any extra funding from the lab. If I can't get it, I will remove some nights.
- (f) Smith: If we were the only ones to give you funding, would you still be able to afford to take the trip?
  - (i) Yes, she will just stay one night or ask my parents
- (g) Sherman: I want to note two things. First is that this is an undergrad student, so the cap is \$400, not \$500. The second thing is that we would not be able to fund the early bird registration cost, so the cost will go up to \$515. That won't change how much we fund, but I just wanted to note that.

(h) MTD

(3) Debate

- (a) Wangen: Voting in favor. We've just funded somebody to go to the same conference, and I think presenting research is great.

(b) MTV

(4) Vote

**(a) 11-0-1 Approved**

v) [57-005 Yu-Shan Huang](#)

(1) Speech

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- (a)
- (2) Questioning
  - (a)
  - (3) Debate
    - (a)
    - (4) Vote
      - (a) **Vote 9-0-1 Approved**
- vi) [57-006 Paul Amoruso](#)
  - (1) Speech
    - (a) Hello! I am a PHD candidate in the engineering department. This is an education conference in Tennessee and is from Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. Will be leaving on the Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Will try adjusting the cost. The paper that I am presenting has to connect skills for job mapping. Identify student skills and set them up with ideal job mapping.
    - (b) Projected Expenses:
      - (i) Airfare: \$661 for roundtrip.
      - (ii) Hotel: Priced higher right now but is trying to find other options.
      - (iii) Transportation (Uber): \$33 per trip. Skills to job mapping. Identify student skills and setting them up with ideal job mapping.
  - (2) Questioning
    - (a) Kapinos: We can't fund the full amount. How will you fund the rest?
      - (i) Was originally funded by HSI but this is no longer around. Dean of department will do a 3 way split for the rest of the cost. That's why I don't have any definite amounts.
    - (b) Trejo-Hernandez: How did you pick the flight?
      - (i) He just did a quick search on the Delta website. He will do more research to find other options.
    - (c) MTD
  - (3) Debate

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(a) Kapinos: Voting in favor. Prices are high and the cost would be over 500 and he has a way of covering the rest of the funds.

(b) MTV

(4) Vote

**(a) 11-0-1 Approved**

vii) [57-007 Makenzie Bland](#)

(1) Speech

(a)

(2) Questioning

(a)

(3) Debate

(a)

(4) Vote

**(a) Vote 9-0-1 Approved**

viii) [57-008 Poorna Sandamini Senaratne](#)

(1) Speech

(a) I am a grad student, a PhD candidate for the department of statistics, and an international student. The conference will be in Nashville, Tennessee and will be held from Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> to Aug 7<sup>th</sup>. I will be going from Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>.

(b) Projected Expenses:

(i) Lodging: \$613.24, \$130 per night and reserved lodging. (only requested funding for lodging)

(c) Other Expenses:

(i) Registration: \$150

(ii) Airfare: \$350

(iii) Food: \$500

(2) Questioning

(a) Jones: Can you repeat the total lodging cost?

(i) \$613.24. I said 620 just to round the number.

(b) Sherman: Just to clarify, you said that you reserved the lodging not payed for it.

(i) No, I didn't pay.

(c) Sherman: I also noticed that the lodging total was the exact same as one of the last allocations.

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- (i) We are staying at the same place, but separately.
  - (d) Kapinos: Looking at lodging, why do you need two beds within your room?
    - (i) At the time of booking, they only had rooms with two beds.
  - (e) Kapinos: You don't plan on having another guest stay with you, correct.
    - (i) No
  - (f) Luecht: Why is the total request cost \$700 and then the tracker is 613.24.
    - (i) I didn't know how much it would be, so I just put in \$700.
  - (g) MTD
- (3) Debate
- (a) Kapinos: We just funded another allocation for the same type of conference at the same lodging, the same cost, seeing that we can only fund up to a certain cap and can't fund the entire thing, I think that it just makes sense to fund it since it would be the same cost as the last lodging. I will be voting in favor.
  - (b) MTV
- (4) Vote
- (a) **11-0-1 Approved**
- ix) [57-009 HOPE @ UCF](#)
- (1) Speech
    - (a) My name is Seva and I'm a graduate student in social work. I am the president at HOPE @ UCF which is an RSO focused on suicide prevention. I am taking two other members with me to suicide prevention training. Its all day the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. I am applying for lodging for the night of the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup>. The hotel is the Hampton Inn Wesley Chapel with two queen beds and a pull-out couch. I am financially trained.
  - (2) Questioning
    - (a) Wangen: Does the RSO have two finically trained officers?
      - (i) Yes, the vice president is trained as well.
    - (b) MTD
  - (3) Debate

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(a) Wangen: I see no reason to not fund this allocation. This is a great training for us to have our students attending, and I'll be voting in favor.

(b) MTV

(4) Vote

**(a) 11-0-1 Approved**

## 11. Member Discussion

- a) Trejo Hernandez: We got our first meeting with allocations done.
- b) Kapinos: Can we look at the tracker?
- c) Sherman: Sure, for the summer we had 60k. It's less than 10%. I would say we are good and going at a good pace.
- d) Trejo Hernandez: A lot of stuff we see if individual allocations. This is a light day. Later on, we may see 10 or 20. We are allocating months in advance.
- e) Sherman: We have saved like 1,000 dollars today
- f) Luecht: It's about \$4,243. About 8% of the budget.
- g) Wangen: A new way to hold votes
- h) Trejo Hernandez: Doing polls on zoom would be easier.

## 12. Miscellaneous Business

- a) Icebreaker: What candy would you trade away in Halloween?
  - a. Sherman: Twizzlers
  - b. Trejo Hernandez: kit kat
  - c. Rosenblum: no licorice
  - d. Casimiro: Almond joy
  - e. Smith: Smarties
  - f. Prol: Smarties
  - g. Kapinos: doesn't like candy
  - h. Wangen: Twizzlers
  - i. Jones: Tootie rolls
  - j. Mccray: Milky Way
  - k. Rose: no licorice, loves sour candy
  - l. Jordan: Dots. No hard candy.

Announcements:

13. Final Roll Call: 13/12

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14. Adjournment: 1:05 PM

Key:

P - Present  
A - Absent  
MTD - Move to Debate  
MTV - Move to Vote  
MTA - Move to Amend  
PFP - Post Funding Process  
PP - Postpone  
PPI - Postpone Indefinitely  
GC - General Consent

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