



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

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Sherman	sga_crt@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice Chair Jones	sga_sci5@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Casimiro	sga_ba1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Trejo Hernandez	sgaecs13@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Jain	sgacie2@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Lipner	sga_ugst1@ucf.edu	A (1:03)	P
Senator Luecht	sgaecs7@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator McRay	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Prol	sgaecs9@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Rosenblum	sgasci11@ucf.edu	A (12:03)	P
Senator Smith	sga_cah3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Wangen	sgachps5@ucf.edu	P	P
ORS Representative	sgaors@ucf.edu	A (12:31)	P
Pro Tempore Representative	sgadsr@ucf.edu	P	P

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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 2nd to Aug 7th. Plan to leave Orlando August 23th. 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 14th. I think your request was for July 1st. Would you still take the funding if you couldn't get it until July 14th?
 - (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. 24th.

(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 10th to 14th. 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.10th and ends Aug.14th. 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 2nd to 5th. Will be leaving on the Nov 1st. 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 2nd to Aug 7th. I will be going from Aug 3rd to 7th.
 - (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 18th and 19th. I am applying for lodging for the night of the 17th and the 18th. 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. Mcray: 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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