



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

**UCF Student Government**  
Senate Executive Committee Meeting  
Charge On Chambers/[Zoom](#)  
05:00 p.m.

## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 5:03 P.M.
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum:
  - a. 13/20

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Senate President Custis	sga_spkr@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Ciresi	sga_pro@ucf.edu	E	E
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ELA Galloway	sgaela@ucf.edu	A	A
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DPT Foster	sgadsr@ucf.edu	E	E
CRT Chair Borges	sga_crt@ucf.edu	P	P
FAO Chair Millington	sga_fao@ucf.edu	P	P
ORS Chair Temple	sgaors@ucf.edu	P	P
E&A Chair Guel	sga_ea@ucf.edu	E	E
LJR Chair Urea	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
SBA Chair Salerno	sgasba@ucf.edu	P	P
GAP Chair Hall	sgagap@ucf.edu	P	P
CRT Vice Chair Patel	sga_med2@ucf.edu	P	P
FAO Vice Chair Anderson	sga_sci2@ucf.edu	P	P
ORS Vice Chair Robbins	sgacie3@ucf.edu	P	P
E&A Vice Chair Almenar	sga_sci1@ucf.edu	P	P

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SBA Vice Chair Anderson	sga_sci2@ucf.edu	P	P
GAP Vice Chair Temple	sga_ba8@ucf.edu	P	P
APIA Caucus Chair Patel	sgapiacaucus@ucf.edu	P	P
Black Caucus Chair Holmes	sgblackcaucus@ucf.edu	A	A
Disability Caucus Chair Cox	sgdisabilitycaucus@ucf.edu	E	E
Hispanic/Latinx Caucus Chair Saucedo	sglatinxcaucus@ucf.edu	P (5:23 PM)	P
LGBTQ+ Caucus Chair Yalamanchili	sglgbtqcaucus@ucf.edu	P (5:19 PM)	P
Womxn's Caucus Chair Cibula	sgwomxncaucus@ucf.edu	A	A
APIA Caucus Vice Chair Damarla	sga_med1@ucf.edu	P	P
Black Caucus Vice Chair Castelin	sga_sci3@ucf.edu	P	P
Disability Caucus Vice Chair Tache	sgsci13@ucf.edu	P	P
Hispanic/Latinx Vice Chair Becerra	sgachps2@ucf.edu	E	E
LGBTQ+ Caucus Vice Chair Martinez	sga_ba4@ucf.edu	A	A
Womxn's Caucus Vice Chair Castillo	sga_ecs1@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: Approved by GC
4. Approval of the Agenda: Approved by GC
5. Announcements from the Chair-
  - a. Will be sending Calendly link for goals
  - b. Last meeting is supposed to be August 4th, but summer doesn't have designated finals week, so will not have Senate during the week of finals. Last meeting will be July 28th. Senate Exec could meet "in time of crisis" if something needs to be seen
    - i. Borges: When is first meeting of fall?

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1. First week back, should be the 25th of August
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair-
  - a. None
7. Announcements from Committee Members-
  - a. None
8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
  - a. None
9. Old Business-
  - a. None
10. New Business-
  - a. Absence Appeal
    - i. Jason Tache, 07/28
      1. Speech:
        - a. Will be at Camp Fiesta, a 9 day sleepaway summer camp for kids with cancer. Is a counselor and volunteer. Will be at camp, has done it forever
      2. LJR Decision:
        - a. McClellan: It is a sleepaway camp, but he could have a signover. There's been a decent amount of time to plan for an accommodation during camp. Every senator has a responsibility to attend Senate. Was not on the precedent sheet as something we'll approve.
      3. Questioning:
        - a. Borges: Voting on Zoom?
          - i. Custis: No, hand count
      4. Debate:
        - a. Tache: Barely any questions and no debate in LJR. Would like to make sure more is discussed this time. Already has 1.5 absences, would not come whether or not he is approved to miss it. Not sure why this is less important than work
        - b. Salerno: In favor, VC Tache mentioned the reason. UCF Sees volunteer work as work, and so do many other entities. As much as we care for senators, he is going above and beyond and thinks it should be approved
        - c. McClellan: One question asked if we could approve this per precedent, Urea said no. Would also not approve work during

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this time, since this is a commitment we've made to be here.

Does appreciate the work being done though

- d. Borges: There are multiple requests to be appointed to the college of sciences, the sign-over process exists. This is not an excusable absence request. I feel really bad about it, I love what Vice-Chair Tache and his family are doing, but we cannot make exceptions. Work is also not excused unless it is academic, like an internship directly with your major. I know there are other absences and this risks being dismissed, but we do offer two unexcused absences, those should've been used for these requests.
- e. Hall: Current precedent is excessive. Senate is a year-round commitment, this is less than 2 weeks. Thinks this is valid, should likely reevaluate current absence policy. He did go to LJR to argue these. Should not penalize this sort of work that benefits UCF
- f. Borges: Should it be excused to volunteer at a UCF event like a CAB event?
- g. Yalamanchili: Was at LJR when Tache's requests were denied. Feel LJR's precedent is too restrictive and too much is being considered for personal reasons. Precedent can be bad. LJR has approved people requesting absences for work, this is volunteer work doing good, don't know why LJR made the choice to allow people to go to work, but not volunteer at a camp for kids with cancer. Also felt the committee was nitpicking tiny details about him possibly being able to attend and didn't look at the request from a human perspective, but from a statutory perspective
- h. Almenar: In favor. Just cause, reading the excuse policy this would be included in case-by-case, think this should be excused

5. Vote Count:

- a. 7-3-2

ii. Jason Tache, 07/21

1. Speech:

- a. Similar reasoning. The camp starts the 23rd, but will be engaging in the set-up process, which falls on him and his

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brother. Will be setting up for the camp, a lot of manual labor in the day, could have more in the evening or administrative work. Chance he could be at Senate, but didn't want to have the chance of any more absences since he would be dismissed.

2. LJR Decision:

- a. Urea: Very similar, the committee was very concerned about whether he could attend or not, which was the main difference

3. Questioning:

- a. Borges: Would it be at all possible to attend the meeting through Zoom?
  - i. Tache: Could potentially still make it time-wise, will definitely be exhausted. Could likely still be doing something else. Don't want to be unavailable because of Senate. If he can come, he will.

4. Debate:

- a. Borges: One of them passed, which is understandable, but I think then the second one should not. To what extent can senators keep requesting absences to go and volunteer? To what extent is it ok to skip our senatorial responsibilities, to skip our vote for our 1,000 students to go volunteer? We represent our colleges and there are many, many requests to represent the college of sciences, students who might actually be there to vote on behalf of their constituents. I know this case is unique but if you take the purpose of the volunteer out and look objectively, this should not be excused. He said he can attend through Zoom, we should not excuse this. I will not be voting in favor.
- b. Yalamanchili: Uncertainty does not matter, as a person, it's not ok to require someone to attend a meeting after 8 hours of work outdoors in Florida summer. Should prioritize health of senators
- c. Hall: We want senators to be able to do things they are passionate about, this zero-tolerance policy is not appropriate. These are 2 specific weeks, not recurring. Not simply volunteering to do something small at an event, it's

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clearly important to him. If this was a blanket thing, there should be more conversation about a signover. Don't want to create a culture forcing people to choose between what they're passionate about and Senate

- d. McClellan: Just want to be consistent, the Special Sessions are the only meetings we have approved people having work or that sort of thing since they are so last minute. Typically will not approve work
- e. Tache: Would not have submitted this request if he wasn't going to be dismissed otherwise. Missed a Special Session for personal reasons
- f. Borges: We all know Senate is at 6 pm or 7 pm on Thursdays. That has not changed, to my knowledge, for years. People can do things they're passionate about every other day and time. I have another job, I also am a director in an agency, and I still find time. I volunteer, and I do a ton of other things. Vice-Chair Tache was absent one time reportedly because he slept in. While I think sleep is important, I do not believe we would not be in this position with these requests if he had excused absences left, but he doesn't, due to what seems to me like negligence.
- g. Yalamanchili: Should have time for yourself. Stacking a whole bunch of things makes you have conflicts. Should be giving people the ability to plan rather than requiring luck to be in their favor
- h. Anderson: Should be taking care of your mental health, recognizing that this is something important to him and that Senate should not necessarily come before everything. Think that we should vote in favor
- i. Almenar: Stated that precedent should vote this down, says case-by-case
- j. McClellan: Approved Special Session absences for work or class

- 5. Vote Count:
  - a. 6-4-2

## 11. Member Discussion-

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- a. Almenar: Worked with Salerno to create poll for student body thoughts on gun reform, would appreciate people filling it out and advertising it
  - b. Patel: Will be voting along with the LJR committee for absence appeals as a committee member
  - c. Anderson: Making sure the visual Director Turner had earlier is going to be corrected
    - i. Salerno: Has a copy, can send it to Anderson
    - ii. Anderson: Add to gun reform group chat?
    - iii. Almenar: Turner is on a flight
12. Advisers' Report:
- a. Brodie:
    - i. Payroll for next week
      - 1. Kronos is gone! Will be weird for a week, but will use Workday after
      - 2. Clocking in and out on the paper timesheet, would recommend doing it daily. Will be quarter hour increments. Jax will no longer be handling time, will need to go through Brodie. Workday is not like Kronos, will need to track your own breaks. Every 5 hours has an unpaid 30 minute break. Make sure you're taking out your own breaks now. EmplID is your NID. Clock in and out on the timesheet. On Thursday after Senate, give it to Brodie. Weird quarter hour things will be handled by Brodie
      - 3. Might be getting PDF version that will do math for you, please fill it out as you go. Questions go to Brodie
    - ii. Payroll going forward after that
      - 1. Workday launches on the 1st. Geofenced! You have to submit your own hours and track your own breaks
    - iii. Salerno: Total hours say 0, will Brodie do that?
      - 1. Only will ever be seen by Brodie, don't worry about it.
    - iv. Custis: Everyone will still have to submit after hours form, right?
      - 1. Jax: Do not care about the form. Don't be in the office after hours if you're not paid or not doing work. If you want to keep track of that, you can
      - 2. Brodie: Yes to keeping the after hours authorization form. Is a good accountability measure.
    - v. Custis: Would you like sign in/out binder to help keep track of the hours?
      - 1. Borges: App will keep track?
        - a. Referring to paper timesheet work

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- 2. Will leave it at the front desk
    - vi. Use an email signature please
  - b. Neda:
    - i. None
  - 13. Miscellaneous Business-
    - a. None
  - 14. Final Roll Call:
    - a. 13/20
  - 15. Adjournment:
    - a. 5:54 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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