



## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 2:10 P.M.
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum(5): 8/9

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Anderson (She/they/ella)	sga_sci2@ucf.edu	P	P
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Senator Capozzi (She/her)	sgacie1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Cura (He/him)	sga_ba2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Nimbargi (He/him)	sga_ba3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Saucedo (She/her/ella)	sga_sci12@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Simko (He/him)	sgaecs8@ucf.edu	P (at 2:17 PM)	P
Senator Spaulding (She/her)	sgacie4@ucf.edu	E	E
Pro-Tempore Representative	sga_dleg@ucf.edu	P	P
LJR Representative	Vacant	V	V

3. Approval of the Minutes: [10/13/2022 SBA Agenda](#) **Approved by GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by GC**
5. Open Forum -

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- a. Yusef: Talking about “Improve the Dream.” Improve the Dream is a youth led program, working with Reps and Senators, wouldn’t prevent aging out. Provision has already passed in the House, we need it to pass in the Senate. Friend moved to the US in 2004, stayed in the US, independent under Mom, aged out of dependency when he turned 21. Forced him to refile for VISA, preventing him from pursuing opportunities in the US. SGA should send a letter to State Senators (bipartisan support), Sen. Scott and Rubio should be supportive. Other colleges have already taken similar action. UCF’s support should be monumental. UNC Chapel Hill has already passed a similar resolution. We have a list of supporters, many of which are from a variety of fields like TSA.
6. Announcements from the Chair
  - a. 2 Proclamations, 2 resolutions
  - b. Traynor and I meet with a RSO
  - c. Concern Form Flyers and pamphlets are printed and put in major classroom buildings, alongside the library and student union
  - d. FAQs for SBA have been sent in for the student government website to be updated, alongside the SBA description
  - e. Legislation has been started with Foster and McClellan
7. Announcements from the Vice-Chair
  - a. [W October 14th WikiKnights \(1\).docx](#)
8. Announcements from Committee Members-
  - a. DLeg McClellan- Today there are four pieces of time sensitive legislation that needs to be adopted and seen so that they can be passed and enacted in time. Always here to help, I am more than willing to help with any legislation ideas and/or any other SG initiative.
9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
  - a. (Fake) GAP Chair Temple: 18 Days to Election!
10. Old Business-
  - a. Resolutions
    - i. None

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## b. Proclamations

- i. **Proclamation 54-XX [Proclamation Recognizing November 11th, 2022 ...]**
  1. Speech: Thank you for seeing this today. So this proclamation is to recognize Veterans Day on November 11th. We also recently rebranded the VARC as the military and veterans student success center MVSC. It is under the office of military student success. Getting that sent out to students is also important. We do have two ROTCs on campus for veterans. Not only do we serve veterans, we also create them. We also have lots of veterans in students' families that receive benefits for going to school here, we also have current service members that work here.
  2. Questions:
    - a.
  3. Debate:
    - a. Amendments seen as technicals
    - b. Spaulding; This proclamation is great, glad we are seeing this today instead of seeing it next week. Spreads a great message, helps us advocate for the student body. In full support. Thank you for bringing this proclamation to our attention.
    - c. McClellan: More of a question for Brodie, all students and all staff email lists - not sure if we have the ability to say that we send this proclamation through there. I would check that for the contacts - after they've been signed and approved - that you send this proclamation to the people that you have listed. Not sure if you have access to send it, I will get clarification to check. It may not be doable. Other than that, this proclamation is great.

## 4. Vote: **7-0-0**

- c. New Semester Projects
  - i. None
- d. Concern Forms.
  - i. None

## 11. New Business-

- a. Resolutions
  - i. **Resolution 54-13 [Resolution Urging the University of Central Florida t...**

**Tabled in favor of Resolution 54-14; Picked up 3:10pm**

1. Speech

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- a. Howdy! Had a zoom class until 2:45. First of all, Ryan - thank you for your suggestion on my new comment. This resolution is pretty straightforward about UCF's response towards the Hurricane. We wanted to get a solid list of demands that UCF could meet. Had a meeting of about 10 senators and non-senators, where we assembled our demands. If you have any questions, let me know!
- 2. Questions
  - a. McClellan: So I have seen this for longer than everyone else, could you elaborate on whether there was just one RA or more?
    - i. One of my classmates texted me and told me that RA's were forced to work during the storm. It was ridiculous. On-campus housing flooding has been a nightmare for months.
  - b. Cura: He said on-campus flooding - do you mean the apartments off-campus...?
    - i. Not sure, the student said it was more of a separate complaint
  - c. Capozzi: Is there anything about intensity of the storm?
    - i. Tried to keep it intentionally vague - it isn't my responsibility. UCF was very ill-equipped to deal with the hurricane. They should know what to do because it is common sense. If they want to start hiring contract workers or meteorologists to prepare for hurricanes, that is on them. Whatever they did this time did not work.
  - d. Capozzi: My fear is leaving it too vague will allow UCF to slack off as there is no procedure to deal with it, allowing them to continue classes until when the hurricane hits.
    - i. It is hard because there are so many variables to determine how UCF should address this. Honestly, I think that if UCF could explain how they can deal with it in the future is sufficient, because if they do not live

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up to these expectations, we can hold them accountable.

- e. McClellan: Last week in SBA, we spoke with a student. They are freshmen at UCF who wanted to speak about the hurricane and make sure that there is an established timeline for the university to ensure there is ample time to leave. I am thinking that in this resolution, we could implement a specific clause concerning a required timeline ahead of the hurricane, so that people have ample time to leave.

- i. I hit on that in the Whereas clauses.

### 3. Debate

- a. **Motion to see Brodie's, Foster's Amendment as technicals - passed as technicals**

- b. **Motion to see Tache's and McClellan's Amendments as a block**

- i. Speech

- 1. McClellan: Just fixed wording of one of his clauses - Tache approved it.

- ii. Question

- 1. NA

- iii. Debate

- 1. Becerra: Looks great.


- iv. **Vote: 8-0-0 Amendments pass as a block**

- c. McClellan: I still need to add another clause.

- d. Becerra: I know the Hurricane affected many students, including fellow senators. I am in support of this.

### 4. Vote

- a. **Passed 8-0-0**

- ii.  Resolution 54-13 [Resolution Urging an Investigation into Dr. Mubarak ...]

- 1. Speech

- a. Hi! I have been teaching for almost 3 years. Over my time with CECS, I thought it was a rumor that allegations regarding Dr. Mubarak Shah. Despite not holding the Dean Chair, he is malicious towards students, withholding papers from students who tend to not do the work as he has provided. I have talked

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to legal services and I have been told to not disclose the names of students. These names will be submitted should the Resolution be passed. Students have reported that they have had to work over 12 hours on his work. He has also extended graduation times for students - especially international students - as a result of withholding papers. This is detrimental for graduate students, many of whom could have their VISA revoked as a result of waiting for these papers. He has created a hostile work environment where students are afraid to approach him. He gains recognition as the final author for many PhD student theses, despite little work on his part. UF had a very similar case to this - not as bad - in which a student killed themselves in the research building after failing to gain support from his advisor. A lack of support and being forced to prevent false results led to his death. CRCV is famous because it is one of the only departments on campus in its field; while the research is beneficial, the work environment is extremely hostile. For these reasons, I call on the investigation of Dr. Mubarak Shah.

## 2. Questions

- a. Simko: Out of curiosity, is the Dr. aware of this investigation?
  - i. No. Legal services suggested that I do not inform him as it would impede on the investigation. Additionally, for the safety of his students, it is best to not inform them. Shah is the highest research professor at the university, which means he is paid the most out of the university and has a high position as a result. Mentioning it may lead to silencing.
- b. Becerra: Does UCF know what he has done?
  - i. Yes. I have witnessed this at faculty meetings, and students are commonly dismissed. If the Audit Department were to ask, UCF would be obligated to give information about the case; not me.
- c. Capozzi: Is this only happening to students on a VISA, or everyone?

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- i. Domestic students are there by choice, so no.
- d. Nimbargi: Thank you for having the courage to say something. Are we setting a precedent that professor abuse will not be tolerated here at UCF as a result?
  - i. This resolution would include improving UCF Global policies, implementation of routine audits of researchers, and routine inspections of student working conditions. To be honest, I don't expect much change; however, I chose someone that I knew would do something about it - and four that would not do anything about it. They already know what is happening in the department - hopefully this will encourage them to take action.
- e. Capozzi: You said UCF is aware... was there any true investigation into any of these allegations made or were they brushed off?
  - i. As far as I know, it has never left the department. The reason why is because there is a lot of turnover in the department - only two members have remained. These positions change quite often. Additionally, Shah has a significant amount of power over how faculty meetings go - he has all say over what happens. If you look at his title, it says he is a Trustee Professor. This is because he has a special seat with the Board of Trustees and has interests in UCF from his own standpoint.
- f. Cura: You said that this is generally known, do the people at the end of the document know about these allegations, and will they do something about it?
  - i. Change won't happen until the public knows that the faculty know about this and haven't done anything about it. For the sake of the students, we need UCF to know that this isn't just a department issue - its a university issue.
- g. Becerra: If there is evidence, can the police get involved?

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- i. That's the thing - I didn't know where to go to approach this issue. I figured that if UCF itself launched an investigation independent from the Board of Investigators, it would be better. Threatening something doesn't always count as a criminal act. The hardest part about all of this is that I thought all of these allegations were rumors - but when I became a professor, I realized they were right. It is hard for students to speak up - especially those who are at risk of being deported. Many did not reach out for testimony, likely out of fear. I really didn't know how to present evidence - statements are one of the only ways I can. I wanted to bring witnesses, but again, legal services suggested not doing so - bring it to an independent investigation.
- h. Capozzi: Point of information - involving the police is difficult because there needs to be a lot of evidence, as well as importance in relation to other cases that the police are investigating. Do you think it is just because of his power - or do you think that professors are also enabling this behavior.
  - i. I don't know. From public records, the Grant Applications are a way to connect all professors with the Dr. There's no way to tell if they did anything wrong, but they are connected. Investigators won't notify Shah if he isn't at fault - but if he is, they will. Putting this on the Senate floor will make it obvious if something is to happen to Shah.
- i. Non- Committee member: if he is removed, who would overtake his responsibility - the department or the students?
  - i. This resolution urges UCF to transfer power away from the professor. There are 3 other professors who would be able to do the same thing. If he were removed from conducting research or his position - his co advisors would step in, the co-chair would step in

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- j. Capozzi: Would the investigation be done and then UCF determines the outcome? Or would this resolution urge for his demotion/removal from position?
  - i. It is up to UCF to determine what consequences Shah should receive. The resolution is simply recommendations for what the Audit Staff should look at. Do I think they will do them - no. Just showing support for students is enough. Students will be able to switch out their advisor - Shah.
- k. Capozzi: When they are entered into the program, are students given an advisor or do they choose?
  - i. Students are sponsored by professors. If you don't have a professor that wants you, they ask for one.


## 3. Debate

- a. McClellan: Motion to see amendments as technicals - seen and approved
- b. Becerra: Voting in favor - it's what we need to do. There is clearly evidence - which is unfortunate. I understand the professor is in power, so we as a student body should do something about it. This is a definite concern.
- c. Capozzi: Voting in favor, if we know that there are many concerns regarding this professor, UCF should do something about it, as students are paying to be here.
- d. Nimbargi: Voting in favor, this is about setting a precedent. Students shouldn't be abused by those in power. Hopefully this will save future lives.

## 4. Vote

### a. Passed 8-0-0

## b. Proclamations

- i.  Proclamation 54-14 [Proclamation Recognizing October 2022 as Dom...]

### Tabled for Proclamation 54-15, Picked up at 3:03 PM

## 1. Speech

- a. Hi! In the Women's Caucus, we saw this Proclamation. This month is Domestic Violence Awareness month. Last year, we

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passed this same resolution on the Senate floor. We are reintroducing this. We added more accurate statistics as well:

- i. **WHEREAS**, Twenty-six (26) instances of dating violence were reported on UCF's main campus in 2019 as stated in the Annual Security & Fire Safety Guide 2020-2021;
- ii. **WHEREAS**, Sixteen (16) instances of dating violence were reported in the UCF's on-campus housing in 2019 as stated in the Annual Security & Fire Safety Guide 2020-2021;
- iii. **WHEREAS**, Three (3) instances of domestic violence were reported on the UCF's main campus in 2019 as stated in the Annual Security & Fire Safety Guide 2020-2021;
- iv. **WHEREAS**, Sixty-five (65) percent of all murder suicides involve an intimate partner, whereas ninety-six (96) percent of the victims of these crimes are female according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCDV)

## 2. Questions

- a. Simko to Chair: If we wanted to sponsor, do we just type name?

## 3. Debate

- a. Cura: This is really important and we should bring awareness to it. I also didn't know that this - nevermind. Hearing statistics about domestic abuse on campus is horrible, and it should be none.
- b. Capozzi: We definitely need to recognize the victims of those on campus.
- c. Simko: Also in support, we definitely need to continue passing this proclamation. Providing resources to those who need it is beneficial.

## 4. Vote

### a. **Passed 8-0-0**

## ii. Proclamation 54-15 [Proclamation Celebrating Filipino Heritage Month...]

### 1. Speech

- a. Hi! Here to advocate for this proclamation. Drafted this proclamation - I have 50% Filipino heritage. Ever since I came to UCF, I have reconnected with this culture. After seeing so many Filipinos at UCF, I was able to reinvigorate this love for where I came from. Not only do I want others to

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look into this culture, but also to connect with it on a level I - and many others - have been able to do. Our connected culture has united us as a community. *\*cough cough\** We will do whatever it takes to help each other. If you can look at the Proclamation, you can see a variety of statistics regarding how important Filipino culture is - it isn't just about how we were conquered. Before the American occupation, the Spanish controlled the Philippines. Since American occupation, there has been immigration to the US despite backlash. After gaining independence, there was another wave of skilled workers to the US. Not only did they provide skills, 1 in 20 nurses are trained in the Philippines. This also extends the fact that the US was built in part by Filipinos - and people should be cognizant of this.

## 2. Questions

- a. Cura: Out of curiosity, how long did this resolution take?
  - i. Took a few days.
- b. Becerra: What is your favorite Filipino food?
  - i. Pancit.
- c. Nimbargi: In passing this, what do you see as the impacts for the Filipino community?
  - i. Drive curiosity. Things that you don't know may put you off - that is why if more people know about it, they may enjoy it more.
- d. Becerra: I know it isn't popular here, but do you like dried insects?
  - i. No, not my favorite.
- e. Becerra: They're good, nice and crunchy
  - i. I know there is a dish where you eat raw cooked duck egg.
- f. McClellan: Question - how do you eat a raw dish and call it prepared?
  - i. Balut - it is steamed, so it is cooked!

## 3. Debate

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- a. Capozzi: That's funny you mention that - when you see what other cultures eat, some food looks very off-putting, but there are so many things we can take from other cultures that are delicious.
- b. Cura: Full support. I think it is really cool, I didn't know that October is Filipino Heritage month. As a Cuban American, I didn't know there was a Caribbean Heritage month.
- c. Becerra: Also in support, very well written. Great to raise awareness.
- d. Nimbargi: Filipino culture is amazing, I support raising awareness.

#### 4. Vote

##### a. **Passed 8-0-0**

#### c. New Semester Projects

##### i. None

#### d. Concern Forms

##### i. Responses:

##### 1. Andres

- a. Wants additional support for RSOs, specifically further allocation of resources to help RSOs navigate SG and OSI
- b. Debate
  - i. McClellan: Would love to help, but I don't know what to specifically target.
  - ii. Anderson: He is part of a few RSOs, he said that he is struggling to understand what to do fiscally and what to do in regards to procedures for OSI, and how SG can help RSOs. We can reach out to him to see if we can do more to help.
  - iii. McClellan: Did the fiscal committees do something with Hispanic Caucus to help with reaching out for fiscal?
  - iv. Anderson: Yes. There were zoom calls for the fiscal policy - not everyone showed up. Also did this for Black caucus. We need to figure out how to increase turnout. Putting information on the website may help.

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Adding the powerpoints for what fiscal, SBA can do + add information for FAQs. Tabling isn't going to be enough.

- v. Becerra: Will speak during open forum. His speech asks for SG to help RSOs with adding workshops and more information for newly-founded RSOs. Ethan summarized this and said that he wants SG to go to OSI.
- vi. Anderson: Reached out to OSI, will reach out to Brodie to help get a response to OSI - even if it is just partnering with OSI to get the powerpoints put online. Getting IT involved on KnightConnect to get info put online as well helps.
- vii. Ryan: I have seen other senators go to OSI - we should do the same.
- viii. Anderson: We will provide minutes for this.
- ix. Foster: I talked to Shane, sent an email because he is never in his office.

## 2. Anonymous

- a. About the iced tea at Chick-fil-a.
  - i. "Students are paying for Sweet Iced Tea & they are receiving warmer room temperature hot tea with a couple ice cubes tossed in it and 1/5 a cube of sugar."
  - ii. "It's a horrid shame & I would like Student Government to please represent the taste buds of the student body with this horrible debauchery & miscarriage of Tea Brewing."
- b. McClellan: That is a dog water take. Difference between sweet tea and iced tea. This person probably got unsweet tea! That is likely the explanation. Nobody likes bland tea, though!
- c. Muhammad: Talk to dining services.
- d. Capozzi: Do they have sweet tea? If they have sweet tea and they ask for iced tea, what do we do? We can talk to dining services.

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- e. Anderson: We did get submissions, we can ignore this. Just wanted to see what the committee would say. My suggestion is to simply ignore it. If it wasn't anonymous, we could update it.
- f. Non-committee: They basically just take a warm bucket of tea and add ice.
- g. Anderson: They didn't ask for the right tea.

## 12. Member Discussion-

a.

## 13. Miscellaneous Business-

- a. [W](#) October 14th WikiKnights (1).docx
- b. Non-Committee Member: Question, what would the procedure look like if there was something concerning at a restaurant - ie. sanitation, etc. How would SBA and SG talk to dining services?
  - i. Anderson: No comment, I had a horrible time with dining services. Dining services dismissed my ideas.
  - ii. Traynor: They suck
  - iii. Capozzi: Should we do something about dining services?
  - iv. Muhammad: You are in luck! Dr. Adrienne Frame leads Dining Services.
  - v. Traynor: Dining Services did nothing about food for FYE over the summer.
  - vi. Anderson: Anyone want to write a resolution and seek a meeting?
  - vii. McClellan: I can help. My point is that we should get a meeting set up first, reaching out first is going to be more impactful than with a resolution.
  - viii. Anderson: We will get an email going to get in contact.

## 14. Final Roll Call: 8 /9

## 15. Adjournment: 3:47 P.M.

Key:

P - Present

A - Absent

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PPI - Postpone Indefinitely  
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