



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government  
LJR Committee Meeting  
Charge on Chamber  
10/26  
10:30 AM

## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 10:41 AM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (4): 5/7

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3. [Approval of the Minutes](#): Approved by GC
4. Approval of the Agenda: Approved by GC
5. Announcements from the Chair-
  - a. Hey guys, hope you all had a spectacular week. Stay safe this week and weekend with homecoming and halloween. We have two pieces of legislation to go through as well as 2 absence requests today!
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair-
  - a. Take care of yourself! I know I have been lacking! Stay safe and have fun!!
7. Announcements from Committee Members-
  - a. E&A Representative-
    - i. None

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- b. GAP Representative Tache-
  - i. None
- c. SBA Representative-
  - i. None.
- d. Pro-Temps Office-
  - i. Hello, today we have two pieces of legislation, one resolution and one internal bill. Both aim to change how committee membership works in one way and another.
- 8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
  - a. None
- 9. Old Business-
  - a. Bills
    - i. None.
  - b. Resolutions
    - i. None.
  - c. Absences
    - i. None.
  - d. Blanket Excuses
    - i. None.
- 10. New Business-
  - a. Bills
    - i. [Internal Bill 54-28](#) [Updates to Title III: Senate Committee Membership][Senator Spaulding]
      - 1. Speech:
        - a. McClellan: This is going to change how the total count for committees work. This will make it 8 instead of 15 members. It will also ensure there will be a minimum of 4 seats in each committee. If the number lowers no member can be removed but they can step down.
      - 2. Questioning:
        - a. Wangen: Have any chairs been talked to?
          - i. McClellan: I do not believe so

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- b. Parmar: After this session will the committee numbers change?
  - i. McClellan: With that 20% it will change with the total number of senators.
- c. Wangen: How does the introducer intend to enforce 308.1 (A)?
  - i. McClellan- as of right now we do not know how to enforce that section.
- d. Wangen- Do you think it is beneficial to force senators to join committees they do not have any interest in? Do you think it is helpful to have those senators possibly not come and have quorum issues?
  - i. McClellan: I do not think that is the best plan, The intention is to have an even number across the committee so each committee can be as effective as they can. To touch on the quorum issue, they could possibly be removed from the committee if they simply don't show up.
- e. Parmar: Based on A let's say that there are only four senators. If they don't show up and then are dismissed and now there are three senators this would violate the A clause?
  - i. McClellan: That is a good point if there are 4 and someone doesn't show up then there are only 3. There are a couple of problematic issues in the bill. However, I don't have all the answers.
- f. Wangen: It states CRT, FAO, and E&A were the chairs of any of these committees contacted?
  - i. McClellan: I do not believe so.
- g. Wangen: Is it better to have a low number and active committee than a high number and low active numbers?
  - i. McClellan: I would say low number with active is technically better. LJR did function pretty well with only 3 members.
- h. Wangen: Why are you taking your name off the bill?

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- i. McClellan: I put my name on it because I had the ability to speak on it, I am removing it because I will not be putting my name as a sponsor on any bills going forward.
  - i. Wangen: Do you expect members to be an active participant, who didn't necessarily want to be on the committee?
    - i. McClellan: There are people currently who are in that situation due to time conflicts with their desired committee, and they should always be active members.
  - j. Chair: What happens if the minimum is not met?
    - i. McClellan: I'm not sure.
- 3. Debate
  - a. Parmar: This bill is very vague, I believe this should be postponed so that the writer of this bill can come and speak on it.
  - b. Wangen: I am lucky to have a full committee. But I have talked to Borges chair of CRT, they do have active members that make up for the lack of people. I don't think making people who don't want to be on a committee is a good idea.
  - c. McClellan: Move to see my amendment: Technical
  - d. Chair: I think this will cause more issues than solves
  - e. Wangen: Clarification on what they meant
  - f. Hurrell: I understand why they wanted it to be written but I see the issues. I do think it might be good to have it on the senate floor.
  - g. Parmar: I believe it will be a waste of time to have this on the senate floor.
  - h. McClellan: I will speak with Foster and Spaulding to talk to individuals to adjust and then speak on it. Move to PP
- 4. Vote PP
  - a. Resolutions
    - i. [Resolution 54-15](#) [Updates to Senate Rule 2: Standing, Ad Hoc Committees, and Caucuses][Senator Parmar]
      - 1. Speech:

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- a. Parmar: I created this bill to change 2 committees per senator. This restricts senators, so F will allow senators to be on more if exec believes they will benefit all committees. This will be helpful for individuals who are interested in higher executive positions.
2. Questioning:
  - a. Wangen: Why do you think people who have time to be on more than 2 committees should be able to exercise their voice more than those who don't have the time?
    - i. Parmar: I believe there will be few individuals who will actually want to be on 3 committees. Many senators are sitting on only 1 committee, and not many are willing to join more than 2 committees. Time conflicts can not be avoided due to school.
3. Debate
  - a. Wangen: I am undecided, I think keeping it at 2 is better. Yes I would like to be on more than 2 committees but I don't think that allowing individuals to have more voting power than those who don't necessarily have the time.
  - b. McClellan: I am in the middle as well. I am leaning more towards yes because it does go through senate exec. I don't believe the senate exec will allow individuals to go on a committee just because they want to. I do see the issue with the voting power.
  - c. Wangen: I am saying this as I was basically on 7 committees at once over the summer, I am still unsure about the power imbalance there will be as well but I was representing someone else. I think someone who is on SBA and GAP who wants to be on another committee is just taking the spot on GAP. I will say I think the senate exec will be lenient to those who want to be on multiple committees.
  - d. Parmar: I thought about that as well, I am planning on making a side bill for senate exec where they will need to do a presentation as well as show there will be no time conflicts with school or work.

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- e. McClellan: Just speaking on what was just spoken. I don't think there needs to be a bill to state there needs to be a presentation. However, I will say exec is a little more lenient this session.
- f. Chair: there are some technicals,
- g. Parmar: Move to see the rest of the amendments as a block
  - i. Speech: Explains amendments, wangen speaks on the format changes
  - ii. Questioning:
    - 1. None
  - iii. Debate:
    - 1. Parmar: MTV
  - iv. Vote: 5-0-0
- h. Chair: I think it is fine to be seen on the floor but I don't have an issue with it personally.
- i. Wangen: This is not a censure, we should be voting on whether it makes sense.
- j. Hurrell: Clarifies Chair usually doesn't speak on her own opinion.
- k. Borges: This will technically give them the power of the pro temp. If I wanted to be on all 7 this gives me that possibility, where I can have more voting power than most Senators.
- l. Yalamanchilli: I think that the limit of 2 committees is there for a reason, that being for people to have a life. This will allow a senator who is a try hard to make the senate their whole life. There are senators who will want to be on almost every committee and it will become their whole life.
- m. Parmar: I believe that any senator who wants to learn more about committee businesses, and learn more about student government should have the opportunity to do so.
- n. Borges: The big point of learning more, is not necessarily a good point. You can attend the committee to learn, just like the SGLCers here, I do go to almost all committees when I can.
- o. Chair: Borges' amendment might alleviate some problems

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- p. Borges: I don't think that will be worth it cause there are more issues with the bill than just that. The Senate exec has different opinions than all of the Senate. This gives Exec too much power.
- q. McClellan: It will allow you to go through the senate floor as well.
- r. Borges: When being appointed no one can object
- s. Parmar: I will agree with Borges on this one I was meaning elected not appointed.
- t. Yalamanchilli: In my opinion that will not fix all the problems, no one will object. They almost never object. To save work life balance we should allow this bill. We should pass this bill unfavorably.
- u. McClellan: The argument of putting too much time into senate is a them problem but the argument about the voting weight is what is swaying me to be opposed.
- v. Chair: that is why I thought borges amendment would help
- w. Wangen: Reps exist to fix the want to be on more committees. They don't hurt quorum either they just help it. I think the Reps should be as much help as they need because they are giving the position off of qualifications. This bill kind of gets rid of the interest in being a rep. I don't think creating another issue with pushing interest away from those reps is a good idea.
- x. Borges: I totally agree with wangen, and was waiting for her to bring it up as I knew she would say it perfectly. It doesn't make sense to me as a CRT chair, even with the intent of this bill to be there to help low-membership committees.
- y. Parmar: Do all committees have reps?
  - i. Wangen: Explains reps
- z. Parmar: Would you feel better if we change it to have a previous rep?
  - i. Wangen: I would hope exec wouldn't allow someone with no experience to be on a committee.

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aa. Yalamanchilli: I agree with Borges on the quorum issue. It will decrease the ability they have to devote to a committee.

Without quorum a committee can not function.

bb. McClellan: Move to see the amendments

i. Speech: Borges: This will amend it to only 3

ii. Questioning:

1. Parmar: can you explain appointed vs. elected

a. Borges: explains difference

2. Pamar: Would you feel it better if the exec first has to elect them and then have the senate approve it as well?

a. Borges: The only issue by doing that is some committees are strictly

3. Debate:

a. Wangen: The amendments make it better

b. McClellan: Agreed MTV

4. Vote 6-0-1

4. Vote: Denied 1-4-2

b. Absences

i. Akhila Damarla 10/20; whole meeting

1. Speech

a. "Medical Illness"

b. Proof: Note from UCF Health Services

2. Questioning:

a. MTD

3. Debate:

a. Borges: we approve all of these

b. Wangen: MTV

4. Vote 7-0-0

ii. Aaron Brenner 10/20; whole meeting

1. Speech

a. I have recently just been exposed to Covid-19. I am going to get a test later today but if I have the chance of being positive, I truly don't want anyone to get sick.

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- b. Proof: None
- 2. Questioning:
  - a. Borges: Sorry I haven't been here in a while, do we usually approve with no evidence?
    - i. Chair: we have before yes
- 3. Debate
  - a. McClellan: I am in the middle. I don't know if just being exposed is good enough.
  - b. Borges: Can we wait to maybe see a text
    - i. Yes but usually it isn't very necessary
  - c. Borges: If I came every week saying I have been exposed would we do a cap of how many times we do that.
    - i. Yes because at that point it's a little too much.
  - d. Borges: I will not be making the motion to PP, he has gone through a lot lately and I would be fine with taking it as is for him.
- 4. Vote 5-0-1
  - c. Blanket excuses
    - i. None.
- 11. Member Discussion-
  - a. Parmar: Happy Halloween!!
- 12. Miscellaneous Business-
  - a. [Titles Crash Course](#)
    - i. Informal: 11:48 AM
    - ii. Formal: 12:07 PM
- 13. Final Roll Call: 6/7
- 14. Adjournment: 12:08 AM

Key:

P - Present

A - Absent

MTD - Move to Debate

MTV - Move to Vote

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MTA- Move to Amend

PP - Postpone

PPI - Postpone Indefinitely

GC - General Consent

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