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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 12:11pm
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 8/14

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Modha			P
Vice Chair Castillo	sga_ecs1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Damarla	sgaela@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Foster	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Guel	sga_ea@ucf.edu	P	A
Speaker Hall	sga_spkr@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Hurrell	sgacreol1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Kostis	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	P	A
Senator Millington	sga_ba6@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Temple	sga_ba8@ucf.edu	P(12:50)	E
Senator Yalamanchili	sgaila@ucf.edu	P(12:30)	P
Senator Modha	sga_ba1@ucf.edu	P	
Senator Tribble	sga_cah2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Uchoa	sgamed3@ucf.edu	P	P

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Womxn's Caucus

Friday, October 7, 2022

12:00 pm, SG Conference Room/Zoom

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3. Approval of the Minutes: [10/4/2022](#) GC
4. Approval of the Agenda: 10/7/2022 GC
5. Announcements from the Chair:
 - a. Hi everybody! Thank you so much for electing me! This position will help get where I want to be.
6. Announcements from the Vice-Chair:
 - a. Good afternoon! Congrats to Chair Modha!
7. Announcements from Caucus Members:
 - a. Senator Uchoa: Premed AMSA will be hosting an event for Breast Cancer awareness month on the 25th at 7:00pm. This event will also be used to raise funds for the cause, and we would love the support of the Womxn's Caucus. Ideas are always welcome as well!
 - i. Hurrell: Is it open to everyone or just UCF members?
 1. It is open to everyone
8. Announcements from Non-Caucus Members:
 - a. Patel: Working on a bill for domestic violence awareness month and am meeting with UCF PD to go over the most recent statistics for UCF Students, and how SG can make an impact for those students. Might Remand the bill to the Women's Caucus? Not sure yet.
9. Old Business:
 - a.
10. New Business
 - a. Changing the Caucus' name from "Womxn's Caucus" to "Women's Caucus"
 - i. Yalamanchili: I don't know why they use the X, it is transphobic. It is dumb we should get rid of it.
 - ii. Hurrell: I would like to be a part of it.

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- iii. Foster: I can help, Guel wanted to do it last session.
- iv. Barekman: I have a trans sister, I feel like creating this inclusivity alienates people. Transwomen are women.
- v. Hurrell: directed to Barekman- When we say those who identify as women it can get complicated. Are you in favor of women with an E?
- vi. Barekman: Yes, but adding in people who identify as women, draws additional boxes around them. We should let people be people.
- vii. Hurrell: I agree, we have women in lasers and optics in creole. I personally just say women, not those who identify. I realize at GBMS they will say that, and people sometimes feel they're not women, even though we see them as a women.
- viii. Castilo: We're gonna get started on the legislation.
- b. Ex-officio Seats
 - i. Castilo: The previous chair reached out to organizations but heard nothing back, we should try again.
 - ii. Foster: how many seats do we have?
 - iii. Castilo: I think three.
 - iv. Hurrell: I have a few RSO's I can contact.
- c. Ideas for an event
 - i. Castilo: We're looking to host an event. We can try and host a domestic violence awareness event this month, or a safety walk.
 - ii. Safety Walk
 - 1. Foster: In favor of the safety walk
 - 2. Hurrell: Can you explain what a safety walk is?
 - 3. Foster: Going around campus checking to see if any areas are dark and that seem unsafe to women
 - 4. Modha: I agree with Foster, we need to bring awareness to it. It is really hard walking around on campus. Personal experience, I tend to put my keys in between my knuckles. It happens more to women of color than white women. Write an initiative that put more blue lights, especially around Greek Park
 - 5. Hurrell: I do agree that women of color are more unsafe than white women. I believe that the safety walk should have a diverse group of individuals on it.



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6. Temple: We should reach out to RSO's, especially minority RSO's. African American, Latin American and APIA communities have higher rates of sexual harassment, especially APIA women.
7. Foster: We can get pepper spray and hand it out to women
8. Yalamanchili: I think we should reach out to queer RSOs. There are plenty of lgbt women that are not comfortable walking around campus as well.

iii. Respectful Walking

1. Hurrell: I was thinking about doing a seminar for individuals for respectful walking at night.
2. Tribble: I fully support what Hurrell says.
3. Modha: I also support that. Women are way more aware of their surroundings than men are.
4. Foster: I agree with Hurrell. Also, have a panel for safety around women and invite men to listen in on it.

11. Member Discussion:

- a. Tribble: Are we open to changing the meeting time?
- b. Foster: The chair can change the meeting times
- c. Modha: I will try to send out a when2meet or a poll on GroupMe
- d. Castillo: We should change the meeting time since ORS usually takes a long time at Wednesday
- e. MTI at 1:07pm
- f. MTF at 1:14pm
- g. MTI at 1:15pm

12. Miscellaneous Business:

- a. Chair Elections:
 - i. Nominations:
 1. Senator Modha
 - ii. Speeches:
 1. Hi everyone, I am Yashica Modha. A bit about me is that I am an Economics major with a minor in Political Science. I am a senior graduating in Fall 2023 and this is my first year in Senate. The fun facts about me are that I am passionate about music, the environment, and trying to live a healthy and sustainable lifestyle.



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I believe that my experiences have led me to where I am today. For instance, during my time at ALPFA UCF I have been on two committees where I have always put the organization's members first whether it's by planning events to get more engagement or making sure that we are able to fundraise properly to take as many members as we can to our National Convention every year. I have the soft skills to talk to individuals about their needs, especially with the internships I've had when talking to clients, and always make sure to get what needs to be done as soon as possible. I want to make a difference in the Womxn's Caucus to advocate for women, especially women of color. I am the only woman of color representing the College of Business Admin and I am using my voice to help those that need it.

As your chair, I want to focus on bringing women together. For example, I want to host an event to advertise RSOs that are based around women. Finding new ways to create a safe place for those that do identify as female at UCF by making menstrual products more accessible on campus, having meetings to discuss what we can improve for our students, etc. I am always open to new ideas and want everyone in this Caucus to come together with the same goal in mind.

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iii. Questions:

1. Hurrell: We've been talking about doing events for domestic violence is this something you're interested in?
2. Modha: I'm an advocate for people in that situation to get the help they need. We should take a stand on that
3. Guel: What are a couple on initiatives or plans you have for the caucus?
4. Modha: I want to bring women RSO's together, have a panel or event to have them talk about what makes them unique. I want to also make menstrual products more accessible.
5. Hurrell: Guel hosted an event like this last year and Foster volunteered she can help you.
6. Guel: Is there a way you plan on helping fill the ex officio seats?



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7. Modha: We can reach out to different colleges for example we have Women in Business from the College of business, we can reach out to the medical field.
8. Kostis: How can women's caucus respond to Roe V Wade and the potential abortion ban in Florida?
9. Modha: I believe those are human rights considering the Government should not be governing the use of our bodies.
10. Guel: One of the things Women's caucus hosts is a safety walk can you come up with ideas to promote safety?
11. Modha: I know when I feel like I'll be on campus late, I'll use the buddy system.
12. Hurrell: Are you interested in changing the X in Women's caucus to an E?
13. Modha: I would be in support of changing it, I'm open towards new people and trans women are just as validated as Cis gendered women.
14. Guel: How will you ensure people are active in the caucus.
15. Modha: Communication is key, I'm willing to move things aside so we can all meet. I'm willing to do hybrid in case we can't all meet in person.

iv. Debate

1. Hurrell: Senator Modha spoke very well she has the passion to lead very well.
2. Foster: She answered the questions well, and is a people person, and I think she would be able to lead the caucus well.
3. Guel I have high expectations she will lead well. I think she can restructure the caucus. I think this is a great position to grow in, and I'm excited. Encourages all to vote in favor.
4. Uchoa: Speaks highly in favor, I knew her for a year and she has always been involved in these causes. She is passionate.
5. Yalamanchili: I didn't hear the speech but she is cool! Will vote in favor.

v. Vote: 9-0-0 Senator Modha is elected chair.

b. Yashica's Wellness Check:

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- i. Yalamanchili: I have an exam next week, which sucks. I've been doing good
 - ii. Hurrell: I have two exams next week. It drives me insane. I also have to submit a fiscal bill for my RSO.
 - iii. Tribble: For mental health we could give a rating out of 10. I'm feeling like a 7 right now. It isn't anything major yet.
 - iv. Castillo: I have an assignment due at midnight. The assignment is daunting; it is for a CS class, discrete.
 - v. Foster: I'm doing pretty good! I'm probably sitting at an 8 right now. As a grad student, I am considered full time with 3 classes.
 - vi. Uchoa: I'm feeling great. I just have to get my mind off school.
 - vii. Modha: I have 4 exams in two weeks. At least one exam every week. I'll be ok. I won't be that active during the week of the 17th.
 - c. IceBreaker Check: What halloween costume are you wearing to the themed senate meeting?
 - 1. Yalamanchili: I will dress up as an imperial navy officer from Star Wars
 - 2. Tribble: I don't know yet, maybe Senator Amadala
 - 3. Castillo: A big Among Us Costume
 - 4. Modha: I don't know yet, maybe Gym Junkie, or Yoda because it rhymes with Modha
 - 5. Hurrell: I will go as Han Solo or Princess Leia
 - 6. Uchoa: I have no idea but I might go as Anakin
 - 7. Foster: I don't know either, I might for a matching costume or a Star Wars character
 - d. Advocacy by Ashley:
 - 1. Read: A Vindication of the Rights of Woman by Mary Wolstonecraft
 - 2. Watch: The Virgin Suicides, directed by Sofia Coppola
 - 3. Listen: Just a Girl by No Doubt
 - e. MTF at 1:43pm
13. Final Roll Call: 7/14
14. Adjournment: 1:45PM

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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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