



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLICY

UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
Charge On Chambers
11/16/2022
3:00PM
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 3:10 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum(8): 14/14

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Temple	sgagap@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice-Chair Almenar	sga_sci1@ucf.edu	P	P
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Senator Castelin	sga_sci3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Cura	sga_ba2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Domino	sga_grst1@ucf.edu	A (3:20 PM)	P
Senator Holmes	sga_sci6@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Kostis	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	P	E
Senator Martin	sga_sci10@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Modha	sga_ba1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Mole	sga_cah3@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Tribble	sga_cah2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Urea	sgasci14@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Yalamanchili	sgachps4@ucf.edu	E (3:20 PM)	P
Pro Temp Rep.	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P

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LJR Rep	sgsci13@ucf.edu	P	P
GAC McLain	sggovaffairs@ucf.edu	P	E

3. Approval of the Minutes: [11/2/2022](#): Approved by GC
4. Approval of the Agenda:
5. Announcements from the Chair-
 - a. Good afternoon, everyone!
 - b. Today was going to be a discussion day but we have legislation to see!!! Sorry for it being so last minute!
 - c. We are still waiting on the legislation from the Capitol to begin rolling in. I did see that the interim committee dates are now posted on the Florida Bar Association's [website](#). For reference, the committees are on the following days:
 - i. 3-6 January 2023
 - ii. 17-20 January 2023
 - iii. 23-27 January 2023
 - iv. 6-10 February 2023
 - v. 13-17 February 2023
 - vi. 20-24 February 2023
 - d. This does mean that we will need to begin our Legislative Priority Resolutions soon, and I was hoping to get them started after we return from Thanksgiving and bear down on them at the beginning of the Spring Semester. There is a good chance our priorities may not line up with the legislation from the State Legislature, which I will discuss with the GAC and see what to do when that is the case, as well as possibly meet with former Chair Galloway on this matter.
 - e. Moreover, I am continuing my initiative in researching the CHILDRENs Act for Documented DREAMERs and plan on drafting a resolution urging our federal representatives in the Senate to support the bill within the coming week.
 - f. Moreover, myself and GAC McLain are arranging for a time with Amanda to follow up with a post-election meeting, and I wanted to see what you all had in mind about what we did and what can be done better moving forward.

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10. New Business- 3/5/5

- a. [Resolution 54-XX](#) [Resolution Advocating for Voter Registration at Freshman Orientation] [Senator Caldwell] (Will be 54-19)

i. Speech

1. These are my first 3 pieces of legislation, all of them have the similar issue. That democracy does not work for working people, we have all struggled with almost everything in life. Infrastructure, taxes, wages, many americans feel that our government does not listen to us. UCF does a good job having polling sites but a big issue with Voter registration as there are hundreds of volunteers on campus chasing down students to register. We should have voting orientation for freshmen on campus. There are many hurdles that we can explain to students. Many of us in this room spend hundreds and thousands of hours registering people to vote. A Lot of us can do far more if people are already registered to vote.

ii. Question

1. Almenar: As someone who has worked with voter registration organizations, do you intend to work with such organizations?
 - a. Caldwell: Yeah, I am aware that the laws are strict, and there are countless third party organizations that register students. If UCF wants to register students, they have no trouble with getting staffers out there. If they want to bring someone outside in or
2. Yalamanchili: Considering we have freshman who come in earlier than 18, even tho some states have pre registration. Would you amend the legislation would you include this?
 - a. Yes.
 - b. Tache: it is the same form.

iii. Debate:

1. Yalamanchili: will be supporting this legislation, voter registration should be pursued for all students. Many students did not vote because they were not registered.
2. Kostis: agrees with Yalamanchili.

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3. Almenar: As someone who has helped voter registration, people want to be approached not when they're with friends or doing their own things but in a more official capacity like through Orientation. We may register only 5 people at a time with the former strategy, and this leads to not getting a whole lot of turnout.
 4. Caldwell: In the be it resolved it calls for meetings with administrators. Context for the student organizations. They have been the most involved.
 5. Brodie: Quick Comments, this is strictly a grammar thing all the therefore be it resolved should be one sentence. Connect it. The key is the should. You can not state an opinion that they will do something.
- iv. Vote:
1. 14-0-0 passed
- b. [Resolution 54-XX](#) [Resolution Advocating for Lobbying Reform at the University of Central Florida] [Senator Caldwell] (54-20)
- i. Speech
 1. Similar to the others, What makes voter participation not impact democracy is the legalized system of bribery in America, lobbying. In this case students over University. UCF spends 160,000 dollars a year in lobbying funds. It goes to a lobbying firm. UCF does not disclose where the lobbying effort goes too. We only get a statement that 160,000 dollars went to lobbying. UCF has some influence over the government with this money that students don't know about. This resolution is about making this more transparent and having the university relying on faculty and student body senate to approve spending.
 - ii. Question
 1. Temple: have you reached out to shane from OSI?
 - a. Has not reached out to shane specifically, but has sent many emails to many different administrators who have more direct control of this and none of them reached back out.
 2. Tache: so the board of trustees that approves this spending and who is appointed by the governor is in charge of all of this?

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- a. Yes.
 - b. Tache: oof.
 3. Temple: how do you think the SG senate and faculty senate can affect this?
 - a. That we could try to shift this, but the board of trustees allocates all this. What this would look like is the administration talking to us on what they want to lobby on. They have the power to do this.
 4. Almenar: I agree with the sentiments of the bill, but since the reactions you've received were nonexistent, do you think they'll pay attention to this and actually act on it?
 - a. Caldwell: I think most of you know it centers around organizing and this is one aspect of the campaign. We are doing similar campaigns surrounding getting support from SGs across the nation and getting them to sign onto Youth Power Pledge, demanding such transparency and showing the university we care about it and that it is worth it making this more transparent. This is one facet of many, and our pledge has gotten 500 signatures, likely more. We're going to continue this.
 5. SGLCer Rubenstein: Regarding one of the bill's Clauses, lobbyists do have to publicly disclose their actions. Moreover, the 160,000 appears to not be from a total expenditure, but rather individual
 - a. Yes I can answer to both, yes lobbyist have disclose they're the meetings but the corporation does not have to disclose who they lobby too, this is more for have more transparency where our money is going too. For the private donations these things get conflated. He can assure that this is not private, it is UCF.
- iii. Debate
1. Kostis: thinks this is great and should vote in favor i have to go
 2. Tache: This is the most important of the resolutions, it should be a general consensus among us that this is important. We have a limited power compared to other SGs and since we have a dedicated

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GAP committee, this can expand our authority and it is a moral thing we may do.

3. Holmes: I commend Caldwell for this, and seeing him spearhead the fight against this issue is encouraging especially after the midterms
4. Yalamanchili: I will support, students want to know where their money goes and they want a say on the matters that are being discussed and where there money is going.
5. Almenar: I too am in support, I did want to discuss more about the fact that UCF spends a lot and we don't know where this is going, but I also want to talk about FSU and UF. They have a significant amount of control over their lobbying agenda over their secret societies and their oversized influence. People from those societies calls ours the most democratic because of that lack of secret societies. So maintaining and expanding the democratic aspects of this initiative will help.
6. Caldwell: So UCF has Spend 2.7 million lobbying since 1998 in comparison we spend less than lobbying but we have less power in lobbying compared to other institutions.

iv. Vote:

1. 12-0-0

- c. [Resolution 54-XX](#) [Resolution Advocating for Accessible Voting on Campus]
[Senator Caldwell] (54-21)

i. Speech

1. Back to Voting Rights, it is really hard to vote if you have a 8 hour shift and a 3 hour class on election day, it is harder to vote on election day because you have to vote at your specific precinct. It is simple to send students to live oak and for them to send them to their voting site. Working americans cant vote on election day to these issue. We want ucf to suspend classes on election day. UCF has touted our high voter turnout in past years unlike this past year. Getting UCF to continue to support having a polling site on campus.

ii. Question

1. Yalamanchili: does not know who andrew cartwright is, can this be seen as a technical?

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- a. Yes, seen as a technicality.
 2. Almenar: I haven't had time to see the resolution, but does the resolution have a call to move our polling site from Live Oak?
 - a. No, there is not one. I did not choose to do that, seeing as the Union is organized by a private firm. I am open to moving it somewhere closer.
 3. Tache: Just Currious if you would amend election day to election days due to special elections.
 - a. Yes.
 4. Holmes: would you be open to sending this resolution to other florida universities?
 - a. This is already happening with other schools with friend and comrades in FSU and UF.
 5. Tache: the thing I suggested does not matter.
- iii. Debate
1. Almenar:
 - a. So this is another resolution that I support. UCF's turnout was bad, really bad this cycle. Early voting numbers were reported to be only 67 people voted only two weeks before the election proper. When I asked about Live Oak, the discussions surrounded the poor location of Live Oak and asked whether we can find a new place to find a new polling station, likely in the Union.
 2. Tache: as far as what JC was talking about this could be a separate resolution and conversation. This feels like two different resolution. Honestly surprised none of my professors cancel classes on election day.
 3. Yalamanchili: was very busy on election day, was on the brink of not voting if not for my father picking me up to vote.
 4. Castelin: what date did you have for this? The universities calendars are set far in advance.
 - a. Ideally would like to see it next year but probably wont happen until 2024.

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- 5. Temple: why is that highlighted?
 - a. I Am not aware why?
- iv. Vote:
 - 1. 12-0-0 passed.
- d. Subcommittees:

XX Subcommittee	XX Subcommittee
Topic of Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">-	Topic of Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">-
Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- N/A	Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">-

11. Member Discussion-

- a. Post-Election Discussion & Long-Term Strategy Discussion:
 - i. Chair: So the reason I wanted to talk about this is because the GAC and I are meeting with Amanda Dever to discuss voter engagement strategies and plans for the future, and I also wanted to debrief on how GAP and the University performed in advertising the election. In other words, I want your input to see what the University and GAP can do long term to engage students more and what we as a committee can do short term.
- b. Breaking News: Respect For Marriage Act passed cloture, will be seeing debate on the floor.

12. Miscellaneous Business-

- a. Yalamanchili: On this day: In 1945, UNESCO was founded. 1973: SkyLab was launched from Cape Canaveral.

13. Final Roll Call: 14/14

14. Adjournment: 4:15PM

Key:

P - Present

A - Absent

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MTD - Move to Debate

MTV - Move to Vote

MTA- Move to Amend

PP - Postpone

PPI - Postpone Indefinitely

GC - General Consent

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