



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLICY

UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
Charge On Chambers
2/6/2023
1:30PM
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 1:39 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum(7): 9/13

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Temple	sgagap@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice-Chair Duke	sga_sci9@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Almenar	sga_sci1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Caldwell	sgacie2@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Castelin	sga_sci3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Capozzi	sgacie1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Domino	sga_grst1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Donovan	sga_ba4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Holmes	sga_sci6@ucf.edu	P(1:57)	P
Senator Kostis	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Tache	sgasci13@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Tribble	sga_cah2@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Yalamanchili	sgachps4@ucf.edu	P(2:27)	E
Pro Temp Rep.	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P(1:44)	P
LJR Rep	VACANT	V	V
GAC McLain	sgagovaffairs@ucf.edu	P	P

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3. Approval of the Minutes: [2/2/2023](#), approved by gc
4. Approval of the Agenda: approved by gc
5. Announcements from the Chair-
 - a. Good afternoon!
 - b. Today is the day where we begin reviewing our legislative priorities for Day At The Capitol Resolutions on first reading! Of course, we will also be reviewing E&A Chair Almenar's resolution. As such, today I strongly encourage you all to be attentive and deliberate in your review of these bills so they are as perfect as possible for the floor and for the legislators, and I also strongly encourage questions and, more importantly, to challenge anything you see in the legislation.
 - c. OTD:
 - i. In 1579, the Archdiocese of Manila (the Philippines) is made into a proper diocese by a papal bull, with one Domingo de Salazar being coronated as its first bishop
 - ii. In 1918, the British Parliament passed the Representation of the People Act of 1918, which granted women suffrage (at least those who were at least 30 and met minimum property requirements).
 - d. Liverpool Fact
 - i. The manager for Liverpool Football Club, Jürgen Norman Klopp, was initially the manager for Mainz (a team he played for up until 2001) and Borussia Dortmund before being appointed as Liverpool's manager in 2015.
6. Announcements from the Vice-Chair-
 - a. Hey everyone! I don't really have any announcements but I'm excited to be your new Vice-Chair! Let's have a great meeting!
7. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. None
8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
 - a. None
9. Old Business-
 - a. None

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10. New Business- 5/5/5

- a. [Resolution 54-30](#) [Resolution Advocating against HB 543 Permit-Less Carry for Florida][Chair Almenar]
 - i. Speech
 1. Almenar: Hello everyone, so this is a similar resolution to what I did over the summer, applying for gun reform. Started working on monday and submitted wednesday. Regards gun carrying.
 - ii. Question
 1. Cast: If this passes, what are your steps for advocating against this?
 2. Almenar: Getting people to speak against this, send to the floor of a legislator. Send this to every state senator and representative so they can see this is something we support.
 3. Kost: Question for Chair and Almenar, can we take this to day at capital?
 4. Temple: Can we bring this to Day at the capital?
 5. Alm: yes
 6. Kostis: can you elaborate on what it is to have a permitless carry?
 7. Almenar: authorization of people to carry a concealed weapon, basically anyone who can get a license can carry, but there are issues with enforcement. Text says you can conceal everywhere except for school campuses, but others argue that there are other areas one can't carry, and others oppose everyone able to receive a license
 8. Capozzi: what does it say regarding ID?
 9. Almenar: when it speaks about ID it talks about state ID
 - iii. Debate
 1. Kostis: I like what this is saying, I hope it goes to the day at the capital, I would like to see more be it resolved clauses, I would like to see more advocacy and action
 2. Capozzi: I agree with Kostis, it's scary that people can walk around without a permit, voting in favor
 3. Castelin: I agree with this bill and fellow senators, would like to see more initiatives with student government and advocacy
 4. Temple: do you intend to send this out to various groups like march for our lives?

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5. Almenar: I haven't thought about doing this
6. Temple: do you think we should put more in the be it resolved clauses?
7. Almenar: I'd be ok with doing that, especially if we send it out to other groups
8. Temple: Are you ok with working on this more?
9. Almenar: yes
- iv. Vote
 1. 8-0-1
- b. [Resolution 54-31](#) [Resolution Expressing the UCF Student Body's Support of Legislation that Directly Affects Civil Affairs][GAP Committee]
 - i. Speech
 1. Temple: This is the first of the day at the capita resolutions, this regards gun violence, but there are also other parts relating to voting rights, affordable housing and resources for students. Most of this bill is all statistics and regards other bills we've seen in prior sessions, other bills in 2021 legislative session that dealt with gun issues. Some parts are more data filled than others, but that doesn't detract from the overall message, and the impact it can have on the student body.
 - ii. Question
 1. Castellin: What is the reason that gun violence related to health and safety?
 2. Temple: Health and safety relates more to medical issues, this is seperate from this. It's an entirely different issue
 3. Capozzi: are there things you'd like to do in senate that would back these issues
 4. Temple: There is other literature from senate that could be used to support the arguments for better gun control and reduction of gun violence. Working with others to find more statistics to include, other senators have created literature that serves as a good foundation. Shane from OSI send over statistics about voter trends and statistics, relates to voting rights and protections in students.
 5. Donovan: The purpose of these resolutions, is it to have them be read by legislators, or is more of a guide?

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6. Temple: These are meant to distill what we want as students to the legislators, more of a checklist
 7. Donovan: Given that we want the legislators to read and consider these, they're really constrained on time, concerned about how much attention legislators will give to whereas clauses, they need to be more impactful
 8. Temple: I was in the 53rd session prior, they were much shorter then
 9. Holmes: even if the resolutions are long, can't we just point them in the directions of be it resolved clauses
 10. Temple: that's what the be it resolved clauses are for
 11. Castellin: didn't we have a breakdown of what the main policies are
 12. Temple: yes we have that, we'll have that again
 13. Capozzi: once the resolutions are seen on 3rd reading, are they sent to the legislators?
 14. McLain: Not completely sure, will find out
- iii. Debate
1. Kostis: move to see Donovan and Kostis's amendments as a block
 2. Kostis: I assume Donovan and I proposed these for the same reason, says instead they should consider these things that we have power and they should do what we ask them to, not less friendly just more assertive
 3. Castellin: I agree, we should be more assertive
 4. Donovan: They work for us, let's tell them what to do
 5. Capozzi: so if these are sent prior to us going, we should try to shorten them, I don't see them reading them again, we need to be clear
 6. Temple: 1st reading is just intended to make sure these are good to be seen on the floor
 7. Donovan: I suggest we don't go heavy on the amendments right now, but before we go into 2nd reading we trim them up a bit
- iv. Vote
1. 10-0-0
- c. [Resolution 54-32](#) [Resolution Expressing the UCF Student Body's Support of Legislation that Directly Affects Civil Rights][GAP Committee]
- i. Speech

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1. Capozzi: So we split the civil rights into different categories, LGBTQ+ rights and gender based rights. They wanted to change the definition of marriage, we wanted to also point out the glass ceiling and different biases that exist.
 2. Donovan: The rest of the resolution talks about workers rights. Teachers are severely underpaid, a lot of education majors at UCF are planning on leaving Florida when they graduate. Included parts about citizen's reproductive rights. They're in serious danger of being stripped away by the current legislator. Students of UCF value reproductive freedom.
 3. Holmes: This also includes racial civil rights. Essentially it is highlighted that there isn't legislation passed, included are statistics about diversity at the university.
- ii. Question
1. Almenar: Are there any wherases peraking on privacy?
 2. Donovan: no
 3. Almenar: original Roes decision was built on privacy, the main reason it got overturned was because of privacy reasons
 4. Donovan: I can include that
- iii. Debate
1. Kostis: move to see amendments as a block
 2. Kostis: not opposed to leaving wherases clauses in, but this is 3 pages long. There are some very important clauses, but removing less potent clauses will increase the overall potency of resolution. Trimming resolution up will help and can be used as ammunition when lobbying.
 3. Donovan: This is great and we'll work to trim it up
 4. McClellan: there's a comma on the resolution, fix as technical
 5. Temple: any further debate?
 6. Holmes: the suggestions I made are not on proper document, fixing them
 7. McClellan: make some cuts, helps with legislators reading
 8. Donovan: motion to see amendments as block
 9. Donovan: similar thing to last bill, adds better language. Got rid of one of its resolved clauses and added workers rights.

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10. Capozzi: these are good, we should pass them
 - a. Amendments pass 10-0-0
11. Holmes: I'm adding in the amendments that we added to our original legislation. They may not read properly, so I tweaked the wrong document.
12. Holmes: not sure how you want me to go about these amendments, we can see them as a block if you'd like.
13. Temple: up to discretion of committee
14. Holmes: motion to see amendments as a block
15. Holmes: These may not read exactly well, I included the fact that there hasn't been legislation written on this topic. In one of the whereas clauses it talks about hispanic american minorities so I added onto that, I also added onto violence towards minority communities
16. Donovan: I like them, can we get rid of the word possibility?
17. Holmes: yes, we can
18. Donovan: motion to debate
19. Donovan: holmes accepted amendment
20. Capozzi: motion to vote
- iv. Vote
 1. 11-0-0
- d. [Resolution 54-33](#) [Resolution Expressing the UCF Student Body's Support of Legislation that Directly Affects Education][GAP Committee]
 - i. Speech
 1. Yalaminchili: Essentially, the purpose of this resolution is to develop the university education. Calls out attacks on education by state legislation such as the STOP WOKE act. Advocated for improving adult education, and teaching about different minority groups that are not often talked about. Contributes to the development of education in Florida which benefits the UCF student body.
 2. Castellin: regarding what was said, we also wanted to include lowering the cost of education and increasing financial aid
 - ii. Question
 1. none.
 - iii. Debate

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1. Capozzi: This is a really great resolution, I like that Castellin is a part of this bill.
2. Kostis: Motion to see amendment
3. Kostis: Just thought this whereas clause is common sense, if anyone has objections feel free to make them
4. Capozzi: move to debate
5. Capozzi: move to vote
6. Amendment is approved 11-0-0
7. Yalaminchili: I support this resolution
- iv. Vote
 1. 11-0-0
- e. [Resolution 54-34](#) [Resolution Expressing the UCF Student Body's Support of Legislation that Directly Affects Environmental Concerns][GAP Committee]
 - i. Speech
 1. Duke: This is a resolution Kostis and I wrote on. Focusing on bills regarding environmental issues. From EVs to the Everglades to single use plastics.
 2. Kostis: I believe one of the bills is to bring more electric vehicles to college campuses and as such we're including clauses. There are a lot more EVs on campus, so bringing them to campus makes sense. We kept the be it further resolved pretty straightforward too
 - ii. Question
 1. McClellan: open to everyone, I'd put a be it resolved prior to everglades section
 2. Capozzi: motion to debate
 - iii. Debate
 1. Yalaminchili: move to vote
 - iv. Vote
 1. 11-0-0
- f. [Resolution 54-35](#) [Resolution Expressing the UCF Student Body's Support of Legislation that Directly Affects Health & Safety][GAP Committee]
 - i. Speech
 1. Wangen: I didn't prep anything but this related to mental illness and accessibility for those with mental illness. Includes wherese sections

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about disabled parking, fetal alcohol syndrome, catalytic converter theft

ii. Question

1. Foster: move to debate

iii. Debate

1. Yalaminchili: better health and better safety is great

iv. Vote

1. 11-0-0

g. Legislative Priorities

- i. [Tentative Agenda/Bills of Interest](#)
- ii. [Legislative Review Briefs](#)

h. Subcommittees:

i. None

Legislative Review Subcommittee	Lobbying Curriculum Subcommittee
Topic of Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bill List- Leg. Review Brief Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">-	Topic of Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">-

11. Member Discussion-

a. Kostis: Responding to the state at DATC

- i. Kostis: I was wondering if we could have a conversation about the implications of what can happen to black and brown communities and LGBTQ+ matters
- ii. Temple: once the resolutions are heard on 2nd and 3rd hearings we will have up until march, we will definitely be discussing this more
- iii. Donovan: in the 3 page resolution there and whereas clauses that relate to this, we can use these
- iv. Holmes:
- v. Temple: Those briefs are meant to condense what are in the resolutions
- vi. Castellin: All GAP members have to apply for Day at the Capitol?

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- vii. McClain: yes, everyone has to apply
 - viii. Capozzi: What day would we know?
 - ix. McClain: Sometime later this month
 - b. Donovan: please everyone cut down the length of their resolutions before Thursday
 - i. Donovan: We should all cut down on the resolutions
 - ii. McClain: Everyone please apply!
 - c. Holmes: Did you ask Labeledz
 - i. Not yet
 - d. Foster: When does DATC applications close?
 - i. 17 February
 - ii. So, not a lot of senators will be in the next session when this starts.
 - iii. Was aware everything will roll over, I'll ask more questions
 - e. Castelin: If there's not enough people, will there be interviews?
 - i. We will still do interviews, for the sake of vetting who is good to go
 - f. Domino: Is the point of the interviews so students can be vetted?
 - i. Yes, Exec made that decision collectively and so we know students are going for the right reasons and with the right mindset
12. Miscellaneous Business-
- a. Kostis: Shoutout to Dleg McClellan for the hardest picture of the year



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ii.

iii. Same energy

b. McClellan: I couldn't sit on SBA until this semester. And then I look at my phone and SBA is canceled...no...

c. Foster:

i. Icebreaker: What is the best piece of advice ever received?

1. Informal: 2:57

2. Formal: 2:59

13. Final Roll Call: 11/13

14. Adjournment: 3:00 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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