



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLICY

UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
Charge on Chamber
04/06/22
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 12:01 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 13/14

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Hall	sga_gap@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice-Chair	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
Senator Almanar	sga_sci1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Bursey	sgacie1@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Caldwell	sgacie2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Castelin	sga_sci3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Darmala	sga_med1@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Domino	sga_grst1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Galloway	sga_grst3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Kostis	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	P	E
Senator Martinez	sga_ba4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Morey	sga_ecs5@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Simko	sgaecs8@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Temple	sga_ba8@ucf.edu	P	P

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Senator Urea	sgasci14@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Temp Rep.	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P
LJR Rep Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
GAC	sgagovaffairs@ucf.edu	A	A

3. Approval of the Minutes: [03/24/22](#); Approved by GC
4. Approval of the Agenda: Approved by GC
5. Open Forum:
 - a. Chair Wangen - GAP and Senate are Non-Partisan
6. Announcements from the Chair-
 - a. None/Thanks
7. Announcements from the Vice Chair-
 - a. None
8. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. Pro-Temp Ciresi
 - i. Hello everyone, Congratulations to the new Chair!!! I have a few quick announcements for you all
 - ii. Applications for the deputy positions are open. The process for applying is to email me a copy of your resume and goal sheet to email by Friday, April 8th at 5pm. Interviews will take place next week
 - iii. Here are my Office hours for this week only. I will have a set recurring schedule after all the Committee Meeting times have been confirmed.
 1. Monday: 8-10am (Virtual), 11am-5pm (On Campus)
 2. Tuesday: 11am-5pm (On Campus)
 3. Wednesday: 8am-5pm (Virtual Only)
 4. Thursday: 1-3pm (On Campus)
 5. Friday: 11am-4pm (Virtual Only)
 - iv. New Leadership
 1. Please begin setting your meeting time for the semester in your group me's they will be due this Thursday by 5pm
 2. Please schedule a 1:1 with me

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3. Vice-Chair Elections will be held at the next committee meetings
- v. Link to sign up for 1:1, they will be hybrid. <https://calendly.com/pro-temp/30min>
- vi. If you're submitting legislation to be seen on first reading Thursday, it is due to me by 5pm Wednesday.
- vii. Please email or Group me if you have any questions!
9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
 - a. Speaker Kehoe
 - i. Congrats Chair Hall!
 1. Senate Exec will be meeting this week
 2. Name Tag
 3. I will check in with you soon!
 - ii. Legislative Assistant applications are now open! Please refer to your email for details. Applications close Friday at noon
 - iii. Anyone for The Pledge of Allegiance? National Anthem?
 - b. Brodie
 - i. Welcome/Congrats
 - ii. Non-Partisan
10. Old Business-
11. New Business-
12. Member Discussion-
13. Miscellaneous Business
 - a. Chair Elections
 - i. Nominations
 1. Sen. Temple
 2. Sen. Hall
 - ii. Speeches
 1. Temple - Freshman major in Econ, minor in History. Extensive SG experience, SGLC and ELC, sitting in Senate in GAP and CRT. APIA Caucus Chair and in Womxns Caucus. Close working relationship with former GAP Chair and GAC. My experience showed me the duties of the Chair, both by reading statutes and observing and

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communicating with former Chair. Role is not to push agenda, but to communicate and engage the student body. I would love to teach students about policy and government. Students need to understand what their representatives are doing, how policies impact them. Worked closely with former GAP Chair, specifically on DATC. Worked with legislative priorities, researching and drafting legislation. Will work to expand GAPs ability to connect with the student body. 22 initiatives listed on other documents. Want committee to be involved in policy briefs to educate the student body. I will be working with the Committee to help the student body to the best of our ability, regardless of outcome today.

2. Hall - Been at UCF since 2019. Served as President of College Dems, and Treasurer of the Cuban American Student Association. Want to expand voter registration across campus. Pursue early voting opportunities, and host voter drives. Want to establish relationships with Supervisors of Elections for Seminole and Orange County. Want to do more for voter education across campus, specifically for marginalized populations. Establish voting education events. Host candidates before elections. More engagement with the government, both politicians and government employees. I want to overhaul the legislative priority survey, working with campus partners, and SG Caucuses. Establish focus groups with GAC for different student populations to identify needs. Want to expand day at city hall. Also work with other Cabinet members, coordinators for various initiatives. Also work with the Judicial Branch, Day at the Courts, bring justices and judges to campus. Create task forces within GAP that allows all SG Agents to participate. Support Hybrid meetings, want as much input from the committee as possible.

iii. Questioning

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1. Galloway - Without a GAP Budget, how will you host events?
 - a. Temple - Have to rely on GAC and exec to host events and funding. Need to reestablish relationships.
 - b. Hall - Reaching out to other Exec positions and Branches to collaborate. The things that GAP works for are important to all students.
2. Kostis - How does GAP being non-partisan affect your process?
 - a. Hall - If we don't stand up for anything, we must support students rights with regards to identity, etc. I want to work with all sides of the political spectrum, and have experience doing so. Want to make sure that we are fighting for UCF as much as possible, regardless of party.
 - b. Temple - As a committee, elected by the students, we have to consider the whole student body. We have to fight for the student body, we will probably see legislation in this realm, and we have to pay attention not just to the politics, but the well being of the students.
3. Almenar - How will you respond when we get issues that favor one side or the other?
 - a. Temple - We can and should work with individuals of all sides of the issue. We want to hear from students and take their opinions into account. We have to act in a non-partisan way, but we won't eschew politics entirely.
 - b. Hall - There is a difference between policy disagreements and issues that are based on a person's identity. We need to recognize the humanity of our conversations. Working with and having connections with our representatives, across the aisle, to know where the issues are. Want to hear from RSOs across the board on all issues.

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4. Urea - What do you want to change for DATC?
 - a. Hall - The session is later this year, so we should have more time to identify legislative priorities. I want us to utilize that extra time to educate students and set up workshops so they are prepared and can maximize our impact. Working with GAC as well. Build the networking now so that by DATC they know who we are and our value.
 - b. Temple - Two extra months to prepare and respond, need to take advantage of that. Want to host more lobbying workshops for students. Working with legislators can be intimidating, want to prepare our students for those interactions. Create guides for students to be informed for DATC. Have had experience developing DATC legislation, getting the survey out further will benefit us, have more information from the student body.
5. Galloway - How will you get students engaged in DATC prep?
 - a. Temple - We need information from students, use our committee members to reach out to RSOs directly. Using our SG social media, and Comms, to connect with more students. Working with current GAC to connect as well, as their mentee, I have a great relationship with them
 - b. Hall - Reaching out to RSOs can only help. Getting information about workshops and prep out earlier to get the information to the student body. Advertising during the Fall to build interest. Cultivating relationships with RSOs to engage with them. Using legislators to support our outreach. Advertising in the fall allows us to connect those students to the back end of the process as well.

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6. Castellin - How will you combat voter suppression, with legislative priorities or otherwise?
 - a. Hall - Working with those affected groups for voter education in a non-partisan way to support those. Being as active as possible combats that. For example, supporting Seminole county will help. We have had great voter output in past years with mobilization and can continue to expand that, especially by including groups who are targeted with voter suppression. Getting all of SG to support these initiatives.
 - b. Temple - I want to reach out to minority groups, and SG Caucuses to support those populations who are targeted by voter suppression. Voting is a pillar of democracy, and we have to get the vote out. Agree that students in Seminole County should be a focus as well.
7. Martinez - How amicable will you be with scheduling GAP meetings?
 - a. Temple - I will have a very arduous class schedule next fall, I will work with any Senators who can't attend meetings to support committee members.
 - b. Hall - Encourage attendance as much as possible, but will support hybrid meetings for accessibility. Want to meet with any Senators as needed, open door policy. Want everyone to have opportunities for growth and networking, will work with all as much as possible for inclusion.

iv. Debate

1. Almenar - Supporting Hall, is very non-partisan when working on project, easy to fall into an echo chamber, but Hall actively avoids those. He is very hardworking, voter registration is very challenging, but he will be effective in this role.

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2. Galloway - Both candidates would do very well. Loved the feedback about non-partisan activity. Will be supporting based on conversations today, Temple has been here, knows the history of GAP. Has the background of being in the Committee and what works and doesn't work. Hall has also been present and seen the Committee.
 3. Urea - Both great candidates, Temple has shown intense work ethic and have no doubt in his leadership abilities.
 4. Kostis - Worked with GAP in the 53rd, see amazing qualities in both. Supporting Hall.
 5. Martinez - Both candidates will both do great things, the history of the committee is something that can be learned over time, and Temple will support Hall if the election goes that way.
- v. Vote
1. 6-7-0, Sen. Hall is elected Chair
- b. Icebreaker: Biggest Pet Peeve
- i. Kostis: When people chew with their mouth open
 - ii. Temple: Not getting Galloway coffee
 - iii. Almanar: When you go to a fast food restaurant after 10pm and it takes 30 min
 - iv. Hall: Chalkboard stuff
 - v. Urea: When people say whenever or when
 - vi. Morey: Styrofoam
 - vii. Castelin: When not given enough chicken at chipotle
 - viii. Martinez: Small Talk or when everyone is talking
 - ix. Simko: Driving and someone's high beams is on
 - x. Caldwell: When people keep talking when the room has moved past
 - xi. Domino: When people can't read the room, rudeness
 - xii. Ciresi: When senators on the committees don't contribute

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14. Final Roll Call: 12/14

15. Adjournment: 4:17 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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