



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
APIA Caucus
Tuesday, 1:00 PM
05/17/2022
SG Conference Room

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 1:11 PM
2. Roll & Verification of Quorum: 5/8

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Patel	sgapiacaucus@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice-Chair Damarla	sga_med1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Beaumont	sgachps1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Cinco	sga_nur1@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Pena	sgaecs7@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Salerno	sgasci11@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Temple	sga_ba8@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Yalamanchili	sgamed3@ucf.edu	A	A

3. Approval of the Minutes: [APIA Caucus Meeting Agenda 04/11/22](#); **Approved by GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: Approved by GC
5. Open Forum:
6. Announcements from the Chair:
 - a. UCF celebrated Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in April.
 - b. APAC hosted Hidden Lotus Awards.
 - c. MSC - Jade Stoles
 - d. May events - [May APAHM](#)
7. Announcements from the Vice-Chair:

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- a. Thank you for electing me!
- 8. Announcements from Caucus Members:
 - a. None
- 9. Announcements from Non-Caucus Members:
 - a. None
- 10. Old Business:
 - a. None
- 11. New Business:
 - a. 3 ex-officio seats
 - i. Patel: If people who are here today stay here, we can retain quorum. Plan is having one permanent seat being a member from APAC. Second seat can be for Syria from PSA. Does anyone have ideas for the third member? If not, I was thinking of inviting Noor from MSA.
 - ii. Salerno: A lot of students don't know what ex-officio seats. We should reach out to RSOs as a way to recruit members.
 - iii. Temple: I am all for having Syria in a rotating seat since it would be beneficial for the Ramadan task force. Would be more than happy to reach out to APAC and the Filipino Student Association if they want them to nominate someone.
 - iv. Wangen: You have to reach out to every RSO, Multicultural Greek Council, Student Council, and Student Advisory Board relating to the caucus and give them a heads up to ask them to run for ex-officio seats.
 - v. Salerno: There are a lot of argos that have been created and not in that list or no one thought about. We need to expand our list for RSOs that fall under APIA.
 - vi. Patel: I will help Senator Salerno in creating that list and inviting them.
 - vii. Temple: This should be the basis for our communications going forward.
 - viii. Wangen: The permanent seat does not change: APAC is it unless 2/3rds vote them to switch out for a different overarching APIA RSO. The two other seats will be filled until the end of this session.
 - ix. Salerno: Make sure they are aware that the caucus is there for them. And, they can come to the caucus meetings and collaborate for legislation despite not being a member of the caucus.

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12. Member Discussion:

- a. Creation of SWANA taskforce within APIA Caucus
 - i. Salerno: Coordinator Lee and I had a conversation about how to best coordinate with some of the Asian organizations that are not always included. SWANA stands for Southwest Asia and North Africa. It's a decolonized name for the Middle East, as it is not inclusive. And within this community, we can better represent some of the Sian communities that are not represented on campus. A lot of the clubs under SWANA do not know exactly what we can do for them, and this task force will help bring issues into light. APIA caucus members and people from different RSOs can stand on this taskforce. There are a lot of religious groups that are underrepresented on campus.
- b. Possible American Asian Studies Minor
 - i. Temple: Try to make initiatives towards an American Asian Studies Minor, but that can wait til next week.

13. Miscellaneous Business:

- a. Vice Chair Elections
 - i. Nominations
 - 1. Senator Damarla
 - ii. Speeches
 - 1. Has always been very involved in her religion & ethnicity, as well as many others. Would like to promote inclusivity of not only APIA students, but also international students, since they likely feel distances from their homes/families.
 - iii. Questioning
 - 1. Temple: How do you intend to support the chair in his initiative?
 - a. Make herself more aware, knows the chair sits on a lot of these RSOs and would do the same
 - 2. Temple: What are your specific initiatives?
 - a. Having more safe spaces/places to appreciate your culture/learn about others
 - 3. Salerno: What are the current gaps in the APIA community the you would like to work on?

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- a. Representation. A lot of people don't know what can be done for them. The school doesn't do a lot to make the APIA community more represented/feel more welcome.
- 4. Temple: Who do you intend to reach out to/work with in your position?
 - a. Office of Diversity & Inclusion, Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator
 - b. Temple: Do you intend to reach out to former Coordinator Lee?
 - i. Yes
- iv. Debate
 - 1. Temple: Thinks Damarla will be a very qualified VC. Stepped up when no one else wanted to, and her initiatives are great. Thinks she will do a great job communicating with the offices/people necessary for the position
- v. Voting
 - 1. 5-0-0; Damarla is now VC

14. Final Roll Call: 5/8

15. Adjournment: 1:44 p.m.

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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