

**Fifty-Fourth Student Senate
5th Meeting Agenda
April 21st, 2022**

- **Call to Order**
 - 7:00
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **National Anthem**
- **Roll Call and Verification of Quorum**
 - Quorum: 43/54
 - Present and Voting
 - Nguyen 7:08 p.m.
 - Holmes 7:08 p.m.
 - Cox 7:08 p.m.
 - Damarla 7:08 p.m.
 - Mole 7:08 p.m.
 - Martinez 7:35 p.m.
 - Galloway 8:03 p.m.
- **Approval of the Minutes – [4/18/2022](#); Approved by GC**
- **Approval of the Agenda – 4/21/2022; Approved by GC**
- **Open Forum**
 - [Safiya Dewji](#) - Concerns about the President- and Vice President- elect
 - Jasmine Fletcher - Concerns about President- and Vice President- elect
 - Adri-Anna Harris - Concerns about President- and Vice President- elect
 - Olivia Soloman (President of March for our Lives) - In favor of Resolution 54-01
- **Announcements from the Student Body President (Meg Hall, sga_pres@ucf.edu)**
 - Hi Senate! Thank you for all of the amazing work you accomplished this year! It was an absolute pleasure to work with you all!
 - Tomorrow is the Fifth and final day of Happiness Week! I am hopeful you all can attend (tomorrow at 12:00 PM on the Memory Mall Pavers)
 - Gratitude Journals and Happiness Week bracelets have been placed on all of your seats, one bracelet is for you and one is for you to give to someone who makes you happy!
 - Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator Adrian Lee hosted a wonderful event to commemorate the new mural being placed in front of the Cultural Center.
 - Kram for the Exam events start next week, come out to Late Knights Breakfast starting at 10 PM on Tuesday, April 26th.
 - Project Update - today we ordered two benches for the Eternal Knights Garden!
- **Announcements from the Student Body Vice President (Austin Wilson, sga_vp@ucf.edu)**
 - Hello Senate! My apologies for not being there tonight to wish you all good luck in your finals and wish you good luck during Summer.
 - I am so appreciative of the opportunity you gave me to be Student Body Vice President. I'm so proud of all Meg and I and our Cabinet have accomplished. I know we did not work with all of you in this new session for very long, but we are appreciative of the collaboration we had with the 53rd session and wish you all good luck in the 54th. As always Go Knights, and charge on to a goldier and brighter future
- **Comptroller's Report (Alexandra Fabregas, sga_comp@ucf.edu)**
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CRT Current Account Balance:
\$309,449.60
Reversion:14.333%

FAO Current Account Balance:
\$85,735.76
Reversion:20.432%

- **Cabinet Forum-**
 - **Chief of Staff (Daniella Lopez, sga_chief@ucf.edu)**
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 - **Deputy Chief of Staff (Xely Martinez sgadeputychief@ucf.edu)**
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 - **Attorney General (Jan Soto, sga_ag@ucf.edu)**
 - Hello Senate! Tonight is the last night I appear before this body as Attorney General...
 - Official Business:
 - I have published an [opinion](#) regarding tonight's censure. This opinion makes the censure null and void and cannot be seen during this Senate meeting. Another censure must be submitted *with the mention of a specific statute* in order for it to be considered valid.
 - I have also received two other questions regarding First Amendment constitutional protections. I am not an attorney and cannot provide this Senate - or any other body/individual - with legal advice. Nonetheless, only as an educational matter, I will present the questions posed and present a simple, yet paramount commentary. Here are the questions (amended only in grammar and for clarity's sake):
 - Is censuring someone based on protected speech under the First Amendment unconstitutional?
 - Is the insinuation that one should abandon religious liberties to avoid further censures an unconstitutional breach of First Amendment protections?

- The Supreme Court interprets the First Amendment to protect even offensive ideals. In *Matal v. Tam*, a unanimous Court concluded that “[the government then] offend[ed] a bedrock First Amendment principle: Speech may not be banned on the ground that it expresses ideas that offend.” Thus, this irreversible opinion should provide useful commentary on the rationale this Senate should use when proposing disciplinary actions against an individual.
 - I do not defend the transphobic commentary of any individual and find them unpalatable. While these actions are reprehensible, they fall within the realm of protected speech.
- **Announcements from the Chief Justice (Julia Gamarra, sga_cjus@ucf.edu)**
 - The Judicial Council had our last meeting yesterday
 - Incoming parking citation appeals will be heard by the next Judicial Council
 - Applications for the Judicial Council are now live on Knight Connect! Applications are due on May 26th at 5 P.M.
 - Jewelry with the Justices is tomorrow afternoon in the SG office from 12-3pm
- **Announcements from the Supervisor of Elections (Vacant, sga_ec@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- **Announcements from the Activity and Service Fee Committee Chair (Ryan Regan, sga_asf@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- **Announcements from the Scholarship Committee Chair (Brandon Greenaway, sga_scholarship@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- **Announcements from the Senate President (Emma Custis, sga_spr@ucf.edu)**
 - Applications for ILA and ELA will open Monday, April 25th, at 12:00 P.M. Applications are due Sunday, May 15th at 11:59 P.M.
 - I will be absent for the following Senate meetings: May 19th, July 14th
 - The following Senators have accumulated more than two unexcused absences and have been dismissed from the Student Body Senate:
 - Senator Matthew Vervuurt
 - 4/7/22 ½ meeting
 - 4/14/22 whole meeting
 - 4/18/22 whole meeting
- **Internal Legislative Assistant Report (Vacant, sgaila@ucf.edu)**
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- **External Legislative Assistant Report (Vacant, sgaela@ucf.edu)**
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- **Senate President Pro Tempore Report (Samantha Ciresi, sga_pro@ucf.edu)**
 - Hello everyone!
 - My Schedule for tomorrow, is only on Zoom
 - Friday: 12-5 pm (Virtual)
 - The link to schedule 1:1's with me is listed below
 - <https://calendly.com/pro-temp/1-1-with-pro-temp-ciresi>
 - Will begin conducting training for my two newly confirmed deputies next week. Starting with Position Training, Office Goal Setting, and an MBTI Workshop!
 - Due to the end of the Spring Semester on Thursday, I would greatly appreciate your feedback on my performance and if there is anything I can improve on going into the next semester
 - [PT Office Feedback Form](#)
 - Sergeant at Arms Appointment : Chair Hall
 - 3 Senators receive notices of Non-Compliance for not completing their financial training and have until Monday, April 25th to complete it or face penal action.
 - Oreos
- **Deputy Pro Tempore of Legislative Affairs Report (Katrina Wangen, sga_dleg@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening everyone! Neither I nor Pro Temp Ciresi received any legislation this week, so there isn't any on 1st reading.
 - Here is my DLeg Feedback form! It's completely anonymous and I would really appreciate it if you would fill this out. None of the questions are required, and you can write as much or as little as you want.
 - [Anonymous DLeg Feedback Form](#)
 - Here's my Calendly Link if you'd like to schedule a meeting with me tomorrow!
 - [Calendly Link](#)
- **Deputy Pro Tempore of Senate Relations Report (Nick Foster, sgadsr@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening Senate! I have emailed the director of KoRT for the most updated list of RSO's
 - I have received over 15 emails, if you sent me an email I have received it and you will be getting your requested RSO's. These RSO's will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.
 - If you have any questions for me regarding RSO's or if there is anything you want to see from me as the DSR in general please don't hesitate to let me know!
- **Caucus Reports**
 - **Asian/Pacific Islander American Caucus (Ajay Patel, sgapiacaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - APAC will be hosting the Hidden Lotus Awards tomorrow from 6 to 9 PM in the Pegasus Ballroom. All are encouraged to attend.
 - A Vice Chair position is still open.
 - **Black Caucus (Sierra Holmes, sgblackcaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - Black Caucus had a very progressive meeting!

- Congrats to Vice Chair Castelin
 - Meeting with Rick Falco
 - Student Survey
 - Will be seeing Resolution 54-01 introduced by Senator Mole once the summer semester starts, thank you for bringing this to us
- **Disability Caucus (Evannrue Cox, sgdisabilitycaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - None
- **Hispanic/Latinx Caucus (Mel Saucedo, sglatinxcaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - Congratulations to Vice Chair Becerra!
 - Please submit ideas for how to best support and advocate for the Hispanic/Latinx student body by May 15th: [Hispanic/Latinx Caucus Ideas](#)
- **LGBTQ+ Caucus (Vihan Yalamanchili, sglgbtqcaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening friends, the LGBTQ+ Caucus had an eventful meeting and elected a Vice-Chair, congratulations to Vice-Chair Martinez.
 - Vice Chair Martinez: Ideas form coming this summer
- **Womxn's Caucus (Larkin Cibula, sgwomxncaucus@ucf.edu)**
 - Congrats to Vice Chair Hurrell! We had a very engaging meeting, and I'm really happy to have gotten so much discussion during my first meeting as chair. Thank you to my caucus members for such a wonderful meeting. It is not confirmed yet, but we are considering having virtual only meetings rather than hybrid meetings during the summer. I'm gonna copy Chair Saucedo and Vice Chair Martinez.
- **Unfinished Business**
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- **Fiscal Committee Caucus Time**
 - CRT & ORS - 25 min.
 - Senate recesses at 8:07p.m. To reconvene at 8:32 p.m.
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- **Fiscal Committee Reports**
- **CRT Committee (Chair Tyler Borges, sga_crt@ucf.edu); (Vice Chair Scarlet Robbins, sgacie3@ucf.edu)**
 - In Committee:
 - Allocations:
 - Approved:
 - 54-003
 - 54-006
 - 54-008
 - 54-011
 - 54-012
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 - 54-016
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 - Postponed:
 - 54-021
 - 54-022
 - 54-025
 - 54-034
 - 54-036
 - PPI'd

- 54-01
 - Suspend Title A 811.4 of CRT Spending Policy **Passed 44-1**
- In Caucus:
 - Allocations:
 - Approved:
 - 54-022
 - 54-021
 - 54-025
- I want to thank my committee for getting through our two and a half hour long meeting with our fifteen page agenda!
- Funding Request Forms for CRT have closed, but should be reopened May 13th.
- Scarlet's Sweets:
 - Now for the fun part. Thank you so much for the patience with our report! This week we had cookies all the way from the Brits. While the original plan was to have CBD infused snacks because of the date 4/20, this was inherently shot down by administration (lol). Sad. I know. Any who we went ahead and an hour and a half of time to munch on our British confections. Senator Hurrell stated in the middle of an RSO's speech "cough, cough, wheeze, these are so dry!". Further remarks from Senator Patel included "these remind me of my oppression." Finally Senator Martin decided to be the outlier with "these are delicious what are you guys talking about." That's all for today's Scarlet's Sweets episode.
- **FAO Committee (Chair Lessi Millington, sga_fao@ucf.edu)**
 - Happy Thursday! No new updates since our meeting on Monday.
 - Funding forms will open May 13th and funding will begin the first week back from break.
 - Good Luck on finals!
- **ORS Committee (Chair Ethan Temple, sgaors@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening everyone! I was recently elected by the ORS Committee to be its new chair!
 - On Monday the committee saw 14 Post Funding Reviews, of them we did not sanction 7 of them and postponed the other 7. We saw 4 Verification of Purchase Forms, wherein we approved of 2 and postponed 2. And We approved of 1 post funding form.
 - I am so excited to begin working on the fiscal side of Senate and if you have any questions, or want to join the committee, please feel free to reach out to me!
- **Fiscal Legislation**
- **Notice of Legislation on First Reading**
 - Bills
 - Resolutions
 - Special Acts
- **Notice of Legislation on Third Reading**
 - Bills
 - Resolutions
 - Special Acts
- **Notice of Legislation on Second Reading**
 - Bills
 - Resolutions
 - Special Acts
- **Internal Committee Caucus Time**
 - SBA - 45min
 - Senate recesses at 8:39 p.m., to reconvene at 9:24 p.m.
 - Reconvened at 9:24 PM
- **Internal Committee Reports**
- **E&A Committee (Chair Daisy Guel, sga_ea@ucf.edu)**
 - Hey everyone! We saw no new business but will start seeing appointments when we get back from the 3 week break! We have a few open seats if you're interested in joining. We see all SG appointments but historically E&A is most "fun" during summer because of all the senate and cabinet appointments! If you have any questions feel free to reach out to me.
 - Looks like we will be meeting in the evenings for summer- if you're a committee member please fill out the form! & open to hybrid :)
 - We have 3 weeks off- good luck in finals and have a stress free break!!! [Distortions of Thinking](#)
- **GAP Committee (Chair Dylan Hall, sgagap@ucf.edu)**
 - Hey everyone!
 - GAP met on Monday and began to flesh out our goals in relation to government affairs and policy. I am very excited to see the work that myself and the rest of the GAP Committee will produce.
 - Wanted to take the time to shout out Senator Simko who presented an idea to create a Day at the County event as a potential trial run for Day at the Capitol 2023 and as a way to lobby for our interests at the county.
 - I have [linked](#) the minutes from our meeting so all senators can see our legislative policy brief initiative and master contact form initiative. We hope to work with relevant committees, like SBA, on these initiatives in the future!
 - If anyone has any questions regarding the special session in Tallahassee that just ended, I would be happy to answer!
 - Have a great break and good luck on your finals!
- **LJR Committee (Chair Brianna Urea, sga_ljr@ucf.edu)**
 - Hey everyone, Happy Thursday!!
 - I said this in the special session but just to reiterate, I only approve senate meetings not committee and caucus meetings. That goes through your chair. Also make sure you have the date correct on the knight connect form for the meeting you are missing.

- I also would like to mention that while I am happy to review a censure or whatever you would like in committee, On a human level I would say a censure should be a last resort. I would recommend trying to talk an issue out first with the person and going from there.
- This week we saw 11 absent requests and approved all of them. We also saw one recommendation of censure. In committee we voted that the censure had merit and moved to bring it to the senate floor. Though ultimately, a procedural technicality was not followed therefore we will be postponing it till after the recess. This regardless of AG Sotos opinion or any other factors. I can take questions on this if anyone is interested.
 - I have linked [this weeks minutes](#) if anyone wants to see.
- I hope in this session to amend the wording stating“other legal mandates” line of Chapter 905.1 inorder to make this term more outlined and clear to hopefully prevent an issue with this line again.
- Lastly, I wanted to talk about the title 9, code of ethics. Specifically, 1100.6 “No student government Agent shall commit slander or libel” In normal words don’t be messy ;)
- **SBA Committee (Chair Stefania Salerno, sgasba@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening everyone!
 - We saw Resolution 54-01 and 54-02 as well as Proclamation 54-01, 54-02, 54-03, 54-04, and 54-05 during our caucus. Shoutout to all of my committee for going through the agenda in 45 minutes.
 - [SBA Committee Agenda \(04/21\)](#), [SBA Caucus Agenda \(04/21\)](#)
 - Vice-chair elections were postponed until the next meeting.
- **Confirmations**
 - None
- **Internal Legislation**
- **Notice of Legislation on First Reading**
 - Constitutional Amendments
 - Bills
 - Resolutions
 - Proclamations
 - Special Acts
- **Notice of Legislation on Third Reading**
 - Constitutional Amendments
 - Bills
 - [Internal Bill 54-02](#) [Updates to Title III Enacting procedures for Committee and Caucus Chairs to vacate Chair positions in cases of No Confidence][Chair Borges] **Postponed until May 19, 2022**
 - [Internal Bill 54-03](#) [Updates to Title VIII: Updates to CRT Spending Policy][Chair Borges] **Passed 45-1-1**
 - [Internal Bill 54-04](#) [Updates to Title VIII: Appendix B][Chair Millington] **Passed 41-0-2**
 - Resolutions
 - Special Acts
- **Notice of Legislation on Second Reading**
 - Constitutional Amendments
 - Bills
 - Resolutions
 - [Resolution 54-01](#) [Resolution Advocating for the University of Central Florida to Create an Unarmed Community Response Team][Senator Mole] **Passed 40-3-3**
 - [Resolution 54-02](#) [Resolution Advocating for UCF to Encourage UCF-Partnered Off-Campus Housing Establishments to Implement Recycling Programs][Senator Kostis] **Passed 45-1-0**
 - Proclamations
 - [Proclamation 54-01](#) [Proclamation recognizing May 1st, 2022 as International Workers Day or “May Day”][Senator Mole] **Passed 41-1-3**
 - **Pro/Con:** Martinez (pro, objection) / Galloway (con, move to table Proclamation 54-02) **2-42**
 - [Proclamation 54-02](#) [Proclamation Celebrating Eid al-Fitr2022][Chair Holmes] **Passed 41-0-1**
 - [Proclamation 54-03](#) [Proclamation Recognizing the Commemoration of Ramadan on 2022][Chair Holmes] **Passed 43-0-2**
 - [Proclamation 54-04](#) [Proclamation Recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month][Senator Guel] **Passed 43-0-1**
 - [Proclamation 54-05](#) [Proclamation Honoring 40 Days for Life, the Pro-Life Movement, and the Approximately Seventy-Three Million Worldwide Victims of Abortion In 2021][Senator Ferguson] **Tabled**
 - Objection (pro / Mole), move to table (con / Cox) **35-9**
 - Objection (pro/ Ferguson), move to vote (con / Mole) **6-37**
 - Objection (pro / Mole), move to table (con / Guel) **20-22**
 - Special Acts
- **Senate Forum**
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- **Senate Deliberations**
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- **Advisor’s Report**
 - Brodie:
 - Take a break from SG, focus on your finals and then enjoy your break. SG will be here for you when you get back.

- Alo:
 - Leadership Changes
- **Miscellaneous Business**
 - Reinstatement of Matthew Vervuurt (**vote 1**) **45-0 Reinstated**
 - Questioning
 - Vervuurt: On the first meeting that I missed, I was completing a final report for a project for which I was not responsible, but I was assisting my teammates at the last minute. For the special session meeting on 4/18, I was unable to attend because I was in South Florida.
 - Martinez: Did you fill out the absence request forms within 10 days of both meetings
 - Vervuurt: Yes, I did.
 - DSR Foster: Were you still able to attend your committee/caucus meetings?
 - Vervuurt: Yes.
 - VC Temple: How will you ensure your attendance in the future?
 - Vervuurt: This was an unforeseen occurrence. I will make sure in the future that during the week I am in Orlando and available to attend the meetings that come up.
 - Debate
 - Taché: In LJR this week, we were particularly lenient with absence requests because of Easter and the special session. I'll be voting to reinstate him.
 - Foster: I will be voting to reinstate because he was willing to attend caucus meetings virtually even while driving.
 - Mole: Senator Maroto was also out of town and his absence was approved. It makes sense to reinstate Vervuurt.
 - Martinez: The meeting on Monday was unforeseen and made without consideration of others schedules, so I don't feel that this should be held against Senator Vervuurt. I understand that we're serving the student body, but we're also human beings with lives outside of Senate. The only reason his absence request wasn't seen in LJR was because they were submitted on Wednesday night. I'll be voting to reinstate Vervuurt.
 - Resignations
 - Hispanic/Latinx Caucus:
 - Chair Urea
 - Elections
 - LJR:
 - Chair Patel
 - Chair Cox
 - Appointments
 - Womxn's Caucus:
 - Vice Chair Temple
 - Custis Chic Couture
 - 3:
 - 2:
 - 1:
 - Ciresi's Collectibles
- **Final Roll Call**
 - 47/55
- **Adjournment**
 - 11:58 p.m.