



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
Charge On Chambers
06/01/2022
2:00PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 2:05 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 8/13

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Hall	sgagap@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice-Chair Temple	sga_ba8@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Almenar	sga_sci1@ucf.edu	P (2:12 PM)	P
Senator Caldwell	sgacie2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Castelin	sga_sci3@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Darmala	sga_med1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Domino	sga_grst1@ucf.edu	P	P
ELA Galloway	sga_grst3@ucf.edu	P (2:20 PM)	P
Senator Kostis	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Martinez	sga_ba4@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Morey	sga_ecs5@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Simko	sgaecs8@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Urea	sgasci14@ucf.edu	E	E
Pro Temp Rep.	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P
LJR Rep.	sgamed3@ucf.edu	P	E
GAC	sgagovaffairs@ucf.edu	V	V

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3. Approval of the Minutes: [05/25/2022](#) Approved by GC
4. Approval of the Agenda: Approved by GC
5. Announcements from the Chair:
 - a. Hello everyone! Happy Wednesday to you all!
 - b. June 1st marks the first day of [Pride Month](#)!
 - i. Pride Month is meant to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall Riots. It has since also come to symbolize the impact of LGBTQ+ individuals in the United States of America.
 - ii. The first Pride Month occurred as "Gay & Lesbian Pride Month" in 1999 and 2000 under President Clinton. From 2009 to 2016, President Obama declared June "LGBT Pride Month" through presidential proclamations.
 - iii. Pride Month has been recognized by President Trump in 2019 and President Biden in 2021 and 2022.
 - iv. Pride Month is not formally recognized by any piece of legislation from the U.S. Congress.
 - c. Jimmy Carter Fact of the Week:
 - i. Jimmy Carter was the first U.S. President to support a gay rights plank on a major party platform for the presidency in 1980.
 - ii. Jimmy Carter was also the first U.S. President to have his staff meet with LGBTQ+ activists at the White House. He also opposed the infamous Proposition 6 in California that would have outlawed LGBTQ+ Americans from teaching in schools during his presidency.
 - d. June 12th is also the 6-year anniversary of the Pulse Nightclub Shooting.
 - i. 49 innocent lives were taken on June 12, 2016 by a gunman in Orlando who targeted the LGBTQ+ Community.
 - ii. UCF Social Justice & Advocacy will be holding the 'UCF Remembers' event outside of Millican Hall on June 6, 2022 at 7:30pm.
 - iii. The Six-Year Pulse Remembrance Ceremony will be held from 7pm to 8pm on June 12, 2022 at the Pulse Interim Memorial.
 1. The observance is open to the general public via livestream from the onePulse Foundation [Facebook Page](#). In-person is private to the families of the victims.
 - e. UCF Vigil for Uvalde Victims
 - i. June 7th at 7pm at the Pulse Memorial outside the Student Union.

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1. SBA, Caucus may be looking for volunteers
6. Announcements from the Vice-Chair
 - a. Good afternoon everyone! As you all are probably aware, I incorporated addendums into the expectations for the Legislative Reports, which we will go over in just a minute.
 - b. Happy Pride Month! To add onto Chair Hall's explanation of the history behind Pride Month, there had been annual pro-LGBTQ+ demonstrations through the 1950s and 60s, a time that was notoriously opposed to the community. In 1968, the slogan "Gay Is Good," coined by Frank Kameny, began to circulate as a means to counter the social opposition to the community.
 - c. This week also marks two weeks after a 68 year old gunman attacked a Taiwanese congregation on 16 May, 2022 in Southern California, wherein one man, Dr. John Cheng (53), was killed whilst protecting the mostly elderly group. The gunman, who was Chinese-American, is alleged to have conducted the attack out of a politicized hate.
 - d. OTD:
 - i. In 1968, Simon & Garfunkel's "Mrs. Robinson" from the movie "The Graduate" hits #1, becoming the first rock song to win a Grammy for Record of the Year.
 - ii. 2013: Bayern Munich becomes the first treble winning team in the Bundesliga (treble = winning three tournament trophies)
 - iii. (In time for Pride Month): In 1979, 10 years after the Stonewall Riots, LA passes its first homosexual rights bill (technically 2 June but it's significant).
7. Announcements from Committee Members
 - a. Pro-Temps Office
 - i. Hosted the first New Senate Orientation Monday, the last one will be today!
 - ii. Your RSO Emails are due this **Thursday, June 2nd at 5 pm** please make sure you get this done or you will be held in non-compliance. Use this [RSO Email Template](#) as a guide to send your emails and you can review your assignments on this spreadsheet [54th Session RSO Distribution](#). You must CC both PT Ciresi and DSR Foster as proof of completion, if you have already sent them out you can forward them instead.

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- iii. Committee Chairs, please ensure when you're sending information out to your committee members that everyone from the PT's Office is included, especially the Pro-Temp.
 - iv. All Legislation is due to DLeg Wangen and PT Ciresi by 5 pm Wednesday. There must be notification made in advance if it will be late or it will not be accepted.
 - v. Please read over last night's [E&A Minutes](#) to prepare for Senate tomorrow night, some of the confirmations were relatively contentious. It would be best to review so you have an understanding of the candidates before you hear them on the floor.
 - vi. Please let anyone in the PT's office know if you have any questions and we would be happy to assist you.
8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
- a. GAC Nominee Reed: I am excited to work with you all tomorrow! I'm sitting in to get an understanding of how the committee operates.
 - b. Brodie: I know you have some info about Voter Registration. Some context is available. Stay tuned!
9. Old Business-
- a. Campus Voter Registration Orientation Initiative, SG Collaborative Midterm Strategy, and Legislative Reports Update.
 - i. VC: Addendums on the Expectations. Apologies for missing details last week. Goes over points brought up by committee members and a procedural outline for committee review of reports.
10. New Business-
- a. GAP Committee Attendance Sheet
 - i. [LINK](#) to sheet found in GAP Drive.
 - ii. If any information is incorrect please talk to me and we can evaluate the attendance status.
 - iii. We will be using this going forward to keep track of attendance within the GAP Committee.
 - 1. Vice Chair will be in charge of the attendance.
 - iv. I 1000% stole this from SBA so shout out to them.
 - b. Student Priorities Survey Creation Update

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- i. I have decided that I would like to wait one more week until **June 8th** to finalize the Student Priorities Survey as I believe having the input of our next GAC would be appropriate.
 - 1. This is specifically about the advice of the GAC on if there is anything they would like to see. We ultimately have final say on the Student Priorities Survey but I feel this is a fair olive branch to make sure the GAC feels seen by the GAP Committee.
- ii. SBA Chair Salerno did express interest in collaboration between our two committees on the Student Priorities Survey as the data would be beneficial to both committees throughout the year.
- c. Midterms 2022 Election Schedule Breakdown
 - i. [LINK](#) to document found within 'Midterms 2022' folder in GAP Drive.
- d. Midterms 2022 Primary Election Discussion
 - i. Primary Election: August 23rd
 - ii. Deadline to Register: July 25th (middle of summer)
 - 1. This will be updated over time, as certain dates are TBD (i.e. Seminole County's general election).
 - 2. Reason why we push for Seminole: A lot of students are from Seminole County.
 - 3. Vote By Mail Clarifications are also present on the document.
 - a. REQUEST DEADLINE: When you can request a VBM by.
 - b. VBM Submission: There is not a set date you need to send a VBM in. (Mail travels differently).
 - c. Recommendation is that a voter should send it in a week prior. Any time sooner it may not count.
 - d. If you get a VBM, you can bring it into an in-person polling station and turn it in.
 - iii. What are some potential and practical ideas to register students to vote during the Summer semester?
 - 1. Voter Registration during Orientation. Orange County SoE hasn't returned contact. Might need to go in person to work face-to-face. Could be tabling indoors, but also might not. Volunteer sheet will do out.
 - a. Much more limited since Deadline is in dead of summer.

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- i. Caldwell: Since this is time sensitive, we could print off a link sent (<https://registertovoteflorida.gov/eligibilityreactive>) and put them up as flyers.
 - 1. Hall: Will need permission to print and hang, but very good idea.
- ii. Damarla: PIRG was working on a module for voter registration.
 - 1. Hall: Lots of people, student and parent alike, don't necessarily understand voter registration, but it could be beneficial to have an internal module (workshop?) to train students on the Do's/Don'ts.
 - 2. Galloway: 53rd Session GAP, Fmr. PT Slaughter tried to work w/ FYE contact to get this running. Possible roadblock but we can definitely get an update on that.
 - 3. We also did Chapter Visits w/ Greek, so this is something we can do. We can do it in-person or virtually.
- iii. Almenar: Somebody mentioned a QR code, there is an issue with registering out of state students, which would prevent them from being recognized online. They would have to go over paper.
- iv. Simko: Having people register to vote using a sheet that has the addresses for on-campus housing.
- v. Temple: RSO Outreach? Get SG to meet w/ RSOs and discuss voting atGBMs.
 - 1. Hall: The difficulty is they may not meet in person. RSOs are tabling in person, but there are members that would be online. Voter education is something we could get Judicial onboard.
 - 2. Did discuss to VP Martinez, VC McClellan: NYT has a map that allows us to see how

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many people voted in a county-by-county basis. FSU and UF both beat us to the punch...let's incentivize students in a fun way. Lots of people are disillusioned/alooof to politics, but we need to galvanize interest and inject some fun into it.

3. Voter Education: Accessibility: not just disabilities, but also language barriers.
- vi. Temple: Talking w/ Caucuses?
 1. Hall: Still meeting with VP Martinez over a Committee to bring voices together on these matters. I want to use as many voices and resources as possible. It's also about including people and showing they are valuable, avoiding tokenism at all costs. There are different groups that vote at a lesser amount than others. However, white Floridians were far more likely to turnout vs. Hispanic/LatinX communities. Incorporating cultural RSOs, Caucuses can aid a lot.
- vii. Ciresi: If you wanted to Caucus leadership, we can join in Caucus Leadership (Friday, 9 June at 12:00 PM)
 1. Hall: Would be a good idea, will want to do so next Friday. To conclude, the goal is to put in effort and work. We should expect our agents to put in the effort equally. Participation is of utmost priority going forward.
- viii. Damarla: What stops a lot of people from voting is that if people don't know info, it stops them. Perhaps an infographic could accompany the registration.
 1. Temple: Explains about how 53rd did it. Could get more members involved to make it more efficient.

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2. Hall: Simko brought up ballot initiatives, which can be confusing.
 3. Ciresi: Previous year, during the 2020 year, GAC (Meg) Hall, they kind of elaborated the amendments on the ballot, and what it would mean should it have passed. We could do this on top of creating a Guide.
 4. Hall: I want as many people working on this as much as possible. We want to collaborate as much as possible.
 - ix. Temple: Reiterate the need for more hands on the Guide should we do it.
 - e. Gun Violence Roundtable
 - i. SBA and others have been working to create a gun violence roundtable with the purpose of creating a space for students to talk about how they feel, why they feel the way they do, and campus resources to assist.
 1. Date and time is TBD but will hopefully have more information soon.
 - a. SBA is taking point, though GAP will definitely have a stake in the matter. Will have more info by next week.
11. Member Discussion-
- a. None.
12. Miscellaneous Business
- a. Ice Breaker: What movie are you looking forward to the most this year?
 - i. Temple: Top Gun: Maverick (*highway to the danger zone!*)
 - ii. Simko: Top Gun: Maverick/Lightyear! (To infinity and BEYOND)
 - iii. Ciresi: Finishing Game of Thrones (even though S8 stinks). Got to season 5, into 6 (last good season).
 - iv. Almenar: Barbie Movie (released same day as Oppenheimer) (Come on Barbie. Let's go Barbie!)
 - v. Caldwell: Bob's Burgers Movie
 - vi. Domino: Dr. Strange!!!
 - vii. Damarla: Avatar II
 - viii. Galloway: Dr. Strange!!! (Gonna wait til Netflix puts it up)
 - ix. Hall: Thor: Love In Thunder

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- b. Almenar: Maxwell Frost asked if there is a polling station on campus:
 - i. Hall: Yes there will be. In the past there was an initiative to remove it, but considering 2020 turnout, that's not happening. Will be in the Live Oak Ballroom.
 - c. VC Temple; Move to Adjourn, Pending Final Roll Call
13. Final Roll Call: 9/13
14. Adjournment: 3:01 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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