



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
Charge On Chambers
06/22/2022
2:00PM
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 2:05 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: /11

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	P
Senator Caldwell	sgacie2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Castelin	sga_sci3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Darmala	sga_med1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Domino	sga_grst1@ucf.edu	P (2:15 PM)	P
ELA Galloway	sga_grst3@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Kostis	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Simko	sgaecs8@ucf.edu	P (2:10 PM)	P
Senator Urea	sgasci14@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Temp Rep.	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P
LJR Rep	sgamed3@ucf.edu	P	P
GAC	sgagovaffairs@ucf.edu	V	V

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3. Approval of the Minutes: [06/15/22](#), [Approved by GC]
4. Approval of the Agenda: [Approved by GC]
5. Announcements from the Chair
 - a. Hello everyone! Happy Wednesday!
 - b. Just a reminder to please message me or email me within 24 hours of the committee meeting to be excused from the meeting.
 - i. If an emergency arises it is okay. Just be sure to make that clear to me and I can excuse you.
 - c. Jimmy Carter Fact of the Week:
 - i. Lillian Carter was Jimmy Carter's mother and a trailblazer in her own right.
 - ii. She was a nurse by trade and worked as a social activist dedicated to desegregation and providing medical care to African Americans in Plains, Georgia.
 - iii. She became a Peace Corps volunteer at 68 and treated patients in India for 21 months.
 - iv. She was very active during Jimmy Carter's campaigns for President before passing away in 1983.
6. Announcements from the Vice-Chair
 - a. Good afternoon everyone!
 - b. Today we will briefly go over a committee review of a Legislative Report so we have an idea about how to go about it in the future. I will preface that reviewing this report ought to be no different than reviewing a piece of legislation. This is a new process so be sure to ask questions if you don't know what is going on.
 - c. OTD:
 - i. In 168 BCE, the Battle of Pydna was waged between the Roman Republic, led by Lucius Aemilius Paullus, and the usurper king of Macedonia, Perseus. The battle was ultimately a decisive victory for Rome, as it marks their definitive triumph over Macedon. The kingdom was split up into 4 client republics after this battle, all subordinate to Rome, snuffing out Macedonian sovereignty, and Alexander's legacy, once and for all. It would not be until 146 BCE that Macedon was fully annexed by Rome, which coincided with the near concurrent destruction of both Corinth and Carthage.

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7. Announcements from Committee Members

a. DLeg Wangen

- i. Pro Temp Ciresi will not be here from today through June 29th and will resume her responsibilities on Thursday, June 30th. If you have any questions please refer them to DLeg Wangen as she will not be available.
- ii. Legislation deadline is 5pm on Wednesday, all legislation must be submitted to both Pro Temp Ciresi and DLeg Wangen.
 1. If you need an extension, it must be requested before the regular deadline, and that request should be sent to both Pro Temp Ciresi and DLeg Wangen.
 2. If you only submit your legislation or extension request to Pro Temp Ciresi and not also to DLeg Wangen, no one will see it until Pro Temp Ciresi returns on June 30th.
- iii. Please fill out the [Involvement Tracker](#)
 1. Reminder: We're looking to recognize involvement going beyond the basic requirements.
- iv. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me or anyone else in PT's Office!
 1. Damarla: Are the involvements SG related?
 - a. DPT: No, we want to focus on non-SG related affairs
 2. Chair: To clarify, is the PT Office, are you looking for involvement in UCF or the wider community?
 - a. Mainly the campus, but the wider community is also appreciated

b. Senator Almenar:

- i. I met with SBA Chair Salerno to discuss creating a poll on the gun reform legislation. It is complete, but we are waiting on Director Turner to publish the poll and promote it.
 1. Senator Kostis: Since it is the summer, there's not a lot of activity among the student body, if you don't get enough responses, what is the fate of the resolution?

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- a. I intend for the resolution to go through, the poll is supplementary. I also contacted the school board, and they are supporting the resolution.
- 8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
 - a. None.
- 9. Old Business-
 - a. UCF Orientation Voter Registration Update, UCF Summer B Student Block Party Event, and Student Priorities Survey 2022-2023 Template.
- 10. New Business-
 - a. UCF Summer B Block Party Event Update
 - i. Event is happening from 8pm to 11pm this Saturday (06/25).
 - ii. UCF SG has two tables reserved for the event.
 - iii. I have reached out to People Power for Florida to provide voter registration.
 - iv. We already have six SG agents signed up to volunteer. If you are interested in potentially volunteering, please email Vice President Martinez at sga_vp@ucf.edu
 - 1. Set-up begins at 7PM!
 - b. Student Priorities Survey 2022-2023 Final Draft
 - i. [LINK](#) to Final Draft
 - ii. After conversation with other Senators, we decided that Google Forms was the best medium to conduct the survey. Qualtrics was creating more problems than it was worth.
 - iii. We are hoping to start using this survey ASAP and sharing it with the wider student body.
 - 1. We will be creating QR codes for the survey that will be used during tabling events, like the upcoming Summer B Block Party (specifically, the SG table).
 - iv. I will schedule a meeting with Director of Communications Turner to discuss how best to widely disperse the survey via our social media and other platforms.
 - v. We will have a discussion next week about ways we can spread the survey around even more.
 - 1. Questions:

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- a. Kostis: Can we remove the word “Environment” from “Environment and Climate Change?”
 - i. Hall: This was how it was written last time. Agricultural Issues deals with matters related to the agricultural industry. This is rather different. More than happy to separate though.
 - ii. Simko: Did we make a decision on how to best understand vague responses? I notice the section about why someone is passionate about a subject.
 - 1. Hall: I spoke to Salerno about how to best approach this, and the best way was to create this response and make it optional. The goal was to make it concise and quick to fill out. If we made it mandatory, that would yield less responses. There is a lot of energy around certain subjects and there are topics that are more specific to aid in our understanding of the matter. We both agreed that leaving it optional would provide flexibility for both GAP and SBA. For things that are very broad, during DATC, we don't typically engage as much as specific matters. If we see a large spike of interest, we can engage more directly to gauge interest.
 - iii. Damarla: What of the part where students can put down their Knights Email?
 - 1. We could use it as a means of more direct communication with the interested students in pushing new information about DATC. We would send DATC information, but a 1:1 could also be a good idea. Going forward, we can create an email template for those interested students.

2. Debate:

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- a. Kostis: I think the survey is relatively simple, in a good way. It will allow for new students to use this survey and gauge interest.
- b. Almenar: I like the survey, I like that we're doing this now since it gives the new students a chance to voice their opinions. I know last year's was a mess, so this gives us an adequate amount of time, but this gives students enough latitude to voice their concerns and do so in a detailed manner.
- c. Urea: I like it, it seems very efficient. This is also early enough we're getting a head start
- d. Yalamanchili: It is very comprehensive, I especially love the passion question and unspoken topics is optional.
- e. Caldwell: Survey is good; idea about outreach: task committee members to reach out to RSOs to have their members fill it out.
 - i. Hall: I agree, that will be a part of the conversation. Moreover, the survey last year got 200 responses. This time around, SG's survey for a giveaway has around 500. Finally, when it comes to the survey, the first survey was around 7 pages long, but it was shrunken down, which is a very good thing.

3. Vote:

- a. 11-0-1
- c. UCF Orientation Voter Registration Update
 - i. DSR Foster has spoken to the individual in charge of First Year Experience about our desire to register students to vote.
 - 1. We will hopefully get an update from DSR Foster today or tomorrow.
 - ii. DSR Foster did mention that orientation is about to take a two week break. We are hopeful that this situation can be resolved in that time and we will have space to do voter registration at orientation.
- d. SG-Wide Midterm 2022 Campaign Update
 - i. Spoke with Vice President Martinez on Tuesday about this idea. Was given the green light to begin planning.

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- ii. We agreed that IgKnight Your Vote 2022 is a great name for the campaign.
 - 1. This is a continuation of the successful IgKnight Your Vote campaign undertaken during the 2020 election.
- iii. We will have a more in-depth conversation next week around the structure of the taskforce/committee as well as a sign-up form for SG Agents interested in assisting.
- e. Legislative Report Review:
 - i. [Legislative Report on Gun Control](#)
 - 1. Speech:
 - a. To preface, the author(s) of the report will provide a summary of the report and what each section entails.
 - b. This report was drafted in light of the heightened attention around gun violence and the renewed legislative push to curb said violence in this country. The report details information about how extensive gun ownership is in the US, information behind what causes gun-related death and mass shootings, past gun control efforts spanning back to 1934, more recent attempts and policy ideas for curbing gun violence, and a detailed breakdown of the federal Bipartisan Safer Communities Act. It also covers the more indirect causes of gun violence, such as mental health, in order to encapsulate the idea that there is more than one answer in a topic as nuanced as gun control. Finally, the report indicates how important gun control measures would be due to Orlando's own brushes with gun violence.
 - 2. Questions:
 - a. VC: To preface, during questioning, you can ask the author what they think the report can be used for, how they gathered their information, if they thought about adding or removing certain pieces of information.
 - i. Kostis: What do you think this report can be used for?
 - 1. It can be used for legislation, lobbying initiatives.

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- ii. Castelin: Really good report, is this is the format we should write.
 - 1. The general framework, yes. What's there specifically, no.
 - iii. Damarla: How did you ensure nonpartisan nature?
 - 1. Multiple sources from across the spectrum
 - 3. Debate:
 - a. VC: To preface, in debate, you are debating whether the report is of a high enough quality to be "published" by the committee and be introduced to the Senate floor on Thursday. Consider the content, length, grammar and other aspects of the report before moving to vote.
 - b. Damarla: Amendments?
 - i. Seen as technicals
 - c. Kostis: Set the bar really high. Concise, unbiased, very informative. I think this is a fantastic report and we should vote in favor.
 - d. Almenar: This is very well written. It does a lot to give people who don't know about the subject at hand. It is not too long but also not too short.
 - e. Castelin: I agree with Senators Kostis and Almenar. This is a really good report. It will be a good resource and as a source of legitimacy for us to use. It is also a very good expander of knowledge.
 - 4. Vote:
 - a. 10-0-1
 - ii. The reason why we wanted to see this is because this will set the bar for future reports. The report will be submitted in one week, but then the report will be voted on next week.
11. Member Discussion-
- a.

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12. Miscellaneous Business

- a. To echo the sentiments of Senator Kostis, VC Temple did a great job. It will be entered into the minutes for Senate, and VC will be given time to speak on the report. Shout out to everyone for the passion and input today.
- b. What is everyone's favorite dessert?
 - i. Chair Hall: Ice cream cake
 - ii. Simko: Not much of a dessert person, but I would go basic and say vanilla cake
 - iii. Kostis: Big sweet tooth. Key Lime Pie is my go to, but anything baked is my forte.
 1. They're trying to get rid of KLP as FL's state dessert. (WHAT?!)
 - iv. Domino: Pecan Pie
 - v. Caldwell: Creme Brûlée (fancy fancy!)
 - vi. Castelin: SO many!!! Cheesecake is my go to
 1. There's a whole factory for it!
 - vii. Urea: Crazy sweet tooth. Anything that doesn't have nuts or coconuts in it
 - viii. "Maverick" Yalamanchili: Goolag Jamun: Balls of dough with syrup and rose water, better combined with ice cream
 - ix. VC Temple: Pizookies!!!
 - x. Almenar: Kostis took Key Lime Pie, so instead Flan. This is not a requirement, *go eat flan*.
 - xi. DLeg: VC Temple stole mine! Brownie Pizookie was my go to
 - xii. Damarla: Narrowed it Down to three: cheesecake (Grace took it), Baklava, Brownie Cup Confection.
 1. VC Notes: This is really making me hungry now!
 - xiii. Kostis: Red Velvet cookies that are vegan!
 1. Baker in the house!
- c. Hall: Do appreciate Senator Vihan "Maverick" Yalamanchili's background. I will one-up you with my own background of Danny DeVito from *It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia*.

13. Final Roll Call: 12/11

14. Adjournment: 3:02 PM

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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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