



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: 2:07 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 12 /11

| Name | Email | Initial | Final |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------|-------|
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3. Approval of the Minutes: [06/22/22](#), [Approved by GC]
4. Approval of the Agenda: [Approved by GC]
5. Announcements from the Chair
 - a. Hello everyone! Happy Wednesday!
 - b. This weekend was a difficult period for many in the wake of the recent Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade.
 - i. I encourage everyone to prioritize their mental health and be open in expressing how you feel.
 - c. SGLC Applications are now open!
 - i. Be sure to direct people to the [Student Government Executive Branch](#) on KnightConnect to sign up if they are interested!
 - d. Student Body Poll on Gun Reform is live!
 - i. [LINK](#) to the poll. I highly encourage you fill this out!
 - ii. Senator Almenar and others have worked hard on this initiative so please fill it out and share it with people you know!
 - e. Jimmy Carter Fact of the Week:
 - i. Jimmy Carter was instrumental in returning the Panama Canal, a relic of imperialism, back to Panama.
 - ii. The Torrijos-Carter Treaties established that the Panama Canal would be returned to Panama in 1999. He faced opposition at home to the treaties signed.
 - iii. Despite opposition, the Panama Canal was returned to Panama in 1999.
6. Announcements from the Vice-Chair
 - a. Good afternoon, everyone! Happy Hump Day!
 - b. As an addendum to the recent developments surrounding Roe v. Wade, do not let these developments discourage you from your civic passions. We are still citizens that have the power and capacity to change the course of this country for the better. This ruling only shows how much more work needs to be done in educating ourselves and others and galvanizing this potent energy in order to make those changes a reality.
 - c. In more encouraging news, the Bipartisan Community Safety Act, the gun reform bill that was developed by a bipartisan group of Senators, was signed into law this past

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week, ending 30 years of gridlock on the matter. However, this is just a start, and I would like to reiterate the Chair's advertisement of Senator Almenar's Gun Reform poll and push this out to the RSOs you represent in order to get as much feedback as possible.

- d. Also, regarding SGLC, please send people to that program, it is *fantastic* and a great way to introduce people to SG. Not just saying that as someone who graduated from said program.
- e. On This Day:
 - i. In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Federal Aid Highway Act into law, establishing the Interstate Highway System, the largest public works project, and thereby the largest infrastructure project, of the time. One of the original intentions for this network was for easier transit of military units in the event of war, but it has since taken on the role of transiting civilians to and from work. The Interstate Highway System was, and still is, funded by a federal "Highway Trust Fund," which is paid for by gasoline taxes. Funny, where have I heard that term before...?
 - 1. Chair Hall: Lovely, we can blame Eisenhower for I-4.

7. Announcements from Committee Members

- a. Pro Temp Rep
 - i. Pro Temp Ciresi will be out for longer than we had initially expected, and she will not be back until July 6th at the earliest. If you have any questions please refer them to DLeg Wangen or DSR Foster 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.
 - 3. As far as extension requests are concerned, extensions will not be granted to legislation DLeg Wangen has not already seen through

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advising or otherwise until the next full week that Pro Temp Ciresi will be back, so the week of July 10th-16th.

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 DSR Foster!

b. ELA Galloway:

i. FYE is allowing SG to table and showcase our activities. We got two tables, one specifically for voter registration. Regarding the SG Table, we will have at least one person per branch (or however many people will come) to table. Be sure to know all three branches (plus EC) off the back of your hands.

1. Chair: Tonight is the Senate Retreat (over ZOOM). (Jeopardy time babeyyyyy) (7:00 PM-???)

8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-

a. None

9. Old Business-

a. UCF Summer B Block Party Event Update, Student Priorities Survey 2022-2023 Final Draft, UCF Orientation Voter Registration Update, SG-Wide Midterm 2022 Campaign Update, and Legislative Report Review on Gun Control.

10. New Business-

a. UCF Summer B Block Party Post-Event Update

i. We successfully registered **nine** students to vote!

1. This is specifically good as many students moved in the same day so address knowledge hasn't sunk in yet.

2. Big shoutout to Senator Saucedo!

ii. This is a great start that will be bolstered significantly in the coming weeks with orientation and future events!

iii. When we table, be sure to know all branches (including SGLC and EC).

b. Interest Form for IgKnight Your Vote 2022

i. [LINK](#) to the Interest Form for IgKnight Your Vote 2022

ii. This interest form will be used to determine how many people are interested in getting involved with IgKnight Your Vote 2022.

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- iii. We will spread this interest form throughout the Senate first on Thursday evening before passing it along to the Executive and Judicial Branches.
- a. UCF Orientation Voter Registration Update
 - i. We finally got an official response for our request from UCF Orientation!
 - ii. We are confirmed for at least one table at orientation after their leadership emailed Vice President Martinez.
 - iii. We now have the tables confirmed as ELA Galloway has stated. (Yay!)
 - 1. An email was dispatched that confirmed both tables (one via follow-up).
 - 2. VP Martinez is being looped in to format our tables. Both tables ought to have interactive items (one has a survey, the other has a QR code for voter registration).
 - iv. Once we have that confirmed and the dates we can table, I will create a sign-up form for SG Senators to get involved.
 - 1. Chair intends to volunteer. We need to be sure all hands are on deck (unless you aren't in Orlando...)
- c. Student Priorities Survey 2022-2023 Dispersal Discussion
 - i. [LINK](#) to Survey
 - ii. What are ways we as a committee and as a Student Government can get the Student Priorities Survey 2022-2023 out to the wider student body?
 - iii. Things to Consider:
 - 1. How can we get the survey out to students not on the Main Campus?
 - 2. How can we get the survey out to students both in-person and virtually?
 - 3. How can we increase participation in the survey compared to last year?
 - 4. Discussion:
 - a. VC: RSOs and explaining to them what the survey entails
 - b. Castelin: Sending out a mass email
 - i. ELA: This is not *not* allowed, but how to go about it is rather obscure. This would have to consider whether this benefits academic qualities. During COVID, letter grades were not reflective, and thus Senate was able to do just that. Difficulty is, who is the person who

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- would mass email this? Possibly UCF Marketing? Not 100% sure. Not impossible, but we need the connection.
- ii. Chair: We can definitely look into this, and maybe we can work with specific majors that are sympathetic of this matter (ie Poli Sci Dept). Logistically, and academically, it would be difficult
 - c. DLeg: Spreading through social media. Comms' survey responses has 459 responses. KoRT has a sheet that details funding alerts. Something similar
 - i. Chair: Surveys so far have been relatively successful. Giveaway has been successful, so why not replicate? It could generate more responses...but we don't know who would be given awards. Regarding RSOs, we can work with them and directly reach RSO members. One thing to send emails, but definitely we can reach out to those that are of interest.
 - d. Urea: During Happiness Week, former President Hall, VP Wilson used promo and had questions that students needed to answer in order to get promo.
 - i. Chair: We can definitely look into this, we might not be able to though since we are still devoid of a GAC. We do want this survey to be promoted as much as possible. This survey helps all of SG, so outreach is key. We gave away those "interesting" water bottles from the last election, but people like free things!
 - e. VC: Work with Judicial Council? Jammin' With the Justices can be held earlier.
 - i. Chair: IgKnight Your Vote is bent on bringing all branches into this initiative. Working with Judicial is a good idea, can't force it, but once they have their committees set up, esp JOC, that would be good.
 - f. ELA: For IgKnight, is it a campaign? Or are there events?

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- i. Chair: It is in its infancy. We lack a GAC...so talks are in the works with Martinez to develop a committee sometime in July. Realistically, we would probably have to force representation from all branches. Structure needs to be developed, will probably have it next week.
- g. ELA: The IgKnight Your Vote event was typically held in April. We're in luck. We can kill the IgKnight bird and the Student Priority Survey bird with one stone. GAP is more than able to table independently at Memory Mall and have people scan a QR code. If IgKnight events don't happen, we have this as a contingency. Breezeway, SU Patio, buildings across UCF need reservations, discussion with building managers, respectively.
 - i. The original IgKnight Your Vote happened in spring, then COVID hit...it made not sense, from my observation as a student. Ironically, we don't have a GAC, but we also don't have a deadline on the survey. Regarding tabling, we can discuss this separately. As someone who needed to reserve a table for events, we can't shunt this duty onto two/three people. We would need to do this as a committee and have it spaced out more fairly. That is an idea, and other committees have spoken about tabling, so we can work with others (ie Chair Salerno w/ SBA). More manpower, the less each individual Senator will have as a workload.
- h. Chair: Big takeaway: social media (meeting with Comms Director Turner). This is something we can do in the fall, but also meet with RSOs. Developing task forces within GAP and act as delegations to RSOs. Get a better idea of how IgKnight will work.
- iv. One final thing: When I talked with Chair Saucedo and VP Martinez, regarding voter registration. There are some things we need to learn about it

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before we can actually have students endorse it. People Power offers free trainings for voter registration, and once we do have Senators undergo that training, they can be called upon for Voter Registration. This is a matter of legality, we do not want an individual to be seen as a liability (ie speaking in a biased manner toward a party, using social security etc).

- v. For the sake of consistency, all Senators, regardless of prior experience, will undergo the same training. It is not very long, better to be safe and sorry. Martinez got into contact with LWV and Orange County SoE.

11. Member Discussion-

a. Senator Simko: Two GAP Advocacy resolutions

i. Surtax Initiative:

- 1. Voters will see this on the November ballot. A resolution will be posited to show support for this initiative. Anyone who wants to help is welcome to.

ii. UCF Bike Trail Initiative:

- 1. Throughout Central Florida, there is a network of bike trails. There isn't one perse in UCF, it goes through Jay Blanchard, but ends at Alafaya. If anyone is interested in

iii. Discussion:

- 1. VC: How far are you into these?
 - a. Need some advice, got some sources for first one. Bike Trail needs to be started.
- 2. VC: Would love to help!

12. Miscellaneous Business

a. What is your favorite animal and why?

- i. ELA Galloway: I had a feeling you would start with me. My favorite animal is a tiger. I don't know why. I've been drawn to them as a child (still one!) Wait...I lied. Black jaguars. People think they don't have spots, but they do. / *root for underdogs.*
- ii. DLeg Wangen: I though Zoom people would be first. Dolphins are cool, pretty smart.
 - 1. Chair: Met one before, named Gloria. (From Madagascar???) Very weird stomachs

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- iii. Chair Hall: Tie between Manatees (sea cows) and capybaras. Lots of capy memes. Mostly like to soak in orange baths. Videos of them chilling with dogs. Wish I had one, they are giant rodents.
- iv. Senator Damarla: My favorite animal, I think, would have to be the owl. Harry Potter familiar? Very nostalgic.
- v. LJR Rep Yalamanchili: Wolf or Panther. No other explanation
- vi. Kostis: I would have to say owls, they are pretty awesome. Pretty interesting creatures...that also almost clawed my head open..
 - 1. Chair: Some personal beef I see.
- vii. Castelin: Elephants. Very wise and very peaceful. Also wanted to meet monkeys, so close to humans. Elephants are very close.
 - 1. Chair: I remember an elephant almost trampled someone in LJR...oh man...uh...interesting.
- viii. Caldwell: I like turtles (cue the ancient meme). They have terrible luck when it comes to living in Florida. Always overturned...shame
 - 1. Chair: I don't think there's anyone that hates turtles. They're just...nice.
- ix. Almenar: I like cheetahs. They're cool. They are the only big cat that can't retract their claws. They need em for traction. They are raised with puppies to help with antisocial behaviors.
 - 1. You have a full animal factbook and chose cheetahs?
- x. Simko: Peregrine Falcon.
- xi. Temple: Eagles Because of Ancient Rome.
 - 1. Vihan: Background: While the standard animals of the Roman legions, they used other animals as well. The Praetorian Guards used scorpions to symbolize their deadly capacity.
 - 2. Temple: Gaius Marius standardized the legion standards, though there were other units that had their own animals to convey their backgrounds. Ie, Caesar's legions utilized the boar as they served mainly in Gallia (ie Gaul, modern day France). Would pull out a book on the Roman legions, but I did not want to drive people crazy over this.
- xii. I forgot Urea: Sneks! Sharks! Such misunderstood creatures

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13. Final Roll Call: 12/11

14. Adjournment: 2:59 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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