



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

**UCF Student Government**  
GAP Committee Meeting  
Charge On Chambers  
07/06/2022  
2:00PM  
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## MEETING AGENDA

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

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Hall	sgagap@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice-Chair Temple	sga_ba8@ucf.edu	P	P
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Senator Castelin	sga_sci3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Damarla	sga_med1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Domino	sga_grst1@ucf.edu	P	P
ELA Galloway	sga_grst3@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Kostis	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Simko	sgaecs8@ucf.edu	P (2:07 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: [06/29/22](#), [Approved by GC]
4. Approval of the Agenda: [Approved by GC]
5. Announcements from the Chair
  - a. Hey everyone! Happy Wednesday! I hope you all had a great 3-day weekend.
  - b. Please fill out the [IgKnight Your Vote 2022 Interest Form](#) if you have not done so. I have 7 responses only and half of them are not members of this committee.
  - c. Remember to fill out the [Compliment Form](#) for the SG Senate! Great way to show appreciation for another SG Agent.
  - d. LJR unveiled their new [Absence Policy](#) so be sure to take a look if you have not done so.
  - e. From ELA Galloway: Dean meeting times are being sent out. Please be sure to check your college GroupMe to know the date and time.
  - f. Jimmy Carter Fact of the Week:
    - i. Jimmy Carter famously declared “the time of racial discrimination is over” at his 1971 inauguration as Governor of Georgia.
    - ii. He would go on to expand the amount of black state employees in Georgia and placed a portrait of MLK in the Georgia State Capitol.
    - iii. He was considered a part of the New South Governors elected in the 1970s as political moderates opposed to racial discrimination.
6. Announcements from the Vice-Chair
  - a. Good afternoon, everyone! Hope everyone had a great, and safe, 4th of July weekend!
  - b. I needn’t remind you of the shooting that occurred in Highland Parks, just outside of Chicago, on Monday. The suspect did confess to the crimes he committed, but it will not excuse the fact that seven Americans were killed on the day they were celebrating this nation’s day of independence. We must continue calling for reforms to our gun laws and ensure that such incidents never happen again, but in the meantime we must remain vigilant and safe.
  - c. I met with Speaker Custis yesterday in a Leadership 1:1 and we discussed potentially publishing the Legislative Reports on the front page of the SG website, alongside the AG’s opinions and judicial opinions. This is tentative so I will fill you in as updates begin to filter in.

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- d. As Senator Almenar stated in the GroupMe, he, Women's Caucus Chair Cibula and myself will be working on a Legislative Report on Reproductive Rights. I would like to take this opportunity to broadcast the importance of working together on these reports as not only will it make the drafting of these reports more efficient and much easier, but it also has the side effect of strengthening bonds within the committee and between different Senate bodies (ie Women's Caucus and GAP). Moreover, I am always a resource when it comes to writing these reports. If you ever need help or guidance on drafting one, by all means reach out to me either over GroupMe or text (if you have my number that is).
- e. OTD:
  - i. In 371 BCE, the Spartan reputation of military superiority is utterly destroyed at the Battle of Leuctra, when a Theban-led army of Boeotians routed a Spartan army via a decisive blow to the Spartan's right side (flank), killing their king, Cleombrotus I. From here, Spartan hegemony in Greece that was gained from the Peloponnesian War was utterly destroyed.
  - ii. In 1933, the first MLB All-Star Game was played, pitting the American League against the National League. It was played in Comiskey Park in Chicago as a part of the World's Fair of that year, which was still in the thick of the Great Depression. Nevertheless, the success of the event resulted in it becoming more or less an annual tradition, with the next game being scheduled for 19 July 2022 at Dodger's Stadium. And before you ask, the American League beat the National League, 4-2.
  - iii. And finally in 1957, two teenagers named John Lennon and Paul McCartney met for the first time in Woolton Fete. It was there Lennon, who led the band the Quarrymen in their second performance, asked McCartney to join his band. Three years later, this duo would go on to form one of the most famous bands in all of history: The Beatles.
    - 1. Side fun fact: John Lennon was born in Liverpool!
- 7. Announcements from Committee Members
  - a. Legislation deadline is 5pm on Wednesday, all legislation must be submitted to both Pro Temp Ciresi and DLeg Wangen.
    - i. 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.

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- ii. Will not be granting extensions to legislation DLeg Wangen has not already seen until next week
- b. Please fill out the [Involvement Tracker](#)
  - i. Reminder: We're looking to recognize involvement going beyond the basic requirements.
- c. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me or DSR Foster!
- 8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
  - a. None.
- 9. Old Business-
  - a. Recap of Last Meeting: UCF Summer B Block Party Post-Event Update, UCF Orientation Voter Registration Update, Student Priorities Survey 2022-2023 Dispersal, and VR Training for SG Agents.
- 10. New Business-
  - a. FL Legislative Advocacy Update
    - i. Wanted to briefly discuss what was brought up on the floor this past Thursday involving the APIA Caucus and advocacy for support around a bill related to APIA education in school curriculum.
      - 1. Specific Bill: HB 281/SB 490: Required Instruction of APIA History (from the last session).
    - ii. We want to encourage SG Agents that have a passion for specific pieces of legislation to work with us on how it could be incorporated in future legislative priorities.
    - iii. I will preface, this is not a guarantee that legislation will appear in our advocacy agenda in the future. Bills have been added and removed from the Advocacy Agenda.
    - iv. What GAP can do, as we would in conjunction with the GAC if we had one, is reach out to legislators about potentially sponsoring pieces of legislation we have advocated for in the past.
      - 1. We are not creating legislation, but rather sponsoring them.
    - v. Legislation on the Florida House and Florida Senate websites is not updated. Any bill number you see will not be the same number next year.
    - vi. Advocacy for specific pieces of legislation will more than likely happen after November as we will know which representatives are still in office.

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1. Since a few unopposed representatives, Senators, there is a lot that is up in the air.
- vii. Questions/Discussion:
  1. Almenar: Thoughts on specific agents that want to lobby for specific legislation outside of DATC?
    - a. Chair: Speaking broadly, we can't do that. There needs to be consistency. We could develop an Advocacy Agenda and hone in on bills that focus on appropriations (we don't communicate with legislators that are on the Appropriations Committee). If we can look at which group is meeting with what legislator, we can strategically emphasize certain bills. However, we cannot pick and choose, or even add, bills that they want to advocate.
    2. Chair: Moreover, we will work on the Advocacy Agenda more so in the Fall and attempt a trial run via Day At City Hall/County. I am aware that VC Temple was involved with this past DATC. There is a process of choosing what bills are added based on the Priorities Survey.
  - b. IgKnight Your Vote 2022 Update
    - i. As stated in my announcements, please fill out that form ASAP!
    - ii. I will work with the Speaker's Office to send out the interest form to Judicial, Exec, and hopefully to EC as I know they do not have access to their emails yet.
    - iii. We will dedicate the next meeting entirely to finalizing the structure of IgKnight Your Vote 2022.
      1. It will take the bulk of the meeting, but the first meeting will fall between the 17th-23rd
      2. This is because both the President and VP are on vacation and they are de facto liaisons since we still lack a GAC.
    - iv. Expect the first meeting of IgKnight Your Vote 2022 to happen the week of the 17th through the 23rd.
  - c. Student Priorities Survey 2022-2023 Update

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- i. We have submitted the graphics request with Director Turner for the distribution of the survey via Instagram. I intend to meet directly with Director Turner to determine the best ways we can spread the word about the survey.
  - 1. Hopefully within the coming weeks we may see these in the next two weeks.
- d. Legislative Reports Committee Update:
  - i. Wanted to have a discussion as a committee on what issues we would like to commission legislative reports on?
  - ii. I will work with Vice Chair Temple in the coming days to get a list of issues compiled and we can begin dispersal to members of the committee.
    - 1. The goal is to contribute to making a report. We have the option of working together or individually (together is better).
  - iii. What are some issues, both on-campus and off-campus, that you all would be interested in seeing for reports?
  - iv. Preface: These Reports are to focus on on-campus issues.
    - 1. Discussion:
      - a. Damarla:
        - i. Healthcare Report, or Health in general. There are a lot of on-campus resources for health, but it can help to expand them to individuals who have a tougher time getting to them.
      - b. Almenar:
        - i. Pedestrian Safety/Improving Pedestrian Walkways/connecting Main Campus to surrounding areas to walk (Alternative Modes of Commuting).
        - ii. Environmentalism on and off campus in general
      - c. Castelin:
        - i. Ties in with Senator Almenar's, going something about On-Campus Safety. Making on-campus safe via more lighting. There are certain ominous areas that can benefit from more lighting.
        - ii. Also reforming the police (similar to Loki's CRT Resolution).
      - d. Yalamanchili:

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- i. State of LGBTQ Rights on Campus and what the University can do to improve them, comparing other universities to protect them.
- e. Simko:
  - i. Concur with Almenar, Pedestrian Safety (both day and night).
- f. Temple:
  - i. Economic Issues And Solutions
  - ii. Housing Insecurity
  - iii. College Affordability
  - iv. Mental Health
  - v. Voting Rights
- g. Hall:
  - i. Transportation to and from Rosen Campus
  - ii. Concurs with Mental Health Issues; outlining current state of MH policy can be of great support.
  - iii. I would be interested in seeing is the new survey about political opinions and the impact it may have on students. Putting more power into the Board of Education.
  - iv. Food Insecurity (Knights Pantry, a lot more can be done)
  - v. Build off of Homelessness Issues
- h. Temple:
  - i. Civic Education: Outline, benefits, potential side effects of certain reform paths
- i. Hall:
  - i. Accessibility Issues on Campus
    - 1. Changes within UCF Marketing (Social Media guidelines need to change)
- v. Will work to narrow down the list and make topics more specific. In the meeting after next week, we can distribute out Report topics to get the ball rolling. We have a good basis for what the reports will look like. I am very excited as we are fleshing out this side of GAP.

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1. Almenar: How can we use these outside of Senate?

- a. Primary Purpose is to be used within Senate, to help enhance resolutions and advocacy. Beyond that, it is at our discretion. I really do like the idea of putting it onto the website. The goal is to create a digital library, so future Senate sessions and GAP committees can use them for consolidated research. Over time, if GAP continues, we may update them.
- b. VC: We can use these to lobby and show that we do our research.
- c. Chair: It will provide an air of consciousness to students who want to advocate and especially run on platforms. It will help educate students on what is and is not feasible. New Senators will be able to rely on information that is centralized in order to write new legislation.

11. Member Discussion-

a. Almenar: Updates to Resolution:

- i. Worked with VC to incorporate information from Report 54-01 into resolution; will also incorporate some of the 447 responses from the Gun Reform Survey.
- ii. Will present information to the Senate in a powerpoint.
- iii. Planning on submitting legislation today.

12. Miscellaneous Business

a. What is your favorite movie and why?

- i. Urea: (She's not a movie watcher but here goes): I don't really know. Forrest Gump (My Mama Always Said, Life's Like a Box of Chocolates)
- ii. Simko: Movie I watched with my dad, Back To The Future
  - 1. 3rd was weird, OG was best
- iii. Caldwell: A weird one, but I love Another Round. Excellent drama/comedy that made me cry. Really cool Dutch movie!
  - 1. Is that the one with the dance scene?
    - a. It's about alcoholism and passion
    - b. Almenar: It is a remake of a foreign film rewritten by a man who lost his daughter to alcohol.

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- iv. Kostis: I like this! Waves (2019). It is about an African American family living in South Florida. A really unique family drama, the soundtrack is amazing.
  - 1. Almenar: I am aware of the film.
- v. Castelin: My top movies is La La Land and Black Panther
  - 1. Very Solid (Wakanda forever!)
- vi. Domino: I actually do not have a favorite movie, and I only watch movies that I enjoy. To piggy back, Black Panther. I am waiting for Part II (RIP Chadwick)
- vii. Damarla: Parasite!!! I am a sucker for symbolism
- viii. Yalamanchili: As a Star Wars nerd, Revenge of the Sith. I love the Senate's schemes. But Top Gun Maverick is the best. Cruise in the F-18 is amazing.  
S-tier
  - 1. Power of Scientology:
- ix. Temple: A Few Good Men...gonna say
  - 1. Dylan Fun Fact: HE YELLED YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE TRUTH!!!!
- x. Wangen: Much more boring than Ethan, Encanto and The Avengers (the 1st one)
  - 1. Domino: Concurs
- xi. Hall: Three Movies: Shrek II (Enhances the lore of Shrek), Three Caballeros (Donald In A Mariachi Band!!! Apparently Jose was Brazilian, not Cuban. Form of propaganda to prevent South America from joining the Nazis), third is Everything Everywhere All At Once. Lot of emotional depth, symbolism, got. Dishonorable mention: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (Hey wait there's an Ace Ventura reference!)
- xii. Almenar: Non-Committee Member to Speak
- xiii. Patrick: Spider-Man 2
  - 1. Also an amazing sequel
- xiv. Almenar:
  - 1. Interstellar
  - 2. Your Name (best anime film)
  - 3. Inglorious Bastards
  - 4. La La Land
  - 5. Fast Times at Ridgemont High
  - 6. Ferris Bueller (HECK YEAH)
  - 7. Pulp Fiction

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8. How To Train Your Dragon 3
  9. Toy Story 3 (best one)
  10. Top Gun Maverick
  11. Mission Impossible Vi: Fallout (Superman turned Secret Agent)
  12. First time I went to a movie I went to see Chicken Little
  13. Speed Racer (2008): Best anime to live action
    - a. No Matrix???
  14. 2001: Space Odyssey
  - xv. Yalamanchili: 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Vern. Turned into a movie in 1954. Anti-Imperialist messages.
    - 1.
  - xvi. Hall: Minions: Rise of Gru, Morbius (MORBIUS?!)
    1. Almenar: "it's morbin' time"
  - xvii. Galloway (post-meeting): Waterboy
13. Final Roll Call: 12/11
14. Adjournment: 2:56 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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