



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

**UCF Student Government**  
GAP Committee Meeting  
Charge On Chambers  
07/13/2022  
2:00PM  
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## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 2:05 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 8/11

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Hall	sgagap@ucf.edu	P	P
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Senator Caldwell	sgacie2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Castelin	sga_sci3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Damarla	sga_med1@ucf.edu	P (2:25 PM)	P
Senator Domino	sga_grst1@ucf.edu	P	P
ELA Galloway	sga_grst3@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Kostis	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Simko	sgaecs8@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Urea	sgasci14@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Temp Rep.	sga_pro@ucf.edu	V	V
LJR Rep	sgachps4@ucf.edu	P	P
GAC	sgagovaffairs@ucf.edu	V	V

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3. Approval of the Minutes: [07/06/22](#) [Approved by GC]
4. Approval of the Agenda: [Approved by GC]
5. Announcements from the Chair
  - a. Hey everyone! Happy Wednesday!
  - b. We will be seeing legislation today so be sure to ask questions if you have any.
  - c. Please fill out the [IgKnight Your Vote 2022 Interest Form](#) if you have not done so. I have 9 responses only and half of them are not members of this committee.
  - d. Remember to fill out the [Compliment Form](#) for the SG Senate! Great way to show appreciation for another SG Agent.
  - 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. Just as a heads up, we have 12 days left to register for the primaries!
  - g. Jimmy Carter Fact of the Week:
    - i. Jimmy Carter was a peanut farmer.
6. Announcements from the Vice-Chair
  - a. Good afternoon, everyone! Hope everyone is having a great week so far!
  - b. Just as a reminder, if you have any questions regarding the drafting of legislative reports or advocacy resolutions, do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions. I am a resource for you to lean on and I can be contacted at all hours of the day (yes, even in the dead of night up to 0100).
  - c. Also as an update, I've recently begun drafting a letter to the Orange County State delegation on the Required Instruction of APIA History Florida legislation and will continue brainstorming ideas alongside the APIA Caucus in advocating for the bill, starting by reaching out to Make Us Visible.
  - d. OTD:
    - i. In 1930, the inaugural FIFA World Cup was held in Uruguay, with the first two matches happening simultaneously between France and Mexico and the United States and Belgium. France won their game 4-1 and the US won against Belgium 3-0.
    - ii. In 1985, the Live AID concert was held across the world, from Philly to London, Moscow to Sydney. It was held in the JFK Stadium in Philly and Wembley Stadium in London and was intended to raise funds to help fight

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famine in Africa. Within 7 hours, the BBC reported that nearly 1.2 million British pound sterling was raised, though this eventually increased dramatically due to the famous performance by the greatest British rock band in history: Queen. Estimates indicated that 127 million USD was raised after the end of this event.

7. Announcements from Committee Members

a.

8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-

a. Disability Caucus Chair Tache:

- i. Through Day At City Hall, we can help advocate for reproductive rights. We can discuss it in Member Discussion.

9. Old Business-

a. Recap of Last Meeting: Legislative Advocacy Update, IgKnight Your Vote Update, Student Priorities Survey Update, and Legislative Report Brainstorming.

10. New Business-

a. Student Priority Survey Update:

- i. 36 responses so far, going good!
- ii. Will share some results next week, noticing some trends in the reports so far.
- iii. Credit to the senators that allowed for the creation of the optional section where students can flesh out their priorities. It is awesome they are taking this seriously.

b. UCF Orientation Voter Registration Update

- i. We have the dates for UCF Orientation!
  - 1. July 18th - 5:30pm
  - 2. July 25th - 5:30pm
  - 3. August 11th - 5:30pm
  - 4. August 15th - 5:30pm
- ii. VP Martinez has sent a sign-up form to ELA Galloway for those interested in volunteering. She did tell me she will be forwarding the information shortly so I will send those out in our group chat hopefully in the next day or so.

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- iii. Students are more comfortable registering when the people who ask them to do so are as young, or younger, than them. So, freshmen are more inclined to work with people just as young as them.
- iv. Will update next week, and we can discuss the wider campaign going forward.
- c. [Resolution 54-05](#) [Resolution Advocating for Strict Gun Law Reform in The State of Florida] [Vice Chair Almenar] [5 Minute Speech: Unlimited Questions: Unlimited Debate]
  - i. Speech:
    - 1. Almenar: [Gun Reform Poll](#)
    - 2. I am going to start with the results of the poll I did. Since this is overtly political, I figured polling students will help give credence. From 24 June - 1 July, we accrued 347 responses. Generally, the trend was that gun violence is an issue and that the state and university should advocate for more gun control reform. Insofar as specific reform, most students advocated for mental health resource expansion, expanding background checks and banning assault rifles. Some students advocated for campus-carry, UCF staff to carry weapons after training. I was motivated to write this after the Uvalde shooting. Big or small, some action needed to be done. Enough with the thoughts and prayers line. There is a lot of information in this resolution, but the issue is so prominent, this information is important and all-encompassing. Specifically, how gun violence affects the UCF community, two alumni were killed in Pulse, a shooter was thwarted from carrying out a shooting in Tower I in 2013. There was also an attempted shooting at cousin school Embry Riddle, Stoneman Douglas was affected. Reached out to various representatives, advocates and SG agents and got a lot of support.
  - ii. Question:
    - 1. Almenar: Please get on the document!
    - 2. Chair Hall: When it comes to the Be It Further Resolved clause (sending it to certain parties), is there any reason why this isn't sent to UCF parties?

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- a. My intentions are not to demand anything from UCF in itself, since I'm not sure what they can do statewide. I recognize we can only advocate for policies at a state level, so sending it to Tallahassee made more sense. The things we are calling for are not within the jurisdiction of UCF admin.
3. Caldwell: I have some concerns about how we can act upon this? How can we make sure the individuals addressed will act on this?
  - a. The tricky issue is how we can get state reps to push for this. My idea was to use it during Day At The Capitol. Generally, gun violence is a major topic in public discourse in our day. That is the most practical use. The responsibility will have to fall upon UCF students who are aware of what we are doing and lobby with us on this matter. It isn't certain that this will be brought to DATC, so students will need to reflect that.
4. Castelin: I was going to ask if this is used at DATC, but what steps will you take to make sure that this is used as one of our Legislative Priorities?
  - a. In the event we do use it at DATC, I would use this as an information basis for students to lobby with. Some information come from prior bills. This is a consolidated asset for students to use.
5. Hall: The way it says the Florida Legislature, it accounts for the House and Senate?
  - a. Yes
6. Hall: You are aware you will have to send this out to every member of the House and Senate?
  - a. Yes
7. Urea: How are you getting the resources to make sure you get it out to the Legislature?
  - a. I can get the information from the myFlorida member sites. Moreover, Hall has an excel sheet that contains a full database of contacts for State Reps and Senators and their aides.

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8. Hall: For clarity's sake, we are nearing a midterm, and a lot of legislators may not return. What's your plan to send these out to newly-elected legislators?
  - a. Will send it out to their new emails Not sure when they will be sworn into office.

iii. Debate:

1. Yalamanchili: I think the bill itself is quite good, it has the support of many organizations and state representatives. The ideas have wide support so it is representative of our constituents and it is a generally good idea that less guns will improve public safety.
2. Castelin: I believe this bill has really good intentions, I am really happy this was written by Senator Almenar. I do feel that it will encourage our legislators should they hit their tables. There is a question around how it will affect gun reform laws, with the motive he has, he will follow up with them and just that alone, with the efforts he placed into the poll and reaching out to other entities, this does have the potential of doing great things.

iv. Vote:

1. (Votes cast on Zoom, Hand Raised Feature employed): 8-0-1
  - a. Resolution 54-05 passes favorably through 1st Reading

11. Member Discussion-

- a. Hall: We have the chamber until 2:55 PM, just wanted to keep that in mind.
- b. Chair Tache: To provide context regarding abortion activism, I was on a call with people from DSA chapters regarding what we can do to protect abortion. Some discussed ballot initiatives, others the election. The immediate term idea was decriminalization at the local level. Blue areas of Florida (ie the cities) are pushing this, with local DAs and prosecutors will not press charges on abortion related crimes. We do have Day At City Hall, and although it is a long way out, we can work with people from the north of Florida and other states to ensure that programs are set to allow for people to get abortions. First step: lobbying City Hall to decriminalize abortion.
  - i. Urea: I really like the idea since many do not value local government as opposed to federal government (local government can get more done than

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DC). It is awesome to see that men are fighting for this issue at the same time as women, who fight alone.

1. Tache: Shoutout to Mole for running the call.
- ii. Hall: Men For Choice plug. I like the idea alot, especially since we would have to work close with the State Attorney of Orange County, so we have some immediate backing since the SA is more progressive. The thing you hit on is that Day At City Hall is more educational, but recently we've talked about making it a lobbying effort. Couple months ago Dyer talked with the students that attended. It is a cool experience, but more can be done with the event. Immediately, it is difficult since we still lack a GAC to help with logistics, but long term, we can definitely use this as a springboard, a trial run, to prepare for DATC proper. The idea is to have DACH focus on transportation and infrastructure in the main, DT and Rosen campuses. Hopefully we get a GAC soon so we know who to meet with, what we are lobbying for, understanding our itinerary, etc.
  1. Tache: Whenever you make the conversation about your priorities please invite me. Definitely having the State Attorney will be good. Tampa DSA is spearheading operations, and pressuring city halls to pass legislation that will prevent public funds from being used to prosecute abortion-seeking individuals. So working with Councilors and States Attorney will aid. I would love to do this in the Fall.
- iii. Hall: Restarting a mechanism of civil servants, public servants come to UCF and discuss these sorts of matters. District 4's commissioner would be ideal (might be running for re-election). However, UCF's main campus does not fall under Orlando per se, but the county level we can definitely work with. As a committee, it is difficult to advocate for campus issues with the city than the county.
  1. Tache: Last thing I have to say: love working at the county level, since we don't fall under Orlando's jurisdiction, this is an issue that goes beyond those that immediately oversee us. It is a great situation where the law's gray area can improve the lives of UCF students.

## 12. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Icebreaker: Favorite Color

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- i. Damarla: Purple. My entire room
- ii. Castelin: Two: Blue and Yellow
- iii. Domino: Don't have a favorite color. I have been given a color: Red
- iv. Caldwell: Red. "Big Red Stan"
- v. Urea: I don't have one. Pink
- vi. Yalamanchili: ED2939. Imperial Roman Red! (Senatus Populusque Romanus!)
- vii. Tache: Pastels man. Pink
- viii. Almenar: Orlando City Purple!
- ix. Temple: Tyrian Purple and Navy Blue
- x. Wangen: Dark green (Slytherin) or dark purple
- xi. Borges: Lavender (BBBEFE)
- xii. Hall: Green and Red (Holiday Colors!)

13. Final Roll Call: 9/11

14. Adjournment: 2:54 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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