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UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
Charge On Chambers
7/20/2022
2:00PM
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 2:06PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 9/11

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	E	E
Senator Castelin	sga_sci3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Damarla	sga_med1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Domino	sga_grst1@ucf.edu	E	E
ELA Galloway	sga_grst3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Kostis	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Simko	sgaecs8@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Urea	sgasci14@ucf.edu	E	E
Pro Temp Rep.	sga_pro@ucf.edu	A	A
LJR Rep	sgachps4@ucf.edu	P	P
GAC	sgagovaffairs@ucf.edu	V	V

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3. Approval of the Minutes: [07/13/22](#) [Approved by GC]
4. Approval of the Agenda: [Approved by GC]
5. Announcements from the Chair
 - a. Hello everyone! Happy Wednesday!
 - b. Please fill out the [IgKnight Your Vote 2022 Interest Form](#). We have gone from 7 responses to 10 responses from the Senate but still not the entire committee.
 - i. I will be messaging you all individually if you have not filled it out by the end of the day!
 - c. Remember to keep checking GroupMe for updates about your Summer Dean Meetings.
 - d. Deadline to register to vote in the primary is NEXT Monday (07/25). Be sure to register if you have not done so already and encourage your friends to register as well!
 - i. The primary is set for August 23rd!
 - e. Jimmy Carter Fact of the Week:
 - i. Jimmy Carter and Rosalyn Carter celebrated their 76th Wedding Anniversary on July 7th.
 1. The Carters have been faithfully married since 1946.
 - ii. Jimmy Carter claimed he met his future wife after his first date with Rosalyn in 1945.
6. Announcements from the Vice-Chair
 - a. Hello, there!
 - b. As a quick reminder for the committee, if you need help with drafting a legislative report or a GAP-specific advocacy resolution, you can contact me at any point in the day for any advice (up to 1:30 AM).
 - c. I am working on a Legislative Report pertaining to the economic conditions of the United States, with the intent on creating future reports on healthcare, housing and general collegiate costs. This means this will be more informative and broader.
 - d. OTD:
 - i. Today is International Chess Day and the 98th anniversary of the founding of the International Chess Federation or FIDE (if you're French it is the Federation Internationale des Echecs), which is the governing body that

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links as many as 200 national chess federations and unites them in international tournaments and networks.

- ii. In 70 CE, the Roman army, led by Titus, Vespasian's son and future emperor, breached the Antonia Fortress (which was built for Marc Antony by Herod the Great) during the ongoing siege of Jerusalem. The fortress would come under heavy Roman assault as urban combat was waged between the Romans and the Zealot defenders. Ultimately, the fortress, one of the last defending the city, would fall and the Siege will end with the infamous destruction of the Second Temple and subjugation of the ancient lands in the Levant, though whether Judea would ever be truly pacified is a goal that would never truly be met in the entire history of the Empire.
- iii. In 1906, Finland enacted a law that established the world's first truly equal and universal right to vote, with Finnish women being the first in Europe to receive such a right.

7. Announcements from Committee Members

- a. None.

8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-

- a. None.

9. Old Business-

- a. Student Priority Survey Update, UCF Orientation Voter Registration Update, [Resolution 54-05](#) (8-0-1), Day at City Hall/Day at the County Discussion

10. New Business-

- a. UCF Orientation Voter Registration Update
 - i. Please consider signing up for a [Orientation Tabling Shift](#) for the following days:
 - 1. July 25th - 5:30pm
 - 2. August 11th - 5:30pm
 - 3. August 15th - 5:30pm (This is a Thursday but there is no Senate)
- b. IgKnight Your Vote 2022 Update
 - i. Spoke with Vice President Martinez about plans for the campaign.
 - 1. Traditionally, IgKnight Your Vote has been spearheaded by the Election Commission with support from other branches.

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- a. Unfortunately, EC has very little to do in the fall, so this has helped maintain morale.
- 2. I have been told that there are some Election Commissioners (confirmed and nominated) interested in taking point for the campaign.
- ii. GAP will continue to work to have a more prominent role in the campaign then in the past.
 - 1. We want the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches to also have a role in this campaign outside of the Election Commission.
- iii. We will have more information about the set-up of the IgKnight Your Vote Campaign next week with more Election Commissioners situated.
- iv. In the meantime, I wanted to use some time now to brainstorm some potential ideas for events during Fall 2022 that the IgKnight Your Vote 2022 Campaign can undertake that we can present.
 - 1. What are some ideas you all have about potential events or actions the campaign can undertake? The goal is while GAP will not spearhead the campaign, we can still contribute to the operations behind it.
 - 2. Discussion:
 - a. Kostis: No specific ideas yet, but I think we should have an incentive to bring people into vote. People may want to vote purely based off the state of the country, however there are still individuals that are jaded. We ought to focus on the latter, apathetic side, so using maybe Goodie Bags, Dining Dollars, discounts.
 - b. Almenar: One of the reasons people don't vote is because they don't know the candidates. They may know the high-profile elections, but not other things down the ballot. So a Candidate Forum could be good, put students into a situation where they can interact with the campaigns, so that way students can have a better idea about who and what they want aside from something as abstract as a name on a ballot. Direct interaction can yield some strong results

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- c. Castelin: Combination of Almenar and Kostis' ideas: we can host an SG event where people can attend a voting registration party. Unsure of restrictions. Insofar as voter education is concerned, a seminar where candidates can provide information about themselves. Using SG social media can be a boon. We can provide different outlets through IG.
- d. Yalamanchili: I agree with Senator Castelin. A Forum would be perfect for dispersing ideas of voter education and civic responsibilities. Nations that have an aware populace yields a better democracy. Moreover, there have been changes to voting and election laws, and students ought to be more cognizant of them. Registration parties and monetary incentives could be a grey area, but we can find out.
- e. Kostis: A great simplification asset would be working with the new GAC and Executive to create a guide on how to vote and where to vote. Create a brochure of the candidates at local governments.
- f. Temple: Voters Guide idea
- g. Hall: I do like the idea of a Candidate Forum, more of a general election issue, probably work with the GAC on matters of admin due to partisan nature. Voters Guide must be nonpartisan. Something I think we can do is what Senator Simko is include the ballot initiatives that we can definitely talk about more. I will say our ideas will be more along the lines of how to incentivize people to register to vote. Something similar to what Senator Castelin said would be a Rock to Vote concert/voter reg event. That can be a possible idea to register students and give advertisement to local bands. Caucuses can specify upon minority-specific initiatives and interests. Something we really really want to do is focus on Seminole County as well as Orange County. Working with Seminole and Orange Countys' Supervisors of Elections is paramount. Table at areas where students are around in Seminole. Voters' Guides can be a good idea but we need to

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thread the needle. We really need to advertise early voting beyond tabling. Students can vote anywhere in Orange County. Telling students they can vote in any OC precinct would be key. Creating videos that would advertise voting, using figures like Gus Malzhan and even Cartwright. A long term project would be working on making Election Day a holiday and working with Admin on that. Perhaps ending classes at a specific time, similar to Gamedays, so students can go vote.

h. Temple: Follow Ups to Voters Guide and social media usage in advertising early voting.

c. Student Priorities Survey Dispersal Update

- i. We currently have 65 responses recorded since the launch of the survey!
- ii. I have discussed further promotion with Communications Director Turner and we will be making an actual Instagram post for the survey sometime this week or early next week!
 1. We will also be developing a graphic that can be converted into a flyer and placing it in various places in the Student Union and in some buildings across campus.
 2. UPDATE: We did get a graphic. It is live as of yesterday!
- iii. We will also begin reaching out to relevant RSOs to have them put the forthcoming SG post on their stories and disperse to their membership.
- iv. We will be creating a QR code for the survey and using the code at tabling events.

d. Student Priorities Survey Trends Update (62 Responses as of 07/20/22)

i. **Topic - Interested | Somewhat Interested | Not Interested**

1. Agricultural Issues - 9 | 28 | 26
2. Civil Rights - 47 | 7 | 9
3. COVID-19 - 24 | 24 | 14
4. Cybersecurity - 15 | 36 | 11
5. Disabilities & Limitations - 39 | 17 | 6
6. Economy - 22 | 28 | 12
7. Education - 48 | 9 | 6
8. Energy & Infrastructure - 31 | 22 | 10

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9. Environment & Climate Change - 38 | 13 | 11
10. Food Insecurity - 36 | 21 | 5
11. Gun Violence Prevention - 31 | 4 | 5
12. Healthcare - 42 | 10 | 10
13. Housing Insecurity - 38 | 20 | 4
14. Immigration Reform - 30 | 19 | 14
15. LGBTQ+ Rights - 38 | 10 | 15
16. Marijuana Legalization - 28 | 16 | 18
17. Mental Health - 49 | 9 | 5
18. Military/Veteran Services - 20 | 26 | 16
19. Reproductive Rights - 45 | 6 | 11
20. Safety & Transportation - 36 | 22 | 4
21. Taxes - 19 | 30 | 14
22. Voting Rights & Access - 37 | 14 | 11
23. Workers Rights - 33 | 18 | 11

ii. Questions:

1. Yalamanchili: Moreso about the survey than the trends; are the responses still coming in able to determine the Advocacy Agenda?
 - a. Hall: These are preliminary updates. The survey will be open until the Fall.

11. Member Discussion-

- a. None

12. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Icebreaker: Favorite Musician and Genre of Music?
 - i. Yalamanchili:
 1. Musician: Phil Collins
 2. Genre: 80s Rock (Phil Collins, New Order, etc)
 - ii. Almenar:
 1. Musician/Band/Genre: Twenty One Pilots
 - iii. Kostis:
 1. Musician: Trent Reznor
 2. Genre: 90s Rock (anything from the 90s; industrial-techno, darker music!)

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- a. Hall: Echoes
- iv. Damarla:
 - 1. Musician: Lorde
 - 2. Genre: Rock, R&B
- v. Castelin:
 - 1. Musician: In flux daily (
 - 2. Genre: 80s/90s Rock + R&B
- vi. VC Temple:
 - 1. Musician: Billy Joel
 - 2. Genre: 80s Rock, Swing
 - a. Expected Roman/Gregorian Music (It is up there!)
- vii. Simko:
 - 1. Musician: Juan Luis Guerra.
 - 2. Genre: Merengue
- viii. Patel:
 - 1. Musician: Lana Del Ray
 - 2. Genre: 90s Club
 - a. Born to Die is great
- ix. Custis: (Wanted to call out Hall on music)
 - 1. Musician: Taylor Swift/Coldplay
 - 2. Genre: Alt. Rock
- x. GAC Nominee McLain:
 - 1. Musician: Ariana Grande
 - 2. Genre: Pop
- xi. Hall:
 - 1. Musician: I listed EVERYONE for the Jeopardy. Doing two: Coldplay and all-time favorite is FLEETWOOD MAC!!!
 - 2. Genre: Without being cliché, I can name 80s music, love 90s (esp club), disco, old country music (Dolly Parton, etc) also am a big fan of alternative, old Hispanic/Latin Music. Very quirky!
- b. Yalamanchili:
 - i. Ironically, I am thoroughly displeased with VC Temple with his OTD facts. Today is the 53rd anniversary of the Apollo 11 Landing on 20 July 1969.
 - 1. Shoutout to everyone who was involved.

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13. Final Roll Call: 9/11

14. Adjournment: 2:53 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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