



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government  
LJR Committee Meeting  
Charge on Chamber  
07/06/22  
11:00 AM

## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 11:02 AM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 8/8

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Urea	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
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Senator Tache	sgsci13@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Yalamanchili	sgamed3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Patel	sga_med2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Nguyen	sgaecs6@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro-Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P

3. [Approval of the Minutes](#): Approved by GC
4. Approval of the Agenda: Approved by GC
5. Announcements from the Chair-
  - a. Hey everyone, Hope you all had a relaxing holiday weekend. I know my cat didn't when he thought we were in a war zone with all the fireworks. Nothing crazy on the agenda today so let's get started. WOOOO
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair-
  - a. Good morning everyone, I hope you all had a good long Independence Day weekend. Today we have more legislation than absence requests today so we have

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a little bit of a mix up of the norm today. I am looking forward to working with you all, let's get to it. Also today is the first day we are full! (yes very slay)- BU

7. Announcements from Committee Members-

a. E&A Representative Senator Patel-

- i. 3 EC and 3 senators, all were approved, the senators were very diligent and the third one was a returning member.

b. GAP Representative Senator Yalamanchili-

- i. It was announced that the presence of GAP at the block party went well and ten students registered to vote which is more than a convasing event in the same period of time. GAP determined how many people are interested in IgKnight you vote campaign.

c. SBA Representative-

- i. None

d. Pro-Temps Office-

- i. 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. Will not be granting extensions to legislation DLeg Wangen has not already seen until next week
- ii. Please fill out the [Involvement Tracker](#)
  1. Reminder: We're looking to recognize involvement going beyond the basic requirements.
- iii. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me or DSR Foster!
- iv. Galloway- keep an eye on your college GroupMe, I mean it. Trying to schedule dean meetings around your schedules. Respond quickly when messaged.
  1. Urea- was the when2meet for fall?
  2. Galloway- it was for July

8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-

- a. None

9. Old Business-

- a. Bills

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- i. None.
- b. Resolutions
  - i. None.
- c. Absences
  - i. None.
- d. Blanket Excuses
  - i. None.

## 10. New Business-

### a. Bills

#### i. [Internal Bill 54-09](#)

##### 1. Speech

a.

##### 2. Questioning

a.

##### 3. Debate

a.

##### 4. Voting **PPI**

#### ii. [Internal Bill 54-12](#)

##### 1. Speech

a. This is our bill, not a whole lot to go over

##### 2. Questioning

a. Brodie- This is not about the content of the bill. I removed most of the definitions to only leave the relevant things to make it easier to read.

b. Tache- when have we gone over this?

c. Urea- we talked last meeting and in misc we created it. The difference is what Brodie mentioned.

##### 3. Debate

a. McClellan- this is our bill, we made it, we should vote in favor

b. Yalamanchili- I concur, a supermajority is generally in government  $\frac{2}{3}$  I don't see why it was changed to 75%.

c. Tache- I do remember now, I was confused because section M was in bold but now I understand. Wanted to clarify.

d. Wangen- you might be looking at the wrong thing?

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- e. Tache- what is weird is that I am not, it is 54-13?
    - f. Urea- 54-12
    - g. Tache- Oh
  - 4. Voting 7-0-2 Approved
- iii. [Internal Bill 54-13](#)
  - 1. Speech
    - a. Aiming to clarify the grey area in the AG's powers. Stating that the AG may, through an opinion, acknowledge invalid filing of a document and make it void. Includes specifically improperly filed or procedural errors. Through meetings with branch heads & Brodie, this doesn't disrupt checks and balances, as Judicial could go into judicial review.
  - 2. Questioning
    - a. Yalamanchili: What would a misinterpretation of statutes mean?
      - i. Not procedurally wrong, but the statute you're describing is not related to what is being alleged.
    - b. Tache: Isn't it LJR's job to do that? Why does the AG need to be able to step in and say we're wrong?
      - i. A censure is sent to a number of people before LJR sees it. If anyone said there was an issue, the issuer could withdraw it. Getting to LJR, they could allow it through without all the various checks set up
    - c. Wangen (to AG): Is there precedent for the misinterpretation section, rather than just the procedural error section?
      - i. Moore: The AG generally does that, there isn't necessarily precedent. Allows AG to check the legislative branch if they're misunderstanding statutes.
  - 3. Debate
    - a. Tache: This scenario is putting in a lot of accidents. Would be comfortable with it just referring to procedural errors, but don't see why the AG alone should be able to overturn all of Senate interpreting statutes.
    - b. Yalamanchili: Think it is settled that the AG has the implied power to issue opinions that hold weight. Room to interpret

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statutes differently, since they are left vague. Courts have had these differing opinions because our laws are vague. If I have a different opinion on what statutes mean, is it wrong? Would support the bill if it was limited to procedural errors. Will be abstaining or voting no.

- c. McClellan: This situation happening, where it comes down to the AG, is very rare and shouldn't be happening. Want to clarify that the people it is sent to initially don't have to approve it or anything, no guarantee it is being reviewed until it comes to LJR. Part of the AG's job is to interpret statutes, so they should be able to state that statutes are being interpreted wrong in regards to a censure.
- d. Urea (to McClellan): Couldn't misinterpretation mean that the AG could have the complete power to maliciously state something is misinterpreted?
  - i. Could be appealed to judicial
- e. AG Moore: Want to clarify the whereas clause of the judicial review. An opinion is not an act necessarily, so it may not be able to go under judicial review
- f. Urea: Wary of this because of issues with judicial review.
- g. Wangen: The committee has the ability to make amendments, doesn't have to wait until Senate. Not comfortable with this bill with how limited judicial review seems to be
- h. Yalamanchili: Trust AG Moore's opinion in regards to the limited scope of judicial review. Allowing the AG to have the sole authority to void a censure or otherwise undermines the legislative branch. Pretty sure LJR would notice and reject a censure that solely refers to statutes that are not relevant, and Senate would also be able to do that. Would support this bill with Tache's amendment
- i. Brodie: Had understood that an opinion could qualify as a memorandum
- j. Tache: Move to see my amendment
  - i. Speech

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1. Tache: Everyone had issues with this clause, chose to make the amendment

## ii. Debate

1. McClellan: Not many checks on the legislative branch when it comes to this. Not confident in having no checks, especially in regards to the interpretation of statutes. Better to have a check on a branch than not.
2. Wangen: AG is the one non-committee member allowed to speak in LJR on a censure. Their opinion will be heard, but shouldn't overcome the opinion of up to 70 people
3. Tache: Same concerns with that opinion. There are disagreements about legal documents all the time, don't need to give them this full power.
4. Yalamchili: Agree. The AG is a part of exec, which enforces the acts of the legislative branch. Judicial should be the one interpreting statutes. This legislation would not act as checks and balances, but an undermining of democracy. Senate has up to 70 people, LJR has 9 currently. When we debate, the AG's opinion is heard and respected, but there is the possibility of misuse.

## iii. Vote

1. 6-1-2, Amendment is approved

- k. Tache: Still not the biggest fan of this, but it does make sense, will be voting in favor.

## 4. Voting

- a. 7-0-2, Bill passes favorably

## b. Resolutions

### i. [Resolution 54-03](#)

1. Speech

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- a. "For everyone on the committee's information a land acknowledgement just acknowledges the specific Amerindian tribes that once lived on the land that UCF stands on"
2. Questioning
  - a. Wangen- does the original or new introducer discussed this with the speaker or what the content would be
  - b. Urea- No idea
  - c. Tache- it is in the same place as the pledge and National Anthem so maybe the speaker doesn't have to be the one to read it
  - d. Wangen- the bill states it is read by the speaker
  - e. Martin- are we able to pass this bill without knowing the content of what the speaker would be saying
  - f. Urea- Loki is at work, yes we can pass it.
  - g. Tache- I will say that if we want to amend it to say anyone can read it then that would be good
  - h. Tache- who can do it
  - i. Martin- not sure maybe any student or senator
  - j. Wangen- can we move to debate?
3. Debate
  - a. Tache- before we go to my amendment, I see it similarly as to how we say Dylan's harassment training bill. All that matters is that we do it and it is up to those in charge to figure out how. That is my take.
  - b. Wangen- another thing is that this doesn't change anything in statutes. The be it further resolved clause does nothing.
  - c. Brodie- to that point I want to echo what Katrina said, it instructs but doesn't bind.
  - d. Tache- I agree, it isn't super important.
  - e. Tache- move to see my amendment s
    - i. Amendment
      1. Tache- it makes things more comfortable for the speaker, I don't want to force them to do it
      2. Debate

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- a. Yalamanchili- we can be flexible to who conducts this opening, it is good that this isn't blinded to the speaker and allows for flexibility
    - b. Voting 9-0-0 Approved
  - f. Wangen- I am not a fan of this bill and while i support adding it it is just something that is not set in stone, UCF has no official land acknowledgment and can be just performative. We do not have anyone specifically saying it or what would be said
  - g. Martin- I want to piggyback off of what was just said, if we knew what was said I would feel more comfortable
  - h. Yalamanchili- I agree, I see agree with this but with this current bill I have no idea how this would be implemented. I cannot vote for it as it is. I would like to, I think we can give it another week get more information from the introducer.
  - i. Tache- move to PPI
- 4. Voting **PPI**
- b. Absences
  - i. Grace Castelin - Whole meeting 07/28
    - 1. Speech
      - a. Religious convention with family
    - 2. Questioning
      - a. None
    - 3. Debate
      - a. Yalamanchili- I think we should approve it, in our last version we said we would allow one excuse for family engagements if they planned it out. For many faith is very important to them and they can practice how they see fit.
      - b. Tache- What is Grace's absence count?
      - c. Urea- 0
  - 4. Voting 6-2-0 Approved
- c. Blanket Excuses
  - i. None

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## 11. Member Discussion-

- a. Tache- I mean no bad energy by this but did you not abstain or am I wrong that you normally do.
- b. Urea- I vote if it isn't divisive

## 12. Miscellaneous Business-

- a. Anyone in SBA and wants to be a rep?
  - i. McClellan- I could go if you want a rep
  - ii. Tache- if you want me to do reports for a few weeks I could, but I plan on dropping one committee in the fall
  - iii. Urea- you can if you want, we just want to have a rep as a resource for SBA, we can wait until fall
- b. [Title four](#) review
  - i. Tache- so chapter 406 talks about vetoes, is it just in another section of the constitution on how we can overrun those?
  - ii. Wangen- the Constitution itself outlines this
  - iii. Urea- I know we cannot do an insta, but do you guys think if we could work with exec to do a story every week of what we did. Maybe put in statutes. Nobody knows what we do if they are not involved.
  - iv. Wangen- generally is something we try not to over-legislate is not a thing we try to do
  - v. Urea- then how would we go about this
  - vi. Wangen- I know ELA Galloway has been working with Director Turner on this
  - vii. Wangen- I am sure about how it would work but the whole interim position stuff
  - viii. McClellan- 400.3
  - ix. Wangen- that waves being read into minutes not confirmation
  - x. Brodie- so adding on, we (Brodie and Ryan) (true) are dumb. The interim position shouldn't be confirmed because that is the point, but I do not want to sway any thoughts or stuff going on. To do it you would have to add it to make it official in statutes
  - xi. Wangen- there are also theoretically have interim AG and Comptroller positions, they could streamline them into those positions and so we should not allow that

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- xii. Urea- we should wait for the opinion
- xiii. Tache- I could go either way, the interim should only be able to hold the position for a definite amount of time
- xiv. Urea- one more thing, 400.6 talks about a primary campus newspaper but I have no idea what that would be. Maybe change it to SG social or something? I think we should change it from newspaper to social media.
- xv. Wangen- I agree, but I do not think it should be a SG sponsored website.
- xvi. Tache- so I did want to point out that we do have a newspaper on campus but update it to make it more modern but not get rid of it. Maybe say AND. What would our primary campus media be?
- xvii. Brodie- Include media outlet instead
- c. Anyone fluent in google sheets?
  - i. Urea- anyone able to help me set up a google sheet to track the different absences we have
  - ii. Tache- is it formulas or simple?
  - iii. Urea- so I could do simple but I want an algorithm.
  - iv. Tache- maybe you don't need it fancy
  - v. Urea- fair

13. Final Roll Call: 8/8

14. Adjournment: 12:20 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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