



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government  
Disability Caucus  
Tuesday, 12 PM  
08/29/2022  
SG Conference Room  
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## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 12:07
2. Roll & Verification of Quorum(3): 5/5

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Tache	sgdisabilitycaucus@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice-Chair Borges	sga_hm1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Beaumont	sgachps1@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Hall	sga_sci5@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Wangen	sgaecs9@ucf.edu	P	P
Disability Coalition	disabilitycoalitionUCF@gmail.com	P	P
UCF YDSA	ucfydsa@gmail.com	P	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: [Disability Caucus Meeting Agenda 7/19](#) ; Approved by GC
4. Approval of the Agenda: Approved by GC
5. Open Forum:
  - a. None
6. Announcements from the Chair:
  - a. No announcements regarding this week, but no meeting next week due to Labor Day!
7. Announcements from the Vice-Chair:
  - a. Let me know if you want any minutes to be more detailed!

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8. Announcements from Caucus Members:
  - a. None
9. Announcements from Non-Caucus Members
  - a. Collins: Will hopefully be sitting in more on the caucus!
10. Old Business:
  - a. None
11. New Business:
  - a. Presidential appointments
    - i. A candidate we spoke on during his first appointment was reappointed. I believe we should discuss this again.
    - ii. Cox: appointment in question gave former Senator a seizure. He was appointed to be Digital Media Coordinator, and with that involves videos. Within a video he submitted it had flashing lights that caused seizures. As a caucus we came up with a statement during that confirmation.
    - iii. Tulsi: I know you attempted to educate this person on the dangers of the video. Do you believe that education worked?
      1. Tache: We spoke to the Executive Branch about it and about education, however, it is not our job to do that for these candidates. When he got rejected we did not reach out to him because I was not aware he could have been re-nominated.
      2. After he was rejected I gave him a bunch of YouTube links surrounding the topic and he never responded and it seemed he didn't care after he was rejected. He only talked to me and the victim when he was still a candidate.
      3. Tulsi: was the general impression he didn't care?
        - a. Tache: I cannot tell what he is thinking inside his head, but there were concerns about that.
        - b. Tulsi: If they were asking us to be helpful and Senators have sent videos, then we have done what we need to do.
        - c. Tache: When we were first discussing this I was unsure. "Interview" portion went badly, someone got a seizure from it. I would trust anyone from that point on to not do it again, but I am at the point now (after discussions with the victim) to

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where I believe he was rejected and essentially embarrassed by Senate, and the fact he reapplied for it makes me trust that he will not mess up again. I do not believe a video able to cause seizures will be shown to the Student Body as of now, as he has already learned. I am now wondering if we should dismiss him forever or not.

- d. Wangen: Spoke to Cirisi, she agrees with Tache; however, she wants to see evidence that this actually changed something and it wasn't something he moved on and forgot about. I know it would affect me a lot but I know a lot of people don't care.
- e. Tache: I think it's unlikely we get a disability advocate in the Digital Media position. He may not have shown extreme growth, but I imagine he is at least a little impacted. I would like to see him respond to Cox, and maybe reach out to him myself. Whether or not we're fine with voting for him, we should still say something at the meeting.
- f. Cox: I understand what is being said, however, if I said something that got me rejected I would not then go for the same position - it seems very demeaning. I'm sure the Executive Branch and he feel he's the best candidate, however it feels offensive to go again for the same position. I hope people take seizures seriously but to go again...
- g. Tulsi: I understand the concerns. I would be cautiously optimistic. When it comes to accessibility there's more than avoiding lights. I would like his acknowledgement of other aspects, and know he is education on those other aspects.
- h. Tache: agreed, I believe that's why Cox sent those videos. If we had a meeting next week I would have loved to invite him. When it comes to us not being reached out to, 1. He might not care, 2. He isn't expecting us to forgive him but hopes he can get it this time. When setting fall priorities maybe we can examine Executive Branch positions and see what the

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concerns may be. I think sitting down with them and discussing it can be beneficial.

- i. Collins: I am a big fan of Senate. I feel very well informed on this. Speaking as a student and not representing Exec, something I said in my own confirmation is that UCF prides itself in education. My hope is that the candidate has taken the time to inform themselves regarding the various communities they will be serving in that position. With my DIC hat on, I will not speak on the rest of the cabinet and was not there when he was being confirmed; however, I understand the concerns. If there was any offense taken by anyone's actions I apologize on behalf of that. Giving someone the opportunity to show that they have learned would be ideal. I would like to know what the caucus wants to see from this candidate.
- j. Tache: Whether or not we support this student I feel we should do programming along with DIC Collins.
- k. Wangen: I'm less offended that he chose to apply. I would have done the same, positions open up and people drop. I am more concerned about the people who chose him. They probably thought it was an issue but never told him to reach out. I want to establish that Exec as a whole is something we should keep an eye on related to Disability Accommodations, Accessibility, etc. Even though it is not our job to focus on the Executive Branch, but it could be beneficial.
- l. Tache: I think that's a great point. I do not blame someone for reapplying to the same position. I wish President Lopez would have reached out to me or Cox. I would like to bring up that concern in private with them. We're not voting on anything but I want to do a straw pull on our views on this.
  - i. Statement as a caucus we vote no.
    - 1. Cox & Borges
  - ii. Statement as a caucus we're abstaining.

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1. Nobody as of now.
- iii. Statement as “We voted no last time but we’re taking this as a learning opportunity and we would like to see if there has been any growth.”
  1. Tulsi & Wangen, Tache as of now is most open to this option.
- iv. Collins: I am willing to sit in on those meetings if you have one!
- v. Cox: Meeting next Monday?
  1. Tache: No
- vi. Yalamanchili: Have you considered speaking as a caucus to Smith.
  1. Tache: We sadly do not meet.
- vii. Wangen: Can we try to meet next week? I know that is an issue.
  1. Tache: I’ll schedule a meeting just him and I.
- viii. Cox: I do not think it should be a private meeting. We’re talking about endorsing him... Sunshine Law concerns.
  1. Tache: I’ll ask Brodie. We won’t talk with him on how we’re voting, so I’m unsure.
- ix. Temple: Bridge that gap, someone can take minutes during discussion and take notes. Can be posted within folder.
- b. Setting the fall 2022 priorities
  - i. Tache: Working with Exec alongside DIC Collins. Myself and Cox can take point on that.
    1. 12:38 - > 12:43 Reading time
      - a. Move to Informal: 12:39
        - i. Small clarifying questions were asked.
      - b. Move to Formal: 12:41
    2. Cox: Interpreters?

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- a. Wangen: Shane and I have discussed this a few more times in passing. He will continue doing what he's doing because it makes the most sense as of now. SG's policies make turnaround time hard for these events. Sadly, I don't see any other solutions other than giving OSI more money.
- b. Tache: Please keep it on your radar as you seem to be the most knowledgeable on this. I feel this needs to be changed, but once it's changed it seems good forever.
- 3. Tulsi: I know we're very far for Disability Commons, however how plausible is it to be done this Fall? Plans?
  - i. Cox: It's a very long term thing. There's no way this can even be done in a year - more of a 3 year project. Getting space is the most difficult aspect. Talking to people and getting the idea down on who is in charge of all the components (ex. space) is what we should do. There's not a ton we can do, other than writing something supporting the commons - we cannot forcibly make the change.
  - ii. Tache: Question for Collins, could you keep the concept of a Disability Commons on your radar? Please talk to people about it etc. if you need Senate to write things please just reach out.
  - iii. Collins: I would love to - and please send me any documentation of what's been done thus far would be very helpful.
  - iv. Tulsi: What has been done so far, what is the action plan? How was Pride Commons done? I know this space can be extremely beneficial to not only disabled students but all students.
    - 1. Tache: That is a good point, DIC Collins is writing it down.
- b. Tulsi: Auditable crosswalks.

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- i. Tache: I think it's a great idea to continue. Feel free to try to reach out on our behalf and if it doesn't work circle back and we can find a new way to talk about that.
    - c. Cox: The easiest thing on this list to do is advertising the Accessibility Reporting Form. All we would have to do it talk to 1 person in Exec to make a few flyers, QR codes, etc.
    - d. Borges: related to Tulsi's crosswalks, that's one of my bigger initiatives I came into Senate with and also President Lopez's and Vice President Martinez's initiatives, so contacting them seems like the best course of action.
    - e. Tache: would love Wangen, Tulsi, Cox to work on Accessibility Course.
      - i. Wangen: I'm in KORT so I will be in those conversations either way.
  - ii. Fall priorities summarized:
    - 1. Helping with the Executive Branch on audible crosswalks.
    - 2. Working with the Executive Branch to train their officers.
    - 3. ASL Interpreters for events that are being paid for now by OSI's Interpreter fund but is tight on money.
    - 4. Disability Commons
    - 5. RSO (?) Accessibility Course
    - 6. Accessibility Reporting Form
- 12. Member Discussion:
  - a. Borges: thank you for being a great Chair!
  - b. Tache: thank you for being a great Vice Chair with these minutes, so much harder than being chair!
- 13. Miscellaneous Business:
  - a. None
- 14. Final Roll Call: 5/5
- 15. Adjournment: 12:54 PM

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## 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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