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UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
Charge On Chambers
08/31/2022
3:00PM
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 3:02 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum(8): 15/15

| Name | Email | Initial | Final |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------|-------|
| Chair Temple | sgagap@ucf.edu | P | P |
| Vice-Chair Almenar | sga_sci1@ucf.edu | P | P |
| Senator Caldwell | sgacie2@ucf.edu | E | E |
| Senator Castelin | sga_sci3@ucf.edu | P | P |
| Senator Cura | sga_ba2@ucf.edu | P | P |
| Senator Damarla | sga_med1@ucf.edu | A | A |
| Senator Domino | sga_grst1@ucf.edu | P | P |
| Senator Holmes | sga_sci6@ucf.edu | P | P |
| Senator Kostis | sga_sci8@ucf.edu | P | P |
| Senator Martin | sga_sci10@ucf.edu | P | P |
| Senator Martinez | sga_ba4@ucf.edu | A | A |
| Senator Modha | sga_ba1@ucf.edu | P | P |
| Senator Tribble | sga_cah1@ucf.edu | P | P |
| Senator Urea | sgasci14@ucf.edu | P | P |
| Senator Yalamanchili | sgachps4@ucf.edu | P | P |
| Pro Temp Rep. | sga_pro@ucf.edu | P | P |
| LJR Rep | sga_med2@ucf.edu | P | P |

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| GAC McLain | sgagovaffairs@ucf.edu | P | P |
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3. Approval of the Minutes: [8/29/2022](#) Approved by GC
4. Approval of the Agenda: Approved by GC
5. Announcements from the Chair-
 - a. Good afternoon, everyone!
 - b. Today we will go over a number of different subjects pertaining to housekeeping and committee actions going forward, but first we do have a Vice Chair election today!
 - c. Before we get to the election, I wanted to give you guys a heads-up that, after meeting with GAC McLain and Director Turner, we will be re-opening the Student Priorities Survey for the next couple of weeks. The rationale is that we have new FTIC and FTOC students and the traffic can help sharpen the priorities moving forward.
 - d. I also met with GAC McLain and Austin Wilson (the former student body VP) to discuss the DATC timeline and what that will entail. There are still plenty of grey areas to tend to, so the GAC and I will update you all as we go along.
 - e. Also just as a heads up, we are short for time since at 1600 hours, Senate Exec will be meeting.
 - f. OTD:
 - i. In 1864, General William Tecumseh Sherman launches an assault on Atlanta, which would later instigate the March to the Sea, wherein the military doctrine of "total war" and "scorched earth" are implemented.
6. Announcements from the Vice-Chair-
 - a. Just something that reflects internally, thank you for supporting me! I will be working with the Chair and everyone else closely on all the initiatives
7. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. Pro-Temp:
 - i. Hello everyone, I am happy to be here and I wanted to say thank you for allowing me to serve you all as Dleg. I have already started to get things rolling on the fiscal side of things and will be introducing myself to the A&SF Business Office this Friday alongside PT Foster.

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- ii. New Fiscal Training has come out and you have ten business days from Monday 8/29 to complete or you will be in non-compliance.
 - iii. Here is the link to get the training on webcourses
<https://asf.sdes.ucf.edu/training/>
 - iv. If ever need anything or have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me.
 - b. Vice Chair Almenar's Gun Control Resolution:
 - i. Wanted to discuss the gun control resolution. It has not yet been signed, but we still need to send it to everyone that is listed on the bill. If you wanted to help out, reach out.
 - c. Senator Kostis:
 - i. Is not about GAP but will propose new legislation next week to help incarcerated individuals access higher education.
 - d. Senator Holmes: Question for Chair, was working on transportation initiative and wants to know if gap could get involved to educated student body and talk about things that will be on the ballot.
 - i. Chair Temple: we can discuss in member discussion.
 - e. Senator Yamalanchilli:
 - i. This day in history: today celebrating the birthday of Caligula (12 CE) and Commodus.
8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
- a. N/A
9. Old Business-
- a. None
10. New Business-
- a. Expectations:
 - i. I will be quick since we have a lot to get through, but effectively:
 - 1. This committee will be discussion-based and reliant on collaboration. So plenty of engagement with the chair and the rest of the committee is going to be highly important.
 - 2. There will be a lot of new ideas implemented into this GAP Committee, so this is new for all of us. For some, this is the first time you're in a GAP meeting (welcome!) If you have a question, please

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ask! If you have a suggestion to change these ideas, please inform me and we can talk about it! I absolutely LOVE to answer questions about anything GAP and what I want seen for the committee, and both will take a lot of clarification so please ask every question.

3. Absences: Although I am lenient on absences, please notify me ahead of time so I can have you excused. If you have a class conflict at any point in the meeting, then notify me before or during the meeting so I can excuse you.
4. Modality: I will retain the Zoom option for Senators who are unable to attend GAP in-person. I would encourage in-person attendance, but as former Chair Hall stated "Life happens."

b. Distribution of Student Priorities Survey Ideas?

- i. How long do you all want the Survey to be circulated for? Director Turner has it running through the next month, so if you want it extended, you may provide recommendations now and through the next few weeks so I can relay it to Turner.
 1. Cura: Could we get a QR code for the sg office door?
 2. Castelin: can we make this accessible to those who can not access it through traditional means.
 3. Cura: we can also try tables to send out the survey.

c. Voter's Guide

- i. Today let's see if we can pin down exactly what we want to see on these Guides, since the General Election is a few months away, it would be best to start this ASAP. With that in mind, I am aware we haven't yet solidified what is to be on these guides, or how we would distribute them, so I would want to hear discussion on that today:
- ii. Discussion:
 1. Chair: A quick idea to begin with is by starting with some information on the Local, State and Federal elections, focusing on the candidates, briefly discussing one or two of their major policies and ballot initiatives.
 2. Kostis: Are these hand help VG or online? How much info can we put on?

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- a. Chair Temple: Wants to try to put as much info as possible without overwhelming students/voters
3. Kostis: to include where candidates are getting their funding. So voters know how they could affect them in the future?
4. Castelin: Is this a part of the ignite your vote committee that is yet to be formed.
 - a. Chair: yes waiting for our EC Supervisor.
5. Yalamanchili: What is our scope?
 - a. VC Almenar: We will need to focus directly on races that would affect. The gubernatorial, federal elections, state elections and local elections that affect the districts that most live in.
 - b. Temple: has a list, federal, local, state, and ballot initiatives. Orange and Osceola county.
6. Holmes: thinks hand-held VG will be great for people to bring with them to ballot. Bring up penny sales tax. Important issue regarding transportation due to how so many students use transportation.
7. Martin: Including a few of their stances and their websites.
8. Modha: Wants to keep it concise to not overwhelm voters.
 - a. Chair: could be a pamphlet as well.
9. Cura: agrees with the pamphlet idea.
10. McClellan: include information on when, where, and how to vote.
11. D&I Collins: Question for the committee: who is the target audience for the committee?
 - a. Almenar- the consensus of the committee seems to be tabling and handing them out to whoever will take them as well as having someone hand them out on the day of.
 - b. Cura: have an action plan on how to spread them around campus.
 - c. Chair (to Cura): can meet on forming a plan.
12. Castelin: Are we still going to try to have a candidate forum?
13. Saucedo: Proposed idea to Chair to have a panel of spanish speaking officials.
14. Almenar: Would be a cost effective event.

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- 15. Yalamanchili: How would we avoid a toxic space from arising?
- 16. Castelin: imagines a space for candidates to come speak or to have campaigns send in videos.
- 17. GAC: Is having a Political and legal RSO fair so is willing to work on a candidate forum.
- 18. Holmes: Also mentioning black wednesdays will be happening soon so another opportunity for VG dispersion.

d. [“Priority Briefs”](#)

- i. Those who were in GAP over the Summer may know of the Legislative Reports, which basically reviews Legislative or Policy initiatives that were prevalent in the civic discourse/that Senators were passionate about. With GAP now in the fall semester, our priority will be set upon DATC, and since we’ve gotten a solid response from the Priorities Survey (100 so far!!!), I figured we ought to start our research of the Student Priorities given our longer timeline.
- ii. That said, these “Priorities Briefs” are much, *much* shorter than the Legislative Briefs, in that they provide cursory, yet no less important, information about some of the Priorities students have expressed interest/concern over. They have their own template, but I will be more than happy to go over it.
- iii. The point of these briefs is to introduce ourselves to these priorities and provide a firm background on them before we see any legislation later in the year. These priority briefs will explain ***what the priority entails, general research behind the priority at a state, national level, why it is important to students, current and proposed policies that tackle this priority and what students/you want to see specifically to solve this.***
- iv. These briefs will act as a guide for us to identify what legislation we will include on our Legislative Priorities later on, act as a foundation for writing the Advocacy Agenda, advertise the DATC through SG’s Instagram, and (possibly?) be used as a resource for the day of. For now, these priority briefs are for us to familiarize ourselves with the priorities at hand and what specific issues arise under them. (The normal Legislative Briefs will be unaffected and in fact be incorporated later on in the DATC research process).

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e. Subcommittees

- i. In order to tackle both the Voter's Guide and Policy Briefs at once, I will work with the Vice Chair to allocate the wider committee into smaller "subcommittees." This is nothing set in stone, as this will be a novel process for all of us, but how this will go about this is that you will be allocated depending on whether you wish to work toward the Voter's Guide or the Policy Briefs.
- ii. How this will work is that each of the members will state which item they would want to work on, and from there, the VC and I will determine who will get to work in each subcommittee. It should be an even split between members, but it's possible one of the committees will have an additional member.
- iii. Once the subcommittees are set, we can start working on our respective assignments, with the Vice Chair leading one subcommittee, myself the other.
- iv. Why I am doing this is for the sake of efficiency as well as see how you all work together in smaller groups.
- v. We will return to the larger committee after roughly 30-45 minutes of working (this time can be set by you all) and the "chairs" of the subcommittees will report the activities in a table similar to below:

vi.

| Policy Subcommittee | Voter's Subcommittee |
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- vii. If you want to express your interest in what you want to work on, you may do so now, otherwise, be sure to reach out to myself and/or the Vice Chair before the next meeting (Wed. 3:00 PM).
 1. McClellan: how would this function during committee?
 - a. Temple: committee as whole can go informal to split.

11. Member Discussion-

a. GAP Merchandise Updates?

- i. If you guys may remember from last week, we discussed design ideas for merchandise to entice students to vote in the midterms. I wanted to gauge where you all are at so far.

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1. Almenar: yes
 2. Cura: what type of designs
 3. Almenar: UCF i VOTED stickers.
 4. Urea: Is working on it>
 5. McClellan: uncle sam type beat but Knightro.
 6. Cura: Feels like has seen this before. Is this a GAP logo or a incentive.
 7. Temple: incentive.
 8. Yamalanchili: loves McClellan's ideas.
 9. GAC: we don't have a budget :(and september 19 will have a ready set vote date.
 10. Domino: has meet creative students who could work on this initiative.
- b. Election Holiday Initiative?
- i. This was something that was being tossed around often, most recently by Senator Caldwell over the summer. I wanted to gauge the committee on who is interested in working on this initiative alongside Senator Caldwell. He will have more to say but since he could not make it we will get updates from him next week.
 1. To be discussed at next meeting.
12. Miscellaneous Business-
- a. Icebreaker: (from next meeting on, the VC can posit icebreakers): If you could live in any historical period, when would you live and why?
 - i. N/A
 - b. Vice Chair Elections
 - i. Nominations
 1. Almenar
 - ii. Speech
 1. I have not prepared anything and we all know each other. I am currently E&A Vice chair. I am politically active. I intern for Rep Eskamani, campaign organizer for Carlos Smith. I am an Eboard member of College Democrats. I have vice chair experience taking minutes in E&A.
 - iii. Questions

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1. Yalamanchili- I know Chair Temple said he wants more than a secretary. GAP can be hectic like E&A. Do you think you can keep up? How would you characterize your typing skills.
 2. Almenar- I was thrown into the fire in E&A with long meetings and longer minutes.
 3. Cura- You said you are politically active. Tell us one thing you have done recently.
 4. Almenar- Recently I attended campaign watch party for Rep. Deming and Nominee Frost. I have been a point of contact for many campaigns with UCF.
 5. Yalamanchili- You are involved with College Dems and are active with democrats, my concern is how you will stay unbiased in recording minutes. How would you ensure your own biases are not reflected.
 6. Almenar- I like to think that I can be unbiased in a professional setting. I take calls from other parties in both positive and negative tones. Me and McClellan work well together but disagree a lot and even are friends outside of senate.
 7. Yalamanchili- do you have any unique initiatives?
 8. Almenar- bringing more students to vote with the sticker idea. I want to help Ethan accomplish his initiatives as well.
- iv. Debate:
1. Yalamanchili- I will be voting in favor of Almenar because I believe he has the experience and answers the questions well. He is politically active but he can be unbiased regardless of party. He is already a vice chair. He can keep up with a fast paced committee.
 2. Cura- piggybacking off of Yalamanchili, Almenar has the experience needed. I have seen E&A minutes and they are good. He can be professional while we are in session.
 3. Kostis- I will be voting in favor of Vice Chair Almenar^2 hopefully. With Almenar we will hopefully have honest people leading day at the capital.
- v. Vote:
1. 11-0-2

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vi. Senator Almenar is elected as Vice Chair!

13. Final Roll Call: 15 / 15

14. Adjournment: 4:01 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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