CRT Committee Caucus Charge On Chambers 9/15/22 7:30

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 7:37 PM

2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 3/4 quorum verified

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Borges	sga_crt@ucf.edu	Р	Р
Vice-Chair Tribble	sga_cah2@ucf.edu	Р	Р
Senator Hurrell	sgacreol1@ucf.edu	E (7:39)	Р
Senator Wangen	sgacecs9@ucf.edu	Е	E
ORS Representative	sgaors@ucf.edu	Е	Е
Pro Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	Р	Р

- 3. Approval of the Minutes: 9/12/22 CRT Meeting Agenda approved by gc
- 4. Approval of the Agenda: approved by gc
- 5. Announcements from the Chair
 - a. Hey guys! I'll be representing 8 allocations tonight, so while we have a lot it shouldn't take very long.
- 6. Announcements from the Vice-Chair
 - a. None
- 7. Announcements from Committee Members
 - a. None
- 8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members
 - a. None
- 9. Unfinished Business
 - a. Allocations:
 - i. <u>54-081</u> (Arturo Parra)
 - 1. Speech



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 a. Arturo is going to the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) 2022 National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina from November 2, 2022 to November 4, 2022.

Going to the SHPE conference will help with networking and professional development, and Arturo hopes to get a potential job offer because of it. There will be a lot of companies there that offer jobs related to his major. It will benefit UCF as students going can put UCF's name out there to help SHPE and other engineering students find jobs and grow professionally.

Arturo is not receiving funding from the SHPE bill, he is financially trained, and understands the post-funding process. He has already paid for the plane ticket so he is requesting funding for registration and lodging. With the deadlines approaching he understands he will not get the early-bird rate.

- 2. Questioning
 - a. Mc: Does lodging cost have flexibility?
 - b. Chair: No, timing affects the cost
- 3. Debate
 - a. Mc: Likes the allocation, likes to see networking opportunities
- 4. Vote
 - a. 4-0-0, approved
- ii. 54-105 (Pooria Golvari)
 - 1. Speech
 - a. Pooria is going to the Materials Research Society (MRS) Fall 2022 Meeting (which is the biggest material science conference in the world) in Boston, Massachusetts from November 25th, 2022 to December 3rd, 2022.

Pooria will present three research works that he worked on with other students and staff. With these pieces of research, he will be giving two talks and a poster presentation. The



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impact on UCF is, of course, more research at the university, more eyes looking at UCF, and networking opportunities that benefit him and the entire group of students. These experiences could, in turn, benefit future students and the university as a whole.

For a brief overview of all three pieces:

1st: developing silico-nano participles with certain functionalities that can inhibit monomers (used to make polymers), they can essentially manipulate polymers.

2nd: working in collaboration with CREOL with 3D printing at submicron scale and volumetrically using patterned beams.

3rd: using novel methods to selectively deposit nanoparticles into holes of a substrate.

Registration and travel will both be paid by him, so he's only requesting lodging. Pooria is working on getting grants from his department, and if he cannot get any he will pay out of his own pocket. He has already received \$500 from the College of Graduate Studies, and his advisor can also help financially.

He has completed financial training and understands the post-funding process.

2. Questioning

- a. Mc: Asks about lodging costs
- b. Chair: clarifies, lodging cost is specific to the conference
- c. Mc: Was he aware of our funding cap?
- d. Chair: Yes
- e. Hurrell: What is the comment about being international?
- f. Chair: explains the processing time for international students

3. Debate

- a. Hurrell: loves CREOL, sees no reason not to fund, relates to the content of his work
- 4. Vote



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a. 4-0-0, approved

10. Old Business

- a. Allocations:
 - i. <u>54-085</u> (Biomedical Engineering Society at UCF)
 - 1. Speech
 - a. No longer wants funds.
 - Questioning
 - a.
 - 3. Debate
 - a.
 - 4. Vote
 - a. 0-4-0, not approved
 - ii. 54-091 (Priscilla A Francois)
 - 1. Speech
 - a. Priscilla is a 3rd-year medical student going to present research at the 2022 Annual Conference of The Society for Scientific Study of Sexuality in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. From November 2nd, 2022 through November 6th, 2022.

Her research is on transgender and non-binary indivduals, and explained that she is doing research on a minority group within healthcare that doesn't have a lot of research or focus on. If you'd like more insight her abstract is within the supporting documents.

She explained that diversity & inclusion helps the general healthcare community, and that her research helps show that UCF is an ally of the community and that the campus is safe for these minority groups - especially due to this research being done under the COM's name.



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This presentation benefits Priscilla directly as she can add this to her CV and she can practice oral presentation skills during the conference.

She has completed financial training and understands the post-funding process. We also discussed that she cannot use SG's money to pay for lodging that Ashley is also requesting, so they decided to take the Lodging request off of Ashley's and keep it on Priscilla's. They both already paid for their registration so they did not request it, and then they explained that any remaining cost will be covered by loans or financial assistance from their Advisor. I told them about the Graduate Presentation Fellowship and they are going to be in contact with that office.

- 2. Questioning
 - a. MTD
- 3. Debate
 - a. Hurrell: supports the allocation, wants to show that UCF supports minority groups
- 4. Vote
 - a. 4-0-0, approved
- iii. <u>54-092</u> (Ashley Su)
 - 1. Speech
 - a. Same as Prisicalla when it comes to everything related to the conference. Only requesting travel due to the fact that she paid registration and Prisicalla will be paying for lodging on her behalf.
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. MTD
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Mc: echoes the sentiments of Hurrell
 - 4. Vote
 - a. 4-0-0, approved
- iv. 54-103 (Carlos Avila)
 - 1. Speech



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a. Carlos is going to the Radical Philosophy Association's 15th Biennial Conference in Jacksonville, Florida at the University of North Florida from November 16th through November 19th. He submitted an abstract for a paper that he wrote in Research Methods class as a philosophy major, and was accepted to present the paper as part of the conference.

His presentation in particular goes into Critical Race Theory and why it should be taught in schools, the pros and cons, and then misconceptions of Critical Race Theory.

The conference is generally about "radical philosophy," going beyond philosophy to create change is the theme of the conference. Carlos wants to go into political and societal philosophy as that is what he wants to do for his career, and what he wants for his community. Carlos explained that having someone representing UCF at this conference would be beneficial for getting his program out there and establishing UCF's place in the philosophy community.

Carlos has completed financial training and has sent me proof. I explained to him the post-funding process and some of the things he would be expected to do regarding her communication with accountants and expenditure of funds. He honestly seemed very knowledgeable of our policies and requirements.

- 2. Questioning
 - a. MTD
- 3. Debate
 - a. Mc: abstaining based on his view of critical race theory, however believes that should not change how we fund.
 - b. Hurrell: voting in favor
- 4. Vote
 - a. 3-0-1, approved
- v. <u>54-107</u> (Cathryn Yang)
 - 1. Speech



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a. "Thank you for considering my request, and for the opportunity to share some more information about my participation in this upcoming conference. My name is Cathryn, and I am a 4th year medical student at the College of Medicine. I wish that I could have attended this committee meeting personally and appreciate your understanding in this matter.

The American Public Health Association annual meeting is full of exciting opportunities for a medical student. I'll meet other students and professionals who are passionate about public health. There will be many speakers, discussions, and workshops covering a variety of topics—from history to current innovations and future directions of public health research, policy, and advocacy. There will be opportunities to discuss several social and global topics that are not extensively covered in the core medical school curriculum. Specifically, I am interested in learning more about climate change/environmental health as well as health equity in the broader context of public health.

I will be presenting a research poster at this conference—my research is about racial disparities within the intersection of COVID-19 and homelessness. Specifically, my research mentor and I gathered and analyzed data from the residents of a COVID-19 Infection and Recovery Center, which served persons experiencing homelessness who tested positive for COVID-19. Racial health inequities have always been an important public health issue in the US, and these were further exacerbated during the pandemic. I am excited for the opportunity to share my research and discuss these broader issues with people who have much more experience and knowledge in these areas.



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For more information about my research and poster presentation, please see the attached documents. I appreciate your time and consideration, thank you!"

I have confirmed her financial training and understanding of the post-funding process, in addition to speaking with her regarding her request and that she would no longer be requesting lodging due to cheaper options through an AirBnb.

- 2. Questioning
 - a. Tribble-Do we not fund airbnb?
 - i. Chair: we do not, explains why
 - b. Mc: Will the registration rate change?
 - i. Chair: Yes, due to early bird rate not being in timeline.
- 3. Debate
 - a. Mc: likes funding research, generally
- 4. Vote
 - a. 4-0-0, approved
- vi. <u>54-108</u> (Anam Chaudhry)
 - 1. Speech
 - a. Anam is going to Daytona, Florida for the Florida School Counselor Association 2022 Convention from October 20th, to October 22nd, where different school counselors from all over Florida will be meeting and giving different speeches and talks on topics that are relevant to school counseling.

Anam will be presenting a poster presentation on how trauma affects children socially and emotionally, and many other UCF students are presenting as well. By attending this conference Anam is promoting UCF's graduate program and will be participating in discussions related to HB7's impact on school counseling. Going to a conference is something UCF requires before she can graduate, so this will help to fulfill that requirement.



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Anam has completed financial training and has sent me proof. I explained to her the post-funding process and some of the things she would be expected to do regarding her communication with accountants and expenditure of funds.

In addition, we discussed her quotes and she understands she will not get the early bird rates for both the registration and hotel, so we discussed options for her and I will be reaching out to the accountants on her behalf. She is prepared to communicate with us in case we need to amend her request in the future if the hotel sells out, or any other issues arise. I let her know of her option to receive money from the Graduate Presentation Fellowship, due to these possible issues with the amount we can give her.

- Questioning
 - a. Mc: asks for clarification of the lodging costs
 - b. Chair: answers
 - c. Mc: asks for clarification of the funding amount
 - d. Chair: discusses procedures with the accountants
- 3. Debate
 - a. Hurrell: doesn't see any reason not to vote in favor
- 4. Vote
 - a. 4-0-0, approved
- 11. New Business
 - a. None
- 12. Member Discussion
 - a. Hurrell: RSO reached out about funding, more specifically RSO I'm a part of and used to represent them. Want to do a Bill but they're having a GPA requirement because they'll be missing a week of the semester, they want to make sure people can be academically ok to miss a week. Do we need a finalized roster?
 - Chair: recommended having the people approved before asking for funding, accountants restrict unless notified in advance, accountants will need a specific number, accountants would not appreciate any amendments once



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- approved as Bills are impossible to as they are signed, GPA requirements are totally okay.
- ii. Hurrell: If we have a set number of (10) people going to CA, as long as we have those 10 people we'll be good?
- iii. Chair: Should be fine as long as BO is aware and you trust that the number won't reduce from 10 and be prorated.
- iv. Hurrell: Clarifies submission timeline question.
- v. Chair: submission is all at once, getting travel lists ASAP is really important
- vi. Hurrell: Is there a way to get in touch with Shane?
- vii. Chair: no, dr.Posey—Jerry is the direct person
- viii. Hurrell: Can I get his contact?
- ix. Chair: yes, or through the chair
- x. Mc: when it comes to contacting the business office directly,try to go through Borges or DLeg. Are you submitting a bill request soon?
- xi. Hurrell: yes
- xii. Moved to Informal 8:04 PM
- xiii. Moved back to Formal 8:07 PM
- 13. Miscellaneous Business

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14. Final Roll Call: 4/4

15. Adjournment: 8:07 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