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UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
Charge On Chambers
09/7/2022
3:00PM
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 3:01PM

2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum(8): 14/15

Name	Email	Initial	FinPal
Chair Temple	sgagap@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice-Chair Almenar	sga_sci1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Caldwell	sgacie2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Castelin	sga_sci3@ucf.edu	P	E
Senator Cura	sga_ba2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Damarla	sga_med1@ucf.edu	P 3:22 PM	P
Senator Domino	sga_grst1@ucf.edu	P 3:14 PM	E
Senator Holmes	sga_sci6@ucf.edu	P	E
Senator Kostis	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Martin	sga_sci10@ucf.edu	P	P
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 3:47 PM	P
Pro Temp Rep.	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P

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LJR Rep	sga_med2@ucf.edu	P	E
GAC McLain	sgagovaffairs@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: 8/31/2022 Approved by GC

4. Approval of the Agenda: Approved by GC

5. Announcements from the Chair-

   a. Good afternoon, everyone!
   b. We will be going over the Subcommittee structure again, continuing our Voter's Guide discussion and finalize what we want on it, and updates on committee initiatives.
   c. Courtesy of Director Turner and GAC McLain, the Student Priorities Survey has a flyer that will be posted on the bulletin board in the Student Union and I will be working w/ Director Turner to get permission from the colleges to post them on their bulletin boards.
   d. Legislative Priorities: As a quick Update, I took a quick glance over the Legislative Priorities and it appears we might be doing a similar structure to last years, with several priorities underneath a general umbrella. I will be working with the GAC to finalize this and report this to the committee forthwith.
   e. I've established communications with Amanda Devers, who is Assistant Director of OSI's Community Engagement Dept and will be meeting with her some time next week to develop ideas for a voter registration summit, among other civic engagement plans.
   f. Although the Pro Temp Rep will discuss it, *please do your financial training!*
   g. OTD:
      i. Roman armies under the command of Emperor Vespasian's son Titus sacks and occupies Jerusalem as a part of the wider First Judeo-Roman War (66-73 CE). Along with the city, the Second Jewish Temple is destroyed, leaving only the Western Wall.

6. Announcements from the Vice-Chair-

   a. Good afternoon everyone!

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    b. Shout out to Orlando City Soccer Club who are playing in the US Open Cup final tonight against Sacramento.

    c. Todays JC movie of the week is Speed Racer (2008)

7. Announcements from Committee Members-

    a. Pro-Temp:

      i. 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.

      ii. Here is the link to get the training on webcourses https://asf.sdes.ucf.edu/training/

      iii. If you ever need anything or have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me!!!

    b. Senator Caldwell:

      i. Election reforms in coordination with Un-PAC

      ii. Election day as a student holiday

      iii. Lobbying expenditure disclosure

        1. Urea: would it be possible to work on a resolution to make this public info?

        2. Caldwell: has alot of outside experience but not in senate so is something we can work on.

        3. Foster: will be able to physically hand resolution to board of trustees.

        4. Temple: how is the election holiday initiative going.

        5. Caldwell: is busy at the moment.

        6. CAP: Will be meeting with president lopez on this.

    c. Senator Kostis:

      i. Working on getting books to incarcerated individuals.

8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-

    a. Speaker Hall:

      i. Love seeing that the Election Day holiday, next thursday is constitution day. In the Student union there will be a deliberate dialog on the discourse and engagement. There is free lunch. 12-2 pm on the 15th. Email Amanda.Dever@ucf.edu by Friday to RSVP.

    b. Chair Guel:

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        i.   has worked in housing, to get info into residency hall has to be approved by the residency office.

        ii.   EC wants to work on election holiday initiatives.

9. Old Business-

    a. Expectations, Voter's Guide, Priority Briefs, Subcommittees

10. New Business-

    a. Subcommittees:

Priorities Subcommittee	Voter's Subcommittee

        i.   Today I wanted to gauge the committee as to what subcommittee you would want to sit on. For reference:

            1. **Priorities Subcommittee:** Tasked primarily with developing initial research, reports on Legislative Priorities for DATC. To be led by Chair Temple.

                a. Responsibilities:

                    i. Working on researching preliminary statistics, articles and other information relating to student priorities

                    ii. Drafting priority briefs to consolidate research, information for long-term use

            2. **Voter's Subcommittee**: Tasked with developing the information for the Voter's Guide for the upcoming midterm elections. To be led by Vice Chair Almenar.

                a. Responsibilities:

                    i. Researching the candidates, policy platforms and ballot measures for Florida

                    ii. Developing a physical and/or for presenting this information

        ii.   The LJR, Pro-Temp Rep and GAC will be allocated based on need, but for the most part the subcommittees will have roughly half of the full committee therein.

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    iii. When working in subcommittees, the wider committee will go into informal, but the respective "chair" will take note of the activity and record the final informal vote that affirms the day's work. Once the committee has reconvened, the committee as a whole will hear reports from the subcommittees and vote to affirm the actions taken by both committees before moving on.

    iv. I did post a poll in the GroupMe which will close later tonight, so please fill it out if you haven't had the chance to! (Also apologies if you got GroupMe'd at 10 at night)

        1. Discussion:

        2. Holmes: how can we improve from last years DATC where alot of our legislative priorities where already dead.

        3. Temple: the date is already set in stone, was decided before any of us go to our positions.

        4. GAC: It is the only day the alumni board could go.

        5. Hall: the date was chosen without the advice of the student government. Will probably be a different type of experience compared to last year. The experience will be different. It is unfortunate that we can not change the day. The reality is that a lot of what we will be lobbying for will already be dead.

        6. Castalin: What would we do if a bill is killed a week before we go up to tallahassee.

        7. Temple: it would be difficult to add to agenda.

        8. Almenar: we can add separate information to lobby for but it will be difficult.

        9. Temple: Last year added 2 climate change bills last minute.

        10. GAC: Will be different but don't loose hope.

  b. Voter's Guide:

    i. Speaker Hall: DATC can help you put your foot in the door. We are in a position to be able to talk to representatives about issues that they are running away from. We should keep our heads high.

    ii. Temple: was not happy when the AAPI bill was killed during DATC.

    iii. Continuing our discussion, today we have to finalize the contents for the Voter's Guide:

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1. So far we have:
   a. Federal Elections
   b. State Elections
   c. Local Elections
   d. Ballot Measures
   e. Where/How To Vote
   f. Candidates will have background information, 1-2 policies
   g. Where campaign funding comes from.
2. What specifics should we include under these?
   a. Kostis: We need to show where and how campaigns receive funding. IE exon or BP and where their priorities lie.
   b. Almenar: the average voter will just vote down party lines.
   c. Caldwell: looking at what they have done in the past. Echo sentiments of looking into campaign funds. Be simple in this aspect.
   d. Temple: was given idea by DLEG McClellan for a pamphlet with a QR code.
   e. Foster: platform and policy will be important for students.
   f. Damarla: How much they lean toward issues, making a graph or bar. Making it as digestible as possible.
   g. Castelin: Agrees with the QR code idea, we should not put the nitty gritty details in the pamphlet, most students won't read the entire thing. Could ad pictures of candidates.
   h. Dleg: Expanding on pamphlet idea, when you have pamphlet most people will throw them away. Have important info on the pamphlet to get students to engage with the QR code. Not to waste paper.
   i. Cura: just having QR codes everywhere to save on paper.
   j. Temple: giving basic information then QR code will have a lot more information.
   k. Domino: if there is a way to put information on the closest 3 voting stations, and at Voter registration events. And to put how to register to vote on the pamphlet.
   l. Almenar: Endorsements

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m. Caldwell: a lot of good ideas but the QR code will limit who will actually go there to read the info. There might be to much information. Americans take extreme takes on specific policies. Maybe cut the left-right scale as it is vague and most Americans don't identify with that form of scale clearly and it will be misleading.

n. Holmes: The pamphlet can have their pictures and the QR code can also have more in depth information. (learn more about these candidates.

o. Cura: should make this as digestible as possible for the student body. If the students cared they would find out the political affiliation

p. Dleg: To lighten the workload is to link the campaign websites to the QR code.

11. Member Discussion-
   a. GAP Merchandise Updates?
      i. We have gotten some designs in!
         1. Kostis

            a.
            b.
            c. Cura: the sword looks realistic, lets make it look cartoonish like Knightros
            d. Castelin: have more contrast around the sword
            e. Hall: Only question is does it follow the UCF branding.
            f. Temple: will reach out.
            g. Kostis: does have a back up design with gold sword and different font.

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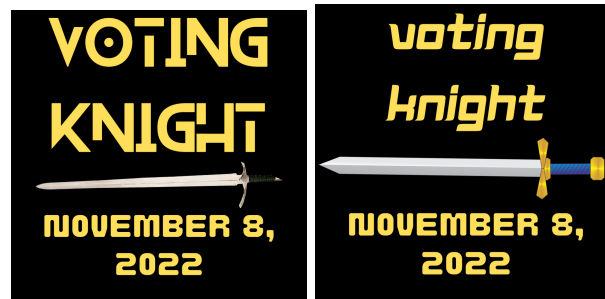GAP Committee Meeting
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        h.   Hall: We can talk about the speakers budget on this initiative, don't stress about the money, make the coolest designs.

    2. Patel

  ii. Since we do not have a budget through the GAC, we might need to find different ways to implement these designs.

    1. Ideas?

      a.

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.

    1.

  ii. Senator Holmes: Working on transportation initiative and wants to know if GAP could get involved to educate the student body and talk about things that will be on the ballot.

    1. Temple: would you be ok with this going onto the voter guide?

    2. Holmes: yes in whatever capacity can be done.

c. Collaboration with Caucuses:

  i. Chair: I've been working with the APIA Caucus to advocate for the Required Instruction of APIA History bill that will likely be reintroduced in the next Legislative Session. I wanted to ask the committee what plans you guys would want to implement with the caucuses going forward.

    1. Holmes: Essentially there was a similar bill about african american history. We should definitely try to implement this again for next year. The black caucus will be reaching out to work with GAP.

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. Holmes: period of greek mythology.

  ii. Foster: holmes took his answer, troy.

  iii. Domino: greek mythology or Julius caesar era of rome.

  iv. Damarla: roaring 20's

  v. Martin: the 1920's

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      vi. Modha: bridgerton time period.

      vii. Yamalanchilli: 1960's interesting and importing time period social justice, moon launch.

      viii. Cura: pre european americas.

          1. Modha: been there already.

      ix. McClellan: 1999

      x. Damarla: when the dinosaurs existed.

      xi. Urea: the early 90's

      xii. Yalamanchili: 1940's due to WW2 to be a fighter pilot to shoot down facist.

      xiii. Almenar: 80's not vote ragen.

      xiv. Kostis: 0 AD to kick it with Jesus. And live with nartive american tribes.

      xv. Tribble: the stone age. Not cares or thoughts.

      xvi. Yamalanchilli: the india During the rule of emperor Ashoka.

      xvii. Caldwell: 1917 russia.

      xviii. Hall: Born in the 50's, get lit in the 60's, vote for jimmy carter in the 70's

      xix. GAC: 90's

      xx. Guel: either 15 hundreds france and england. No social media. Or french revolution.

      xxi. Almenar: Unification of german principalities to meet otto von bismarck.

      xxii. Wangen: Golden age of athens.

      xxiii. Yamalanchilli: early 100's ad to be under the rule of cesar trajin.

13. Final Roll Call:13 /15

14. Adjournment: 4:10 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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