

**Fifty-Seventh Student Senate
5th Meeting Agenda
June 5th, 2025**

- ☞ **Call to Order**
 - 6:01 pm
- ☞ **Land Acknowledgement**
- ☞ **Roll Call and Verification of Quorum**
 - Quorum: 36/56
 - Present and Voting:
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- ☞ **Approval of the Minutes – 06/02/2025; Approved by GC**
- ☞ **Approval of the Agenda – 06/05/2025; Approved by GC**
- ☞ **Open Forum**
 - None.
- ☞ **Announcements from the Student Body President (Luci Blanco, sga_pres@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening! Hope you all had a great week. This week I had a luncheon and attended the student forum for the HLC site visit, attended the SSWB leadership meeting, and had our introduction meeting with Chief and Deputy Chief over at PD. Beyond that, Jarib and I worked hard this week to start onboarding our team since everyone's confirmation. I have also been preparing for my first BOT meeting next week, June 11th and 12th.
 - **Election Commission Seat Appointments**
 - - Seat 2: Brianna Phillips
 - Seat 4: Andrew Collazo Borges
 - Seat 6: Camryn Nejaime
 - Seat 7: Morgan McCarthy
 - Seat 8: Marcia Orellena
 - Seat 10: Victoria Calloway
 - Seat 11: Erin Wilkes
 - Seat 12: Jada Wesley
 - Seat 13: Bryan Gonzalez
 - Seat 14: Emily Melo
 - **Judicial Branch Appointments**
 - Chief Justice: Bella Pazera
- ☞ **Announcements from the Student Body Vice President (Jarib Benitez, sga_vp@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening, Senate. First, I want to thank every single one of you who helped get our team confirmed, I truly appreciate your support. This week, I had the opportunity to sit in on several interviews for our Graphic Design position as well as a few for the Election Commission. Congratulations to everyone who was appointed! I also attended the University Budget Committee meeting this week. Other than that, our introductory meetings have continued as planned. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.
- ☞ **Comptroller's Report (James Drinkwater, sga_comp@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening! This week, I met with Sammy, the ORS Chair, and we had a great conversation about how we're planning to work together this semester and support each other however we can. I also met with Bella, our Interim Chief Justice, we reviewed both the allocated budget and the past budget from last fiscal year. We're planning to meet again soon to go over the upcoming year's financial plans. On top of that, I've been attending Sports Club Council meetings throughout the week, this afternoon we wrapped up final budget reviews and allocations this afternoon. It's been super interesting to learn more about how SCC operates and handles funding. I've also been attending fiscal committee meetings whenever my schedule allows so I can stay in the loop and provide guidance when necessary. If you ever have any questions, suggestions, or ideas, my door is always open.
 - FAO: \$5,439.15; Reversion of 4.48%
 - CRT: \$706.26; Reversion of 3.86 %
- ☞ **Attorney General's Report (Jorge Altuna, sga_ag@ucf.edu)**
 - Good afternoon, Senators, Thank you all again for confirming me. I'm truly excited for the year ahead and incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside each of you. For today's report, I'd like to walk you through a few key updates and initiatives I've been working on. First and foremost, I'm proud to share that the Student Government Statutes have been fully updated. When I entered this role, one of the most pressing issues was the significant backlog of unincorporated legislation. The statutes had not been updated to reflect around 40 pieces of legislation passed during the 56th session, beginning with SB 56-22 concluding with SB 56-72. Thanks to the incredible cooperation of OSI, we were able to expedite the upload process, and the updated statutes should now be live on the Student Government website. Please note: this turnaround was only possible due to their extraordinary support, and future updates will take a few days to reflect on nQueue as normal. This past week, I had the opportunity to attend and report at my first LJR Committee meeting, and I want to thank Chair Gaudio and Vice Chair Trejo Hernandez for their warm welcome and leadership. I look forward to a productive and collaborative year with them and the entire committee. Additionally, I've met with Speaker Courts, who has been incredibly helpful in reviewing statute language and clarifying questions. On the judicial side, I've connected with Interim Chief Justice Bella Pazera and the Justices. I'll be shadowing future student case hearings and joining portions of judicial orientation and various of their trainings, particularly on topics like parking appeals and SCAI. I'm currently drafting a compliance calendar for the Executive Branch to help track monthly reporting requirements and key deadlines. I've in the process of completing ethics and sunshine training through the Florida Commission on Ethics. Earlier this week, I sent an email to branch leadership and committee chairs to open a line of communication and provide direct access to the statutes. If you have any questions about internal legislation or would like clarification on specific titles, please don't hesitate to reach out. And if you happen to notice an error or anything that might have

been missed in the codification process, feel free to text or email me, and I'll make any corrections right away! Looking ahead, my next priorities include Updating the Senate Rules of Order, launching a public submission form for Attorney General opinions, and updating any new legislation passed today and signed by President Blanco and Dr. Frame. Thank you again for your time, your service, and your trust. I'm here to support you however I can and I look forward to working closely with all of you throughout the year.

☒ **Cabinet Forum**

- None

☒ **Announcements from the Interim Chief Justice (Bella Pazera, sga_cjus@ucf.edu)**

- Good evening, Senate!
- First of all, I would like to thank both Speaker Courts and Chair Escobar for not only facilitating the Associate Justice confirmations but doing them all today in order to fill the Judicial Branch as soon as possible, as well as, President Blanco, Vice President Benitez, AG Altuna, and Comptroller Drinkwater for helping facilitate the Judicial Branch's transition period.
- Secondly, I will give a quick reminder that the Judicial Branch is made up of 14 Associate Justices. 8 of these seats are currently open, and all of the appointees will appear before the Senate tonight.
- Last, best of luck to all the confirmations happening tonight!

☒ **Announcements from the Supervisor of Elections (Luke Brown, sga_ec@ucf.edu)**

- None

☒ **Announcements from the Activity and Service Fee Committee Chair (Vacant, sga_asf@ucf.edu)**

- None

☒ **Announcements from the Scholarship Committee Chair (Vacant, sga_scholarship@ucf.edu)**

- None

☒ **Caucus Reports**

- Arab Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgarabcaucus@ucf.edu)
 - None
- Asian/Pacific Islander American Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgapiacaucus@ucf.edu)
 - None
- Black Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgblackcaucus@ucf.edu)
 - None
- Disability Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgdisabilitycaucus@ucf.edu)
 - None
- Inter-Campus & Transfer Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgitccaucus@ucf.edu)
 - None
- Latin/Hispanic Caucus (Chair Vacant, sglatinxcaucus@ucf.edu)
 - None
- LGBTQ+ Caucus (Chair Vacant, sglgbtqcaucus@ucf.edu)
 - None
- Military & Veterans Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgmvcaucus@ucf.edu)
 - None
- Sustainability Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgsustaincaucus@ucf.edu)
 - None
- Women's Caucus (Chair Vacant, sgwxmenscaucus@ucf.edu)
 - None

☒ **Announcements from the Senate President ((Kirsten Courts, sga_spkr@ucf.edu)**

- Had many meetings today; Met with fiscal chairs, dleg, and Shane
- Met with UCFPD Chief Carl Metzger
- Had our first Senate Exec meeting
- We are starting to see the Justices; with luck we will get though all of them tonight.
- Office hours: [link](#)

☒ **Internal Legislative Assistant Report (Grace Rudie, sgaila@ucf.edu)**

- Hi Senate, I have talked with Chief of Staff Pearson about initial conversations for SGLC but nothing has been planned about officially until the judicial representatives are confirmed. I am currently working with Speaker Courts about Welcome week for the legislative day more details coming soon. Please feel free to reach out if you need anything from me!

☒ **External Legislative Assistant Report (Anna Reed, sgaela@ucf.edu)**

- Hello everyone! I'm getting started on my initiatives, so more updates to come later. Tomorrow I am meeting with Chair Varela and Director of Comms to talk about GAP newsletter and social media posts for senate. Media training is looking to happen towards the end of the month, which everyone must complete.

☒ **Senate President Pro Tempore Report (Jason Hameed, sga_pro@ucf.edu)**

- Hey everyone! I hope you're all doing great
- Non-compliances have been sent out to those who have not completed their financial training. They were sent to your personal and senate emails. Please send me your passing scores (80/100 on all modules) before Monday.
- I'm working on adding more orientation times. If you have not contacted me to either complete your orientation or for those who attended one day to confirm that you do not want to do an orientation, I will be sending non-compliances out on Monday. Orientation sign-ups from here on out will be done through outlook. I'm gonna add a bookable time to my calendar so you can see when I'm in the office, just book a 40-minute time block with me. I will send out an announcement when those have been made.
- [ORIENTATION SIGN-UP LINK](#)
- Once I'm done with orientations, I will open my office hours for people to come visit! I'll announce that when Orientations are over, hopefully at the end of next week.

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- Please attend your committee meetings. If you can't, tell your chair ahead of time. All committees may have different absence policies, so please make sure you are aware of your own. If you are absent more than two times, the committee chair can kick you out.
- If you ever have any questions or concerns, please let me know!
- ☞ **Deputy Pro Tempore of Legislative Affairs Report (Ryan Kaufman, sga_dleg@ucf.edu)**
 - I am currently working on finalizing both the fiscal and legislative trackers to be available to all of you.
 - As a reminder to those of you not here during the special session, all of our funding forms are officially open.
 - Any legislation you want to see during Senate session must be submitted by 5pm the previous day by emailing both me and the Pro Tempore. If you have any questions about how to get started, feel free to reach out!
 - Today's Legislation:
 - ☐ First Reading: 1 Resolution
 - ☐ Third Reading: None
 - ☐ Second Reading: 2 Internal Bills
- ☞ **Deputy Pro Tempore of Senate Relations Report (James Kapinos, sgadsr@ucf.edu)**
 - I just got the list of RSO's so I will be working on organizing the forms and distribution of which RSO all of you would like to represent, so expect that in the coming weeks with more updates
 - I have put together a form that if everyone could fill out whenever they get a chance concerning the Events that we will be holding for the Summer Session with some basic questions [Senate Events Information Form](#)
- ☞ **Old Business**
 - None
- ☞ **Fiscal Committee Caucus Time**
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- ☞ **Fiscal Committee Reports**
- ☞ **CRT Committee (Chair Owen Sherman, sga_crt@ucf.edu)**
 - Hi Senate, on Tuesday we met to briefly go over Title VIII before seeing requests next week. So far, we have 8 allocation requests on the KnightConnect form, so by the submission deadline on Sunday we should have a fair amount of business to see next meeting. I will also be potentially looking at updating the KnightConnect form to make our allocation funding amounts clearer because every request so far has been for more than we can approve.
- ☞ **FAO Committee (Chair Niklas Luecht, sga_fao@ucf.edu)**
 - Hello everyone! We did not meet today because we didn't have a quorum. ☹ Nothing submitted yet on our forms.
- ☞ **ORS Committee (Chair Samuel Rose, sgaors@ucf.edu)**
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- ☞ **Fiscal Legislation**
- ☞ **Notice of Legislation on First Reading**
 - Bills
 - Resolutions
 - Special Acts
- ☞ **Notice of Legislation on Third Reading**
 - Bills
 - Resolutions
 - Special Acts
- ☞ **Notice of Legislation on Second Reading**
 - Bills
 - Resolutions
 - Special Acts
- ☞ **Internal Committee Caucus Time**
 - E&A 40 Min
 - ☐ Senate Reconvenes at 6:22; to reconvene at 7:02pm.
 - ☒ Reconvenes at 7:09 pm
- ☞ **Internal Committee Reports**
- ☞ **E&A Committee (Chair Bobby Escobar, sga_ea@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening, this week E&A saw eight Associate Justice confirmation hearings. Internal Bill 57-02 was adopted in committee and passed 10-0-1.
 - Madeline Grady for Judicial Seat #8 confirmed 11-0-0;
 - Bianca Nunez for Judicial Seat #4 confirmed 10-0-0;
 - Noemi Tilky for Judicial Seat #5 confirmed 11-0-0;
 - Isabel Johnson for Judicial Seat #1 confirmed 12-0-0;
 - Jovhanise Leonard for Judicial Seat #3 confirmed 11-0-0;
 - Noach David for Judicial Seat #2 confirmed 11-1-0;
 - Sammi Toscano for Judicial Seat #7 confirmed 11-0-0;
 - Collin Hoffner for Judicial Seat #6 confirmed 12-0-0;
- ☞ **GAP Committee (Chair Juan Varela, sgagap@ucf.edu)**
 - Hello Senate! Sorry I could not be there. Right now, I should just be finishing my LSAT, so hopefully I did well! Today in GAP we went over our plans for the Summer as well as interesting news in Florida politics. Linked below is the "GAP Summer Roadmap" which details topics in Florida Civics that the GAP committee will be learning/discussing to prepare for Day at the Capital. If any of the topics interest you, feel free to attend the committee that day as a guest or even join the committee as a full member!
 - [GAP Committee Roadmap](#)

✉ **LJR Committee (Chair Zachary Gaudio, sga_ljr@ucf.edu)**

- o Good evening, Senate! This week, LJR had an uncharacteristically long meeting as we saw 17 absences, 3 blanket excuses, and postponed reviewing the penal actions submitted with the Pro Tempore's now 3 notifications of non-compliance. Please make sure that you read the message I sent in the Senate Teams channel regarding the Absence form. There's been a bit of confusion, and I believe that message should clear most of that up.

☐ Absences

- ☒ Teresa Faucette (6/2/2025): Approved 10-0-1
- ☒ Nghi Chau (6/2/2025): Approved 10-0-1
- ☒ Anna Reed (6/2/2025): Approved 10-0-1
- ☒ Abigail Matthews (6/2/2025): Approved 9-0-2
- ☒ Bobby Escobar (6/2/2025): Approved 10-0-1
- ☒ Christopher Corelli (6/2/2025): Approved 10-0-1
- ☒ Ibrahim Nasim (5/9/2025 through 7/10/2025): Postponed
- ☒ Juan Varela (6/5/2025): Approved 11-0-0
- ☒ Angelique Leon (5/29/2025): Approved by general consent
- ☒ Elle Beneche (5/29/2025): Approved 10-0-1
- ☒ Veronica Perez (6/19/2025 through 7/3/2025): Approved 10-0-1
- ☒ Nghi Chau (6/5/2025 through 6/19/2025): Approved 10-0-1
- ☒ Jonah Scott (6/2/2025): Postponed
- ☒ Cameron Renda (6/5/2025): Approved 10-0-1
- ☒ Zachary Gaudio (6/19/2025): Approved 9-0-2
- ☒ Sahasra Satvika (6/4/2025 through 6/19/2025): Postponed
- ☒ Haleema Al-Qudah (5/29/2025): Approved 10-0-1
- ☒ Grace Rudie (6/2/2025): Approved 9-0-2
- ☒ Rose Rodriguez (6/12/2025): Approved 9-0-2

Blanket Excuses

- ✂ Shivi Jain (Final Roll Call + Committee Meetings): Denied 0-8-3
- ✂ Haleema Al-Qudah (Final Roll Call + Committee Meetings): Postponed
- ✂ Rose Rodriguez (Final Roll Call): Approved 9-0-2

- o In addition, I'd like to draw attention to the amazing work done by our Attorney General in updating the Statutes so fast, they were literally pushed to the website during LJR's meeting yesterday, what a guy.

✉ **SBA Committee (Chair Mila Teodorescu, sgasba@ucf.edu)**

- o Hi Senate! This week in SBA we discussed initiative ideas for this session. We talked about who to reach out to in regard to specific initiatives and timelines. I also met with Safety and Transportation Coordinator Lopez to go over some overlapping initiatives in her proposal and those that were brought up in committee.

€ Confirmations

- [Materials](#)
 - Madeline Grady for Judicial Seat #8; **34-1-0 Confirmed**
 - Bianca Nunez for Judicial Seat #4; **37-0-0 Confirmed**
 - Noemi Tilky for Judicial Seat #5; **38-0-0 Confirmed**
 - Isabel Johnson for Judicial Seat #1; **36-0-1 Confirmed**
 - Jovhanise Leonard for Judicial Seat #3; **37-0-1 Confirmed**
 - Noah David for Judicial Seat #2; **35-3-0 Confirmed**
 - Sammi Toscano for Judicial Seat #7; **37-0-2 Confirmed**
 - Collin Hoffer for Judicial Seat #6; **37-1-0 Confirmed**

Internal Legislation

Notice of Legislation on First Reading

- Constitutional Amendments
- Bills
- Resolutions
 - [Resolution 57-01](#) [Updates to Senate Rule 7: Petition Period for Absence Excusal Prior to Dismissal] [Chair Gaudio]

- Proclamations
- Special Acts

€ **Notice of Legislation on Third Reading**

- Constitutional Amendments
- Bills
 - [Internal Bill 57-02](#) [Updates to Title VI: Adding Chair to Initial Election Commission Meeting] [Chair Gaudio] **Passed** by GC
- Resolutions
- Special Acts

€ Notice of Legislation on Second Reading

- Constitutional Amendments
- Bills
 - [Internal Bill 57-01](#) [2025-2026 Funding Limitations for Registered Student Organizations] [Chair Rose] **Passed 36-2-0**
 - [Internal Bill 57-02](#) [Updates to Title VI: Adding Chair to Initial Election Commission Meeting] [Chair Gaudio] **Passed 37-0-1**
- Resolutions
- Proclamations

- Special Acts
- ⌞ **Senate Forum**
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- ⌞ **Senate Deliberation**
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- ⌞ **Advisor's Report**
 - Brodie:
 - As much fun as the confirmations are, I am excited for you to be able to start getting to your own Senate business soon.
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 - Medhavi:
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- ⌞ **Miscellaneous Business**
 - Resignations
 - E&A: ELA Reed
 - LJR: ILA Rudie
 - Appointments
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 - Hameed's Baddie Boundary-Breaking Outfit Ranking (7.5/10)
 - 1st: Zivin
 - 2nd: Bonaventure
 - 3rd: Greene
- ⌞ **Final Roll Call**
 - 42/56
- ⌞ **Adjournment**
 - 8:45 PM