

**Fifty-Seventh Student Senate
6th Meeting Agenda
June 12th, 2025**

- ☞ **Call to Order**
 - 6:05 pm
- ☞ **Land Acknowledgement**
- ☞ **Roll Call and Verification of Quorum**
 - Quorum: 45/56
 - Present and Voting:
 - ☐ Senator Barnes 7:41pm
- ☞ **Approval of the Minutes – 06/05/2025 Approved by GC**
- ☞ **Approval of the Agenda – 06/12/2025; Approved by GC**
- ☞ **Open Forum**
 - None
- ☞ **Announcements from the Student Body President (Luci Blanco, sga_pres@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening, Senate! This week Jarib and I met with the business/dining services team, went over to the Creative School for Children and toured the facility and met with their director, and we also met with Dr. Guzman. Additionally, I would like to congratulate Dr. Posey on an incredible career, we attended her retirement ceremony this week and we will miss her at the A&SF Office. Lastly, Jarib and I also attended the UCF Remembers ceremony for the Pulse tragedy.
 - BOT Update
 - ☐ We elected chair and vice chair
 - ☐ Passed a resolution honoring Provost Michael D. Johnson
 - ☐ Voted to pass the 2025-2026 Preliminary Operating Budget and Spending Authority
 - ☐ UCF Football Stadium Name Change (Acrisure Bounce House)
 - ☐ Selection of new food service provider for the Athletic Village (Levy)
 - ☐ Two new degree programs: Doctorate in Social Work & Masters in Nutrition and Dietetics
 - ☐ Conferral of Degrees for Summer graduation
 - ☐ Creative School Project Approval
 - ☐ Facilities Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan
 - Appointments:
 - ☐ Bella Commorato for Agency and Department Strategic Planning Board
 - ☐ Sarah Collison for Graphic Design Coordinator
- ☞ **Announcements from the Student Body Vice President (Jarib Benitez, sga_vp@ucf.edu)**
 - This week, I had the opportunity to meet alongside Luci with Business and Dining Services, as well as admin from the Creative School. We discussed our initiatives and explored new ways to collaborate as Student Government. We also attended UCF Remembers, honoring the lives lost nine years ago today at Pulse. A big thank you to LGBTQ+ Services for organizing such a meaningful event. Lastly, I've scheduled our first ADSPB meeting for Monday at 1:30 PM on Teams. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions!
- ☞ **Comptroller's Report (James Drinkwater, sga_comp@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening, Senate, just a quick update for tonight. I was able to sit in on the FAO meeting this week, which was super helpful just to listen in and get a better feel for the kinds of requests coming through. I also had a really productive meeting with Shane. We talked about how we can better collaborate across branches to make things smoother and more efficient for everyone. Right now, I'm focusing a lot on budget planning for the Executive Branch, to ensure every dollar is being used intentionally and in preparation for finalizing internal budgets. I'm still working on an infographic that we can provide to international students regarding the forms they must fill out. A huge shoutout to the CRT, FAO, and ORS committees, I have noticed the work each and every one of you contributes. If anyone needs anything, has questions, or wants to setup a time to meet, I'm always happy to help. Just a heads up, I will be out of town until next Thursday, so I may take a little longer to respond.
 - CRT's current balance is \$706.26 with a reversion rate of 3.86%, and FAO's sitting at \$5,439.15 with a reversion rate of 4.48%.
- ☞ **Attorney General's Report (Jorge Altuna, sga_ag@ucf.edu)**
 - Good afternoon, Senators! This week, I've been focusing heavily on reviewing and cleaning up the Senate Rules to make sure all of our governing documents are up to date. I am trying to get this done asap so that Chair Gaudio and I can go through all titles and chapters of the statutes and the senate rules and make sure there are no formatting, grammatical, or legislative issues. I've also been updating our statutes, and I am waiting for Dr. Frame's signature for Bill 57-02. I have also been working closely with Ryan Iocco and the justices of the judicial council to plan upcoming SCAI trainings, and I am also in the process of building a compliance calendar for each of the three branches to keep us on track with deadlines. I'm also putting together a briefing on Robert's Rules for the Speaker and the Pro Tempore that can be distributed as a quick guide to Robert's Rules for anyone who may request it. I've started drafting presentations on ethics, transparency, and the Sunshine Law to help strengthen the Cabinet's internal accountability. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you want to work together on any of this, or if you have any questions or concerns.
- ☞ **Cabinet Forum**
 - Chief of Staff (Soraya Pearson, sga_chief@ucf.edu)
 - ☐ Good evening, Senate! I am so excited to give my first official report, I only have a couple of things to announce: SGLC Applications Open Monday June 23rd at 8:30am (please tell everyone you know to apply) Texas Tech will be visiting us Thursday July 10th to meet our Student government there will be a meet the branches small gathering at 5 pm to give them the opportunity to meet our SG Agents so please join us. They will also be attending senate to watch how we operate and just see you all in action. SG Welcome Week is the week of August 25th so please mark your

calendar considering that there are activities that will be happening from each branch. I will also be out of town next week so it might take a little longer for me to get back to you.

□ Thats all for me today. Thank you so much.

- Deputy Chief of Staff (Panayiota Laliotis, sgadeputychief@ucf.edu)

□ Hi Senate! I hope everyone's summer is going well! These first few weeks on the job I have focused on successfully onboarding all new cabinet members, as well as facilitating the Election Commission interviews to support Vice President Benitez. I also met with Chair Escobar, Speaker Courts and Vice President Benitez to discuss the senate appointment process for the year, every week I will be checking for new applicants with the goal of responding to each applicant within 5 business days of their application, and scheduling interviews within two weeks from initial contact. Following that, I updated and opened the application so please tell your peers to apply to open seats! Next week I will be meeting with student leadership from the auxiliary campuses to begin a year filled with collaboration and success! As I embark on this role, I want to emphasize that I am here to support all of you in your SG endeavors so please reach out if you need anything throughout the year! I look forward to another amazing year of Student Government with you all.

- Governmental Affairs Coordinator (Allie DeMarco, sgagovaffairs@ucf.edu)

□ Hello Senate, I hope you are all having a great Summer! Over the past couple of weeks, I have met with President Blanco, Vice President Benitez, and my supervisor to clarify the scope of my role and align on strategic goals. These conversations were productive and provided clarity on how I can support SG Leadership. I have also scheduled a multi-branch coordination meeting with key leaders from the Senate, GAP, and the Executive Branch. The purpose is to establish shared goals, improve collaboration, and ensure alignment as we prepare for major events and advocacy initiatives. Next week, I'll be meeting with Vice President Janet Owen to establish a relationship with the administrative side and discuss Day at the Capitol, as well as how we can work together to present a unified approach at the state level. Lastly, I plan to meet with Kylee Anzueto from GrayRobinson to discuss lobbying strategies and explore ways external partners can support our policy objectives. That's all from me. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

- Director of Student Affairs (Carly Berthiaume, sgstaffaffairs@ucf.edu)

□ Good evening, Senate! My name is Carly Berthiaume, and I'm thrilled to introduce myself as the new Director of Student Affairs! Since stepping into this role, I've started meeting one-on-one with each member of my team to outline their individual goals and begin planning key initiatives for the semester ahead. To ensure our division operates efficiently and stays aligned, I've developed new event planning and task management tools, including a step-by-step event planning guide, a template for day-of-event outlines to assist in team cohesion, and a comprehensive checklist tracker. If you're interested in checking out any of these resources, please feel free to email me and I'm more than happy to share!

- Director of Communications (Andy Ayup, sga_comm@ucf.edu)

□ Good evening, Legislative Besties! I'm Andy Ayup and I'm super excited to be standing before you for my first cabinet forum of this new administration. Since being confirmed, I've been taking the time to settle into my new role as Director of Communications. This includes reviewing the processes we have in place for submitting graphics request which I plan on meeting with the different branch heads, committee leaders and communications liaisons shortly to see how they feel about the system I'm putting together. Before I do that I just want to review this process structure with the Division of Communications and Outreach to make sure that we are all on the same page and confident that we're set up for success. As President Blanco shared today, she and Vice President Benitez have appointed a new graphic design coordinator so I'm very excited about the prospect of having a full division should they be confirmed!

🔗 A few updates: our instagram hit 30,000 followers this week! Thank you to everyone who reshapes our stories and posts and shares our platform and thank you to those involved with orientation for sharing our instagram to incoming students! Keep a lookout for early next week, where a short video will go live on our instagram featuring Senator Courts, Reed, Rose, Sherman and Luccht. They did a great job giving students an overview on FAO and CRT funding applications and I am excited to see how this is received by our student body!

□ That's all for today, if you have any questions for me or need anything at all- feel free to contact me!

- Academic Affairs Coordinator (Shivani Vakharia, sgaacademics@ucf.edu)

□ Good evening, Senators, I hope your week is going great. Just wanted to say thank you for confirming me as your Academic Affairs Coordinator for this year. Given that, this month has been primarily dedicated to scheduling introductory meetings with the Assistant Director of the Knights Major Exploration and Transition Center, and the Textbook Affordability Librarian. I am also going to be meeting with the Project Coordinator at UCF's Pegasus Innovation Lab and continue to see how i can contact TED X to get a hold of an event license. Nonetheless, I look forward to having a great year with you all.

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

- Good evening, Senate.
- Since last week's confirmations, the majority of associate justices are now fiscally and ethically trained.
- The branch is also gearing up to kick start training for Student Conduct and Academic Integrity, as well as parking appeals. Our first parking appeals hearing is scheduled for this upcoming week.
- Lastly, I have been communicating with Amy Swinford and Mark Gumble for the A&S Committee from the Faculty Senate about upcoming hearings.

🔗 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

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☞ **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_sprk@ucf.edu)**

- Hi Senate! Sorry I am not present for today's confirmations but wish me luck for the two exams that I have right now. Please make sure that you are being intentional and respectful, do not give Pro Tempore Hameed a hard time.
- We met with dining services this week, and we have a lot of insight and budding ideas for the coming semester.
- We will not be having Senate next Thursday because it is Juneteenth.
- [Link](#) to Office Hours
- I hereby appoint Kai Prol to the ADSPB Senator-at-Large position. Congrats to Senator Prol, and good luck with confirmations everybody 😊

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

- Hi Senate, this week I have been working on laying out a plan for SLC because that is completely in my jurisdiction and once we have our judicial representatives I will be contacting to start planning for the fall and recruitment. Chief of Staff Person communicated that the SGLC applications we hopefully be out by the start of summer B so spread the word!
- Pending confirmation, I will be reaching out to the Judicial Branch and Election commission to let them know I am their main point of contact to the Legislative branch if they need any help or have any questions for us.

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

- Good evening, everyone! Last Friday I met with Director of Comms Ayup, Chair Varela, VC Candiloro, Senate President Courts and Pro temp Hameed to discuss the GAP newsletter. The GAP committee settled on this design https://www.canva.com/design/DAGpmRGdHJ0/8o1azVmwVR0h-NkPgghxNoA/edit?utm_content=DAGpmRGdHJ0&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=sharebutton
- I also met with DSR Kapinos to start discussing ideas for Senate retreat.

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

- Hello everyone! I hope you're all having a great week
- Senate President Courts is not here tonight so please be patient with me.
- This week I sent out non-compliances for senators who have not set up an orientation with me.
- I will be sending out non compliances over the weekend for those who have not completed their ethics training by today.
- For all of the vice chairs of committees please send in your committee minutes!
- Since there's no senate next week a lot of committees aren't meeting, please announce that at least 24 hours in advance but sooner the better.
- Senate President Courts and I met with AG Altuna this week to talk about ways we can best collaborate.
- My office hours are officially open for more than orientations, so if you're free and wanna chat please stop by.
- We're seeing 3 confirmations tonight, please make sure your questions and debate are relevant and respectful. I'm limiting 3 questions per person. Please ask for multiple questions and follow ups ahead of time.
- Today is the anniversary of the Pulse tragedy. I have a space in senate forum for a moment of silence after we see our business
- The following senators are in non-compliance for their fiscal training:
 - ☐ Chris Corelli

☞ **Deputy Pro Tempore of Legislative Affairs Report (Ryan Kaufman, sga_dleg@ucf.edu)**

- Finalized the fiscal and legislation trackers, and they will be added to the Senate channel as soon as possible for you all to view.
- Wrote the first fiscal bill of the session for CRT which will be remanded tonight.
- Met with Chair Sherman about potential statute changes from the business office.
- Today's Legislation:
 - ☐ First Reading: 1 Fiscal Bill
 - ☐ Third Reading: 1 Internal Bill
 - ☐ Second Reading: 1 Resolution & 1 Proclamation pending its adoption in committee

☞ **Deputy Pro Tempore of Senate Relations Report (James Kapinos, sgadsr@ucf.edu)**

- In reviewing all of the responses for the senate event form, it looks like for our first in person event we will be doing a movie night within the office, so I will be sending out another form for what movies you guys would all like to see.
 - I will also send out RSVP forms for everyone who plans to be attending the different events
 - The RSO list is still be worked on and won't be finalized due to timeline issues until July but I will keep working on them diligently
- ☞ **Old Business**
- None
- ☞ **Fiscal Committee Caucus Time**
- None
- ☞ **Fiscal Committee Reports**
- ☞ **CRT Committee (Chair Owen Sherman, sga_crt@ucf.edu)**
- Good evening, everyone, this week in CRT we:
 - ☐ Approved 57-: 001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008, and 009.
 - Also, I met with Phong from the A&SF Business Office this week to discuss our policies for the upcoming year, as well as a few suggestions that he had.
- ☞ **FAO Committee (Chair Niklas Luecht, sga_fao@ucf.edu)**
- Hello everyone! Today in committee we saw our first two allocations of the session.
 - ☐ 57-001 Denied 0-9-1
 - ☐ 57-002 Approved 9-0-1
- ☞ **ORS Committee (Chair Samuel Rose, sgaors@ucf.edu)**
- Today we looked at 4 VPFs – approved 2, postponed 2.
- ☞ **Fiscal Legislation**
- ☞ **Notice of Legislation on First Reading**
- Bills
 - ☐ [Fiscal Bill 57-01](#) [Funding for 35 members of Team Sport Business Management to attend the DeVos Sport Business Management Industry Trip in New York City, New York from September 14th, 2025, to September 19th, 2025] [DLEG Kaufman] **Remand to CRT**
 - 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**
- SBA 10 minutes
- ☞ **Internal Committee Reports**
- ☞ **E&A Committee (Chair Bobby Escobar, sga_ea@ucf.edu)**
- Good evening, this week the committee saw four confirmations.
 - ☐ Chief Justice – Bella Pazera confirmed 9-0-0;
 - ☐ Election Commission Seat #4 – Andrew Collazo Borges confirmed 10-0-0;
 - ☐ Election Commission Seat #6 – Camryn Nejaime rejected 5-5-0;
 - ☐ Election Commission Seat #8 – Marcia Orellena confirmed 10-0-0
- ☞ **GAP Committee (Chair Juan Varela, sgagap@ucf.edu)**
- Hi Senate! Today GAP decided on what the GAP weekly newsletter will look like, and we went over some basic Florida Civics. The Newsletter and the civics presentation are posted below. ELA Reed designed the newsletter, and it looks fantastic
 - Finally, there will be no GAP next week due to Juneteenth observances
 - [GAP Newsletter](#)
 - [Civics Presentation](#)
- ☞ **LJR Committee (Chair Zachary Gaudio, sga_ljr@ucf.edu)**
- Good evening! Last week, LJR saw 8 absences, 2 blanket excuses, Resolution 57-01, and reviewed 2 penal actions for non-compliance. Our votes were as follows:
 - ☐ Absences
 - ☒ Ibrahim Nasim (June 26th and prior) - Approved 8-0-1
 - ☒ Ibrahim Nasim (July 3rd, July 10th) - Denied 0-8-1
 - ☒ Sahasra Satvika (June 5th through June 19th) - Approved 8-0-1
 - ☒ Anthony Bonaventure (June 26th through July 10th) - Approved 7-0-2
 - ☒ Isabella McRay (June 5th) - Approved 8-0-1
 - ☒ Alex Rosenblum (June 2nd) - Approved by GC
 - ☒ Diana Nguyen (June 5th) - Approved 9-0-0
 - ☒ Abigail Matthews (June 19th) - Postponed Indefinitely
 - ☒ Bobby Escobar (June 5th) - Approved 8-0-1
 - ☐ Blanket Excuses
 - ☒ Haleema Al-Qudah - Approved 6-2-1

- ☒ Mohammed Kidwai - Denied 0-9-1
 - ☐ Resolutions
 - ☒ Resolution 57-01 - Passed 8-0-1
 - ☐ Non-Compliance Penal Actions
 - ☒ Financial Training - Penal Action Approved 7-0-2
 - ☒ Orientation - Penal Action Approved 7-0-2
- There's been a little confusion about where you can keep track of your accrued absences. If you want to look at which meetings you've accrued absences from, you can find them under the Senate Files under Senate Attendance. You have up to 10 academic days, which is usually 2 actual weeks, to request absence excusal, so make sure that you're keeping an eye on that. If you see any discrepancies, PLEASE bring them up to me, I do make mistakes.
- In addition, I would like to implore you all to please submit your absences ahead of time if you know you're going to be absent from a meeting. It makes my job significantly easier, especially if you've accrued more than a single unexcused absence.
- One final note, since the Senate is not meeting next week, LJR will also NOT be meeting next week. Instead, I'll be sitting down with the Attorney General to comb through Statutes to make sure everything is up to date, and all passed legislation is properly accounted for. That's all from me tonight, keep up the hustle, and may the Pro Tempore's laptop charger cable rest in peace.
- ☒ **SBA Committee (Chair Mila Teodorescu, sgasba@ucf.edu)**
 - Good evening, Senate! This week in committee we discussed and made progress on initiatives from all committee members. We are beginning to send out emails and meet with the proper people to discuss these ideas.
 - Proclamation 57-03 adopted in committee and seen on First Reading: Passed 11-0-1
- ☒ **Confirmations**
 - [Materials](#)
 - ☐ Bella Pazera for Chief Justice; **Confirmed 35-0-1**
 - ☐ Andrew Collazo Borges for Election Commission Seat #4; **Confirmed 38-2-1**
 - ☐ Marcia Orellena for Election Commission Seat #8; **Confirmed 38-2-2**
 - ☐ Blake Barnes to Signover for Senator Jain, CCIE Seat #2; **Confirmed 38-2-1**
- ☒ **Internal Legislation**
- ☒ **Notice of Legislation on First Reading**
 - Constitutional Amendments
 - Bills
 - Resolutions
 - Proclamations
 - Special Acts
- ☒ **Notice of Legislation on Third Reading**
 - Constitutional Amendments
 - Bills
 - ☐ [Internal Bill 57-01](#) [2025-2026 Funding Limitations for Registered Student Organizations] [Chair Rose] **Passed 42-0-1**
 - Resolutions
 - Special Acts
- ☒ **Notice of Legislation on Second Reading**
 - Constitutional Amendments
 - Bills
 - Resolutions
 - ☐ [Resolution 57-01](#) [Updates to Senate Rule 7: Petition Period for Absence Excusal Prior to Dismissal] [Chair Gaudio] **Passed 40-1-2**
 - Proclamations
 - ☐ [Proclamation 57-03](#) [Proclamation Recognizing June 19, 2025, as Juneteenth] [Chair Teodorescu] **Passed 42-1-1**
 - **Special Acts**
- ☒ **Senate Forum**
 - Hameed
- ☒ **Senate Deliberation**
 - None
- ☒ **Advisor's Report**
 - Brodie:
 - ☐ You are all doing great!
 - Medhavi:
 - ☐ Hi everyone, I just wanted to share some exciting personal news with you all—I've been accepted into the Master's in Kinesiology program at UCF starting Fall 2025! I'm incredibly grateful for the support and opportunities I've had while serving as a student assistant, and I'm looking forward to continuing my journey in higher education and research here at UCF. Thank you for being part of this chapter—it means a lot to me.
- ☒ **Miscellaneous Business**
 - Resignations
 - ☐ Senate
 - ☒ Samuel Jolicoeur
 - ☒ Mohammed Kidwai
 - ☐ CRT
 - ☒ Barnes

- ☐ FAO
- ☒ Barnes

- Appointments

- ☐ LJR
- ☒ Barnes

- Hameed's Crazy Clothing Ranking (7.5/10) (C Letter)

- ☐ 2nd option: Hameed's Couture Categorization (9/10)
- ☐ 1st: Varela
- ☐ 2nd: Teodorescu
- ☐ 3rd: Gaudio
- ☐ HM: AG Altuna & DCOMM Ayup

☞ **Final Roll Call**

- 45/56

☞ **Adjournment**

- 7:55 pm