



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government  
LJR Committee Meeting  
Student Government Conference Room  
7/16/2025  
5:00 PM

## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 5:02 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (6): 9/10

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Gaudio	<a href="mailto:sga_ljr@ucf.edu">sga_ljr@ucf.edu</a>	P	A
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Senator Diei	<a href="mailto:sga_ecs2@ucf.edu">sga_ecs2@ucf.edu</a>	P	A
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Senator Simmons	<a href="mailto:sgsci12@ucf.edu">sgsci12@ucf.edu</a>	P	A
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Pro Tempore Representative	<a href="mailto:sga_pro@ucf.edu">sga_pro@ucf.edu</a>	P	A

3. Approval of the Minutes: [7.9.2025](#) **Approved by GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by GC**
5. Announcements from Chair Gaudio -
  - a. Hey folks, this is our second-to-last meeting of the semester. We are locked in at Wednesday at 2PM as our new meeting time, and we will be meeting fully in-person. If you can't make that for some reason, let Speaker Courts know and you can work out another committee you

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can join. To our reps, let the other committees know when we're meeting! We have open seats regardless.

6. Announcements from Vice Chair Trejo Hernandez -
  - a. None.
7. Announcements from Committee Members -
  - a. LJR (GAP) Rep: Went over the legislative priority survey, fine tuned it. Did the GAP newsletter.
  - b. LJR (E&A) Rep: E&A saw two internal bills that were both approved and will be seen tomorrow.
  - c. LJR (SBA) Rep: Hi LJR, SBA this week just went over initiative updates, and the concern form is now on the SG Instagram.
  - d. Hameed: Fiscal Workshop this Thursday at 5! Use the senate meeting zoom or come to the charge on chamber.
8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members -
  - a. Internal Chief Justice: Meet with the webmaster last week, towards the end of this month and beginning as there is a lot of documents to be uploaded. Have set up a structure to streamline the process this year.
9. Old Business -
  - a. Bills
    - i. [Internal Bill 57-05](#) [Updates to Title XII: Minutes Submission Deadline] [Senator Barnes]
      1. Speech
        - a. I present this bill today to update Title XII to include a minutes submission deadline for all branches and committees. Currently, there is no specific timeframe in our statutes that require prompt submission of minutes. This makes it harder for students, and members of this body, to access timely records of our meetings and discussions. This bill will establish a clear and consistent deadline for submitting minutes, ensuring we uphold our commitment to transparency for our student body. This bill adds language to Chapter 1201 that would require minutes to be submitted to both the branch head and the Student Government Advisor within five academic days of a meeting. This gives enough flexibility to review and finalize minutes, while also ensuring that they are made available to the public without unnecessary delay. The intention is not to create an extra burden, but to provide consistency across SG and to reinforce expectations that already exist around recordkeeping and transparency.

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2. Questioning
    - a. Diei: MTD
  3. Debate
    - a. Pro Temp: Motion to see Chair Guadio's admendment
      - i. The amendments are considered approved
    - b. Pro Temp: This provides consistency across all branched and will be voting in favor, MTV
  4. Vote
    - a. **9-0-0, Bill Passes LJR**
10. New Business -
- a. Bills
    - i. [Internal Bill 57-08](#) [Updates to Titles III & VI] [Senator Rodriguez]
      1. Speech
        - a. Reorganizes to provide clarity, this change makes sense structurally. Placing it into an appropriate section and make it easier to reference.
      2. Questioning
        - a. Chair Gaudio: Is there a reason why you made it 309 instead of 303?
          - i. I was being helped and it just made sense to have that.
        - b. Chair Gaudio: MTD
      3. Debate
        - a. Chair Gaudio: Move to see my amendments
          - i. Speech
            1. Instead of making it into a new chapter 309, it will be moved to be under chapter 303. Which is makes sense in legibility.
          - ii. Question
            1. Chair Gaudio: MTD.
          - iii. Debate
            1. Pro Temp: This change makes sense, it fits well with what there, makes the statue flow better. As it is in the beginning of the statue. Voting in favor, MTV.
          - iv. Vote
            1. 9-0-0, Amendment is Approved
      - b.
    4. Vote

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- a. **9-0-0, Bill Passes LJR**
- b. Resolutions
  - i. [Resolution 57-05](#) [Striking of Senate Rule 1] [Chair Gaudio]
    - 1. Speech
      - a. Gaudio: This strikes senate rule 1 in its entirety. This was passed at the very end of the last session. It serves as a code of values for us. It is not a rule, there is nothing actionable within it. The beginning of the session is very chaotic anyway. We have a resolution posted up anyway in the office. We already have the code of ethics. Title 11 is actionable, this is not. If we want this we can post our resolution publicly.
    - 2. Questioning
      - a. Hameed: When was this enacted and put into statutes
        - i. Gaudio: June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
    - 3. Debate
      - a. Hameed: I'm going to be debating this bill as it serves a different purpose from Title XII as it has a code of neutrality which Title XII. This was instituted last month and not even waiting it through is kind of a disservice to last session. For more context, the Senate President and I were considering discussing this at the Senate Retreat and looking over the Resolution to update it or go through it based off our experience as a lot of new Senators have come to the session and didn't really know what to put on there. That would be turned into a Resolution to change this Rule to give it the purpose it was meant to have. The plan is already in place, also technically the Resolution that we have in Orientation, we can't hold anyone to this. This makes itself we can hold ourselves to it, and I think that's important because we are all accountable for the things we promise to each other. I don't think this is a thing we should be doing, we should give it more time to see if it serves us and revisit this, but I do think it is useful in what it adds and that it has a purpose.
      - b. Extended by 5 minutes
      - c. Gaudio: Those are all fine points that have been raised. As Senators it is not our job to be neutral. We are not like the justices, or EC, or the AG. We are political by nature. We should not be holding ourselves to neutrality. This is not something that is actionable. We can't hold someone in non-compliance for this We can censure

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someone whether or not this exists. I get revisiting what we did in orientation, but that's not the purpose of the rule.

- d. Bonaventure: I will vote against this. There hasn't been enough time that has elapsed to see if this helps. While we are political, but we should still be neutral in some aspects.
- e. Diei: Voting against, there hasn't been enough time. The neutrality part, not all senate actions are deemed for us to be neutral on everything. So we are only required to be neutral on things that require neutrality
- f. Barnes: Voting against, looking at this as a student not in SG, this rule exhibits what we see as our values. I think its important for students to see that.
- g. MTV

#### 4. Vote

- a. **1-6-1 This bill does not pass LJR**

#### c. Absences ([Supporting Documentation](#)):

##### i. Blake Barnes

##### 1. Speech

- a. I was called upon, as the parliamentarian and a member of the executive board for my fraternity, to attend an emergency chapter meeting. We needed to determine the next steps for a situation that the eboard was informed about the day before. I was required to attend as my job is to ensure we are in compliance with chapter and national bylaws, as well as university policies and state and federal laws, and this meeting went over sensitive information.

##### 2. Questioning

- a. Diei: Do you have any documentation?
  - i. Due to the nature of the meeting and information, we aren't allowed to provide information beyond that it occurred.
- b. Pro Temp: Do you have any sort of message that says of the time of the meeting?
  - i. Yes.
- c. Chair Gaudio: MTD

##### 3. Debate

- a. Diei: Voting in favor, seems reasonable. MTV

##### 4. Vote

- a. **9-0-0, Absence Request is Approved by LJR**

##### ii. Olivia Smith

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1. Speech

a. I will be attending a family vacation from 07/21/2025-07/28/2025, where I will be staying in different parts of Tennessee. I worry about both the connection issues and family distractions I may face if I were to commit to attending the senate on the 25th. It is simply something I can't commit to. I have already been approved for time off from my summer job. I will attach proof of this approval below. You will notice that it only shows the beginning and end of my trip marked as unavailable. That is because of my management and the scheduling app we used called Workjam. I would submit screenshots of my travel information, but the trip was planned by my uncompromising mother. Thank you!

b. Recess at 5:36 in ten minutes, reconvene at 5:48pm.

2. Questioning

a. Chair Gaudio: MTD.

3. Debate

a. Rodriguez: MTV

4. Vote

a. **9-0-0, Absence Request is Approved by LJR**

iii. Khushi Chauhan

1. Speech

a. July 10th is a big Hindu Holiday called Gurupurnima. I will be away at a temple in Inverness the whole day for the pooja and celebration, so I am not going to be at senate. I am also volunteering at the temple and will be the whole time.

2. Questioning

a. Zivin: Motion to approve this absence request by GC?

i. Approved

3. Debate

a.

4. Vote

a. **Absence Request is Approved by LJR**

iv. Gabriel Casimiro

1. Speech

a. I had an exam to take during this week's senate meeting. Attached screenshots show when I submitted the exam and also how long I took the exam for

2. Questioning

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- a. Rodriguez: MTD
  - 3. Debate
    - a. Chair Gaudio: MTV
  - 4. Vote
    - a. **9-0-0, Absence Request is Approved by LJR**
- v. Diana Nguyen
  - 1. Speech
    - a. This morning (Indochina Time Zone, Vietnam), around 4 am, my grandma tripped on the stairs and fell, so my aunt and I helped rush her to the emergency room. Due to privacy reasons, I can't upload the diagnostic paper. However, my grandmother was diagnosed with two broken ribs on her right side, numbness from the nape of her neck down to her waist, a head tumor, and painful swelling in her right leg that prevented her from walking. Since mt aunt is busy taking care of her family and two little kids, I have become the primary caregiver for my grandma until she gets better or when I go back to the States in August.
  - 2. Questioning
    - a. Chair Gaudio: Motion to approve this by GC
      - i. Approved
  - 3. Debate
    - a.
  - 4. Vote
    - a. **Absence Request is Approved by LJR**
- vi. Sahasra Satvika
  - 1. Speech
    - a. I have to take an exam on 7/17/2025. Although the senate meeting is at 6PM in the evening, I will not be able to take my exam until after I get out from work which isn't until the evening. I wouldn't want to start the exam and risk missing any part of the senate meeting. Below is a documentation showing that I have an exam on that date.
  - 2. Questioning
    - a. Rodriguez: MTD
  - 3. Debate
    - a. Pro Temp: Since we've already accepted her previous request for this exam, motion to approve this by GC
  - 4. Vote

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**a. Absence Request is Approved by LJR**

## vii. Jordan Metellus

## 1. Speech

- a. I will be in Denver for a conference for my fraternity. We will be voting on fraternity legislation as well as participating in leadership workshops. Attached is a flyer for the conference and a screenshot of my registration.

## 2. Questioning

- a. Chair Gaudio: MTD

### 3. Debate

- a. Chair Gaudio: Motion to Approve this by GC
  - i. Approved

#### 4. Vote

**a. Absence Request is Approved by LJR**

## 11. Miscellaneous Business -

- a. None.

## 12. Member Discussion- MTIF: **Approved by**

a. Legislation updates

- i. Zivin: LSAT gaming
- ii. Simmons: No updates

### b. Fall Retreat Ideas

- i. Headbands
- ii. Find the Statute
- iii. It shall be Headbands

## 1. Pairing people

c. Icebreaker:

1. This or That- Drive a double decker bus or clown car, expose of browser history or camera roll
  1. Chau: Clown car to give thumbs down, no, browser history
  2. Chair Gaudio: Clown car (the world is your parking lot), browser history
  3. Vice Chair Trejo Hernandez: Clown car (evade traffice), browser history
  4. Barnes: Double decker bus, camera roll
  5. Djei: Clown car, browser history
  6. Rodriguez: Clown car, camera roll
  7. Simmons: Clown car due to parking, search history
  8. Zivin: Clown car because big cars are scary and hates driving the minivan, camera roll (whoops, all cat pictures!)
  9. Hammed: Double decker bus,

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- 10. Courts: Clown car road rage, browser history
- 11. Altuna: Double decker bus so that he will be safe in crash, browser history
- d. MTF: **Approved by GC**
- 13. Final Roll Call: 8/10 (6)
- 14. Adjournment: 6:25 PM

**Key:**

- P - Present
- A - Absent
- MTD - Move to Debate
- MTV - Move to Vote
- MTA- Move to Amend
- MSQD – Motion for Speech, Questioning, & Debate Time
- MTIF – Move to Informal
- MTF – Move to Formal
- PP - Postpone
- PPI - Postpone Indefinitely
- GC - General Consent

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