



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLICY

UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
Charge On Chamber
07/03/2025
3:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 3:01 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (8): 10/14

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Varela	Sgagap@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice Chair Candiloro	sga_sci3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Barnes	Sgacie2@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Chauhan	sgachps1@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Correlli	sga_ba2@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Escobar	sgachps2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Faucette	sga_grst2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Lipner	sga_ugst1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Nasim	sgachps3@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Paul	sga_cah1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Reed	sga_cah2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Renda	sga_sci10@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Smith	sgacie4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Varghese	sga_cah4@ucf.edu	A	A
LJR Representative	Sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representative	Sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P

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3. Approval of the Minutes: [7.03.2025-GAP Meeting.docx](#) **Approved by: GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by: GC**
5. Open Forum:
 - a. None
6. Announcements from the Chair:
 - a. Hello all. We should have a pretty simple meeting today but I have quite a lot of announcements so bear with me
 - b. Me and Speaker Courts bought some tabling supplies for GAP including mini Florida flags, mini American flags, and pocket constitutions
 - c. Vice-Chair Candiloro will be working on legislative profiles for the whole Florida House and Florida Senate so we can have useful biographical information for DATC. As this is a large undertaking I want 3-4 committee members to help her out in this project. If you are interested it would extremely appreciated. Please contact the Vice-Chair if you want to be involved.
 - d. We will be spending time working on the GAP newsletter so I hope you all brought your relevant stories to go over
 - e. We will also be going over the legislative priorities survey again
 - f. Additionally, I am letting you all know ahead of time that I expect you all to either table or be involved in some sort of DATC outreach so prepare your Fall semester accordingly
 - i. Lipner: What was the reason we are making profiles for every member, instead of focusing time on more critical individuals?
 - ii. Varela: We used this 2 years ago at DATC. It proved to be very crucial info when talking to reps. Last year, we talked to a lot of different reps and senators. It is smaller than U. S. Leg. 5-6 people a week simple biographical information.
7. Announcements from the Vice Chair:
 - a. None
8. Announcements from Committee Members:
 - a. None

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9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members:

- a. None

10. Old Business:

- a. Resolutions
 - i. None

11. New Business:

- a. Resolutions
 - i. None
- b. GAP Newsletter

Reed: If we choose your news source, please put it in the chat.

- i. Federal

[3 ways Trump's 'big beautiful' bill will change how students and families pay for college](#)

<https://www.reuters.com/legal/legalindustry/us-click-cancel-rule-blocked-by-appeals-court-2025-07-08/>

<https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/us-supreme-court-declines-let-florida-enforce-immigration-crackdown-2025-07-09/>

- ii. State

<https://apnews.com/article/florida-state-budget-signing-desantis-legislative-session-54b0f487689b248458a8a5715f2ca7db>

<https://floridapolitics.com/archives/745533-gov-desantis-strips-public-radio-and-tv-funding-from-final-budget/>

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<https://www.clickorlando.com/news/florida/2025/07/02/florida-gov-desantis-approves-19-laws-vetoes-4-others-heres-why/>

Bills: **Florida Gov. DeSantis approves 19 laws, vetoes 4 others. Here's why**

iii. Orlando

<https://www.orlandosentinel.com/2025/07/10/hhn-terrifier-frequent-fear/>

Orlando offering free sandbag pickup for residents

<https://www.insideuniversal.net/2025/07/halloween-horror-nights-34-frequent-fear-pass-multi-night-tickets-now-on-sale/>

<https://www.fox35orlando.com/news/epic-universe-expansion-universal-orlando-files-paperwork-project-orange-county.amp>

iv. UCF

Jane Aman jumps into battleground race against Susan Plasencia in HD 37

v.

[UCF Is Florida's First to Earn Third Global Recognition in Healthcare Simulation Excellence](#)

<https://www.ucf.edu/news/introducing-bill-poirier-ucfs-next-chief-information-officer/>

University:

Gov. DeSantis vetoes restrictions on Trustee appointees, prohibition on administration politicking

Notes:

- i. Lipner:
- ii. Varela: Would you be open to a different source, same story?
- iii. Lipner: Yes, looking for one now.
- iv. Lipner: Concerning because the Aman race is a partisan piece of legislation.
- v. Varela: I think it is okay because we are not endorsing her.

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vi. Lipner: FL Politics is a partisan news source. Hesitant for SG to post it.

c. Legislative Priority Survey

Discussion

- i. Varela: Minor changes to the survey with GAP's feedback. Changes: Now known as "Policy Areas," Scale is 1-10, Added link to DATC information.
- ii. Lipner: Can you provide more background and logistics into the new groupings of information?
- iii. Varela: I do want 5 policy areas to account for different student interests. Discussed having a university policy section with a member discussing that info. 6 different policy areas.
- iv. Is the goal to have one person per policy area?
- v. Approx. 4 people per group and 3 bills per person. That is why I would like to consolidate it to 5 policy areas.
- vi. Faucette: Can campus safety be combined with student well-being?
- vii. Varela: Yes, that's what I was thinking.
- viii. Lipner: I would also be in favor of mixing those. Curious about what administrative priorities you've heard that we've been supporting that would fall into these areas.
- ix. Varela: From conversations with GCA, help advocate for the budget. Helps UCF students have new buildings. Administration's ideas for students advocating for why the need this money. Very early idea but the appropriations task to group leaders because it's more difficult.
- x. Varela: Final vote to mix policy areas: Student well-being and campus safety.
- xi. Lipner: Cannot speak to whether we should have more policy areas. I need the survey to justify that happening. A lot of students cared about sustainability and wanted that to be heard, yet because it was the least supported, a decision had to be made.
- xii. Varela: This specific survey offers more nuanced views b/c of 1-10 scale. Use our best judgment to determine which is popular and not popular. In support of a lot of policy areas.
- xiii. Faucette: Do people know what we will be advocating for. Is there a disclaimer that we may not be able to cover all of these?

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- xiv. Varela: Yes, something to think about. It is more survey based saying we are not advocating for these more asking. 7-8 policy areas. I will present that to GAP next week.

12. Member Discussion:

- a. None

13. Miscellaneous Business:

- a. Icebreaker: Favorite Game show/Reality TV show

Smith: Jerry Springer

Lipner: Love Island

Kaufman: Dancing with the Stars

Faucette: So you Think you can Dance? & Love on the Spectrum

Gaudio: No fun allowed (doesn't watch TV, assigned to watch Antiques Roadshow)

Paul: Bear Grylls (Celebrity Version)

Candiloro: Love Island/ Jeopardy

Varela: Love is Blind

Reed: Cupcake Wars

14. Final Roll Call: 10/14

15. Adjournment: 4:00 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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