



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLICY

UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
Charge On Chamber
07/17/2025
3:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 3:02 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (7): 11/13

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	P	P
Senator Chauhan	sgachps1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Escobar	sgachps2@ucf.edu	P (3:06)	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	E	E
Senator Reed	sga_cah2@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Renda	sga_sci10@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Smith	sgacie4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Varghese	sga_cah4@ucf.edu	P	P
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: [7.10.2025-GAP Meeting - Copy.docx](#) **Approved by: GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by: GC**
5. Open Forum:
 - a. None
6. Announcements from the Chair:
 - a. Hi all! Standard meeting today. Please listen and engage intently
 - b. We will hopefully finalize the legislative survey today. That will be our main task. I want to get it to a place where we are happy with it and then vote to approve it
 - c. Time permitting, we have another Florida Civics discussion today. This time it's about the Florida Budget!!!! Very exciting I know. It's fairly dense but please pay attention and engage as it is probably the most important function of government. Money is power after all.
 - d. Finally. Do the Fall GAP When2Meet. I want to see everyone present fill it out right now. I will wait. <https://www.when2meet.com/?31347648-VpTZl>
7. Announcements from the Vice Chair:
 - a. Hi everyone! Thank you to all that helped with the legislative profiles.
8. Announcements from Committee Members:
 - a. LJR Rep: We are meeting on Wednesdays at 2:00 PM in fall and we have open seats.
 - b. Pro Temp Rep: Fiscal workshop today at 5:00 PM. Please come, it will be worth it.
 - c. Escobar: I started by internship at Ballotpedia, so I will be researching Florida elections and candidates.
9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members:

None
10. Old Business:
 - a. Resolutions
 - i. None
11. New Business:
 - a. Resolutions
 - i. None
 - b. Legislative Priorities Survey

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- i. Faucette: For campus safety, can we change from firearm to weapons policy?
- ii. Varela: How about weapons and self-defense policy. Threads the needle of the partisan nature.
- iii. Escobar: Are we able to update the DATC website with updated pictures?
- iv. Varela: Yeah I will ask. How do we feel about 10 policy areas? Do we want less or more, no more than 10.
- v. Lipner: I am in favor of this many policy areas. Students may confuse 10 policy areas with a 1-10 ranking.
- vi. Varela: Fair concern. I would be in favor of 1-100 scale.
- vii. Faucette: Maybe we can add a clarification we are not ranking them 1-10. Might lessen confusion.
- viii. Escobar: Maybe a 1-5 scale.
- ix. Varela: I think 1-5 we run the same issue of not knowing what is most important.
- x. Faucette: I would support 1-5 because most Likert scales are 1-5 when ranking items.
- xi. Varela: I just change it. What are the committee's thoughts?
- xii. Lipner: I think the knowledge from Faucette is critical in terms of scales. I think the titles look good. I am happy with this.
- xiii. Varela: I will keep it 1-5.
- xiv. Barnes: Do we want to adjust scale to get rid of 0?
- xv. Escobar: In terms of policy areas, I think they are all pretty good and relate to students. Good range. Environment Sustainability does public land use mean development?
- xvi. Varela: Yes, like state park controversiality.
- xvii. Lipner: Does stewardship make sense?
- xviii. Varela: I think so, but I think public land use is good.
- xix. Barnes: I like the non-partisan phrasing of the policy areas.
- xx. Lipner: I am worried that the final yes or no question might be redundant.
- xxi. Barnes: I really like the question because it provides us more data.
- xxii. Faucette: Instead of stars, you can use bubble 1-5.

Vote Count: 10-0-1

- c. Florida Budget
 - i. [Presentation](#)
 - ii. Lipner: Do you know why the budget date switches each year?

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- iii. Varela: The Florida Constitution says when the regular legislative session convenes, with different dates for odd and even-numbered years.
- iv. Smith: Are there any restrictions on how many lines they can veto?
- v. Varela: No, they can veto multiple. The legislature can overturn vetoes though with a 2/3 majority.

12. Member Discussion:

- a. Escobar: Event hosted by Florida House: We the Pizza. Good outreach event for survey.
- b. Lipner: News Day <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/17/us/politics/senate-vote-trump-bill-pbs-npr-foreign-aid.html>

13. Miscellaneous Business:

- a. Icebreaker: Favorite Airline to Fly With
 - i. Lipner: Cheapest and least emissions; Porter
 - ii. Matthews: Delta, conditionally
 - iii. Faucette: Cheapest
 - iv. Varghese: Delta
 - v. Smith: Hates Frontier and Spirit
 - vi. Chauhan: Cheapest and least emissions
 - vii. Barnes: Flightless bird
 - viii. Hameed: American
 - ix. Candiloro: Southwest
 - x. Varela: Jet Blue
 - xi. Escobar: United

14. Final Roll Call: 11/13

15. Adjournment: 3:49 PM

Key:

P - Present
A - Absent
MTD - Move to Debate

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MTV - Move to Vote
MTA- Move to Amend
PP - Postpone
PPI - Postpone Indefinitely
GC - General Consent

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