



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLICY

**UCF Student Government**  
GAP Committee Meeting  
Charge On Chamber  
07/24/2025  
3:00 PM

## MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 3:00 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (7): 9/13

Name	Email	Initial	Final
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Pro Tempore Representative	<a href="mailto:Sga_pro@ucf.edu">Sga_pro@ucf.edu</a>	P	P

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3. Approval of the Minutes: **Approved by: GC**  
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4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by: GC**
5. Open Forum:
  - a. None
6. Announcements from the Chair:
  - a. Hi GAP. Happy last meeting of the Summer. I hope you all have had a great time this Summer Session and learned something new
  - b. Today will be a fairly short meeting I think (I hope). We will do our Bi-Weekly GAP newsletter, a short reflection on this Summer and briefly discuss plans for the future
  - c. Weekly Time for Fall: Thursdays at 5pm
7. Announcements from the Vice Chair
  - a. Hi, everyone! Thank you all for being so engaged this summer. I am excited to see what we do in the fall.
8. Announcements from Committee Members:
  - a. None
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
    - i. Federal
      - (1) [What have Trump's tariffs achieved so far? Experts weigh in](#)
      - (2) [House GOP seeks to censure Democrat McIver over New Jersey detention center incident](#)

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## (3) Trump accuses Obama of treason in escalating attacks over 2016 Russia probe

### ii. State

#### (1) Florida Supreme Court upholds Gov. DeSantis' controversial congressional map

#### (2) Florida farmers to receive \$675M in federal block grant for hurricane relief

#### (3) Florida invests \$30 million in fight against childhood cancer

##### (a) <https://www.flgov.com/eog/news/press/2025/governor-ron-desantis-and-first-lady-casey-desantis-highlight-fully-funded-cancer>

#### (4) Judge denies release of Jeffrey Epstein transcripts in Florida + Justice Dept. Expected to Interview Epstein Associate Maxwell in Florida on Thursday

#### (5) Florida's DOGE kicks off with audit of Broward County spending, Gov. DeSantis says + Florida DOGE launches audits into Gainesville, Broward County spending: 'New era of accountability' + Manatee County among local governments that will be audited by Florida's DOGE team, DeSantis says

#### (6)

### iii. Orlando

#### (1) Orange County Summer Heat Safety

#### (2) <https://www.orlandoweekly.com/news/florida-wrestling-legend-hulk-hogan-dead-at-71-40021766>

### iv. University

#### (1) UCF and Lockheed Martin's partnership deepens to add more research, student opportunities

##### (a) Lockheed Martin, UCF Expand Longstanding Partnership Fueling Florida's Prosperity

#### (2) UCF Launches new Space MBA in Spring 2026

#### (3) This time at UCF, Scott Frost won't need to catch lightning in a bottle

#### (4) Breakthrough in science: UCF chemists develop life-saving wound sealant

#### (5) UCF Rowing 2025 Season In Review

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v. Oppurtunites

- (1) <https://justfacts.votesmart.org/internships/>
- (2) <https://www.ucf.edu/leadership/government-community-relations/legislative-scholars/> Deadline: Sept 21
- (3) <https://votolatino.org/interns/> Deadline: July 26
- (4) <https://frostforms.house.gov/forms/internships/>

c. GAP Summer Reflections

- i. Florida Civics Discussions
  - (1) Continuation in the Fall
- ii. GAP Newsletter
  - (1) Proofread with scrutiny
  - (2) Newsletter on website
- iii. Priority Survey Process
  - (1) Continuation of finalizing survey in summer
- iv. Any additional comments

d. Plans for GAP in Fall

- i. Tabling/Legislative priorities outreach
  - (1)
- ii. Intensive legislative research
  - (1) Structured
  - (2) Accountability
- iii. GAP Newsletter
  - (1) Weekly

e.

12. Member Discussion:

- a. None

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13. Miscellaneous Business:

14. Final Roll Call: 9/13

15. Adjournment: 3:58 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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