



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): 12/14

Name	Email	Initial	Final
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Senator Escobar	sgachps2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Faucette	sga_grst2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Lipner		P	P
Senator Nasim	sgachps3@ucf.edu	E	E
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Senator Renda	sga_sci10@ucf.edu	E	E
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3. Approval of the Minute [06.26.2025 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. Hi all! I hope you have all had productive weeks. This meeting shouldn't be too long
 - b. We will be going over the first draft of the new legislative priority survey. Come Fall, this will be an important tool for us so it's necessary that we perfect it the best we can now during the summer
 - c. For our Florida Civics discussion I will be doing a brief walkthrough of the Florida House and Florida Senate websites. During DATC research we will be utilizing these websites an incredible amount to find our bills so it's important we are comfortable navigating them.
7. Announcements from the Vice Chair:
 - a. Hi everyone! I apologize, I am on the way home from vacation, so my camera is off because it is a bit distracting, and my internet may be a bit glitchy. If I miss anything in the minutes, feel free to add it, thanks!
8. Announcements from Committee Members:
 - a. Hameed: Hey! Please fill out the RSO form by today. It's in the DSR announcements from last week. It'll help the DSR determine which RSOs you will be assigned for the next year.
 - b. Reed: GAP Newsletter Posted. Teams me with any news you find.
 - c. Lipner: I wanted to talk about that on July 1st the previous session's bills were passed into law. Look into the bills that were passed to learn more
9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members:

AG Altuna: Taking notes on behalf of GAC Demarco. Wishing you a happy 4th of July. Reach out if you have any questions.
10. Old Business:
 - a. Resolutions
 - i. None

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11. New Business:

a. Resolutions

- i. None

b. Legislative Priority Survey

- i. Lipner: My biggest concern is if the survey has any discrepancies. Students concerned about public welfare, civil liberties, etc becoming intertwined.
- ii. Varela: I am open to renaming them if you have examples to make them more clear.
- iii. Gaudio: My question is in regards to the survey. Do you have any ideas in addition to the survey to drive engagement other than tabling to gauge more people. Perhaps a whiteboard.
- iv. Varela: I would want a whiteboard of what issues are more important to you. Do not want make people uninclined to fill out the survey though. Get engagement by talking to students in open forum and allow them to express concerns and learn about GAP. Plan to meet with political RSOs to gain their perspective for DATC.
- v. Faucette: Is there a different thing to call it besides subject areas? My head goes to math, science, etc. Is there something else we can call it?
- vi. Varela: Policy Area sounds better.
- vii. Reed: Is there a way we can go to classes and speak in person about DATC and contact department heads to send it out?
- viii. Varela: Definitely will be contacting department heads to send it out. If anyone else in committee has that web course, reach out.
- ix. Lipner: Sociology has one. Concern regarding policy areas. Large majority will not be willing to read them. Urge you to write examples to be more neutral to meet entire student body's opinion and viewpoints. Strongly worded.
- x. Varela: Maybe we can include specific policy areas as a written response. I will take a look at it and reword it to be less partisan. If you have any suggestions, I am open. Tried to be as non-partisan as possible.
- xi. Reed: See Lipner's POV. Example: firearm or firearm policy, etc. Changing adjective words to be more neutral.
- xii. Varela: I started to do that. I agree to changing to "policy." It will be workshopped, we are in very early stages. If any more suggestions, I will write it down.
- xiii. Gaudio: Instead of having broad categories, what about textboxes for people to type in. Include examples of things people can talk about.

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- xiv. Varela: Interesting idea. Will have to run by GAC. Want to bring back assigning a whole subject area.
- xv. Faucette: When students have to type makes them unwilling to fill out. Analyzing data becomes qualitative and difficult.
- xvi. Varela: That is a good point. Quantitative gives good idea and baseline.
- xvii. Gaudio: An in-between could be the form includes some qualitative for individual issues. Internally we can put things in categories and go from there. Still including textbox option.
- xviii. Varela: Do still carry issue Faucette had. Will be a lot of work.
- xix. Lipner: The unnecessary need of 100 scale. Reduce it to be 1-10. Reduces bias and lead to better results. It is very difficult to only analyze qualitative data.
- xx. Escobar: Including innovation whether that be with sustainability or its own area. UCF prides itself on being innovative and input from STEM majors. With innovation we have some presence in legislation and something to advocate for.
- xxi. Varela: I like that idea. I think better as own section.
- xxii. Lipner: Important to specify environmental sustainability. Has many different areas. Need to clearly specify each area.
- xxiii. Varela: Minimizing confusion in survey.
- xxiv. Reed: I think by having examples next to policy areas it will help narrow down what people think of. Helps guide people and know what we are talking about.
- xxv. Varela: My original intention, so we are all on the same page.
- xxvi. Lipner: Student life and campus engagement in one single area instead of education. Campus safety and security is important but could be expanded to include policing. Affordability- grouped together to have a more succinct grouping.
- xxvii. Varela: Will factor that in. Show it to you all to be critiqued.
- xxviii. Lipner: Thank you, chair, for the effort in the survey.

c. Florida House/Senate Website Walkthrough

- i. House: <https://www.flhouse.gov/default.aspx>
- ii. Senate: <https://www.flsenate.gov/?Tab=Calendar>

Lipner: The One Big Beautiful Bill Act passed in the house by 4 votes.

d. Bill Finding Activity

- i. To put your website navigation skills to the test, we will be finding a bill and putting important info about it in the Agenda. Please use the House or Senate website to

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- find a bill filed in 2025 and include it's **Name, Number, Sponsor/Co-Sponsors, Committee Assignments, Bill Text Link, Staff Analysis Link, Final Action?**
- ii. Escobar: HB 75 - Display of Flags by Governmental Entities, sponsored by Borrero and Jacques, cosponsors: Holcomb; Porras, Bill Text: <https://www.flhouse.gov/Sections/Documents/loadaddoc.aspx?FileName= h0075 .docx&DocumentType=Bill&BillNumber=75&Session=2025>, Staff Analysis: None 😞, Final action: Died in Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee on Monday, June 16, 2025
 - iii. Barnes: CS/HB 37- Educator Certifications and Training- Sponsor: Daley- CoSponsors: None- Committee: Education and Employment Committee- Died in Education and Employment Committee <https://www.flhouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=80571>
 - iv. Varela: SB 54:Criminal Offenses.-Sponsor: Garcia: Co-Sponsors: None- Committees: Criminal Justice, Judiciary, Rules-[Bill Text](#)- Analysis: None-Died in Criminal Justice Committee
 - v. Paul: HB 15: Storage of handguns. Sponsor: Hinson Co-Sponsor: Campbell, Chambliss, Eskamani, Harris, Hunschofsky, Lopez, Woodson. Died in committee, indefinitely postponed.
 - vi. Hameed: HB 35: Heat Illness Prevention. Sponsor: Campbell, Chambliss, Eskamani, Harris, Lopez, Rosenwald, Woodson. Assigned to Industries and professional activites, human services, and commerce committees. Died in industries and professional activities subcommittee in June. No bill analysis 😞 <https://www.flhouse.gov/Sections/Documents/loadaddoc.aspx?FileName= h0035 .docx&DocumentType=Bill&BillNumber=35&Session=2025>
 - vii. Smith: HB 53 – Sales of Ammunition. By Daley, Co-Sponsors: None. Committees: Criminal Justice, Industries & Professional Activities, Justice Budget, Judiciary. [Bill text](#) Analysis: None, died in Criminal Justice Subcommittee
 - viii. Gaudio: [HB 6025](#) – Restrictions on Firearms & Ammunition During Emergencies by Miller, Hodgers, Co-introduced by Anderson ; Baker ; Bankson ; Barnaby ; Black ; Blanco ; Brackett ; Chamberlin ; Holcomb ; Jacques ; Maggard ; Plakon ; Plasencia ; Robinson, W. ; Salzman ; Sapp ; Yeager, assigned to Criminal Justice & Judiciary Committees, Signed into Law on May 28th
 - ix. Lipner: Amendments to the State Constitution; CS/HB 1205; introduced by the State Affairs Committee and Persons-Mulicka; co-introduced by Bankson, Black, Buchanan, Caruso, Robinson W., Salzman, and Trabulsy; referred to the State

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Affairs Committee; [bill text available here](#); [staff analysis available here](#); Passed in House and Senate, Approved by the governor

- x. Faucette: **HB 1273**: Autism Spectrum Disorder Training for Law Enforcement Officers; filed by Stark on 2/26/25, 1st reading on 3/4/25, Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee, Justice Budget Subcommittee, and Judiciary Committee on 3/5/25, Died in Criminal Justice Subcommittee on Monday, June 16, 2025 11:19 PM, [HB 1273 \(2025\) - Autism Spectrum Disorder Training for Law Enforcement Officers | Florida House of Representatives](#) Related Bill **SB 1364** which was co-sponsored by Collins and Arrington
- xi. Varghese: CS/HB 19 - Victims of Domestic Violence and Dating Violence. Sponsors: Criminal Justice Subcommittee and Hinson and Barnaby Co-sponsors: Alvarez, J.; Bartleman; Campbell; Daley; Eskamani; Gottlieb; Harris; Hunschofsky; López, J.; Rosenwald; Woodson. Criminal Justice Subcommittee, Government Operations Subcommittee, Judiciary Committee.
<https://www.flhouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=80561>. Analysis: None . Final Action: Died
- xii. Candiloro: CS/CS/SB 44: Motor Vehicles Introduced by Rodriguez. Co-Sponsors- None Committees: Rules, Transportation, Criminal Justice Bill Text: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2025/44/BillText/c2/HTML> Staff Analysis: [Link](#)
- xiii. Reed: CS/HB 19: Victims of Domestic Violence and Dating Violence; by Hinson and Barnaby and Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Co-sponsors: Alvarez, J.; Bartleman; Campbell; Daley; Eskamani; Gottlieb; Harris; Hunschofsky; López, J.; Rosenwald; Woodson
<https://www.flhouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=80561>. Died in Government Operations Subcommittee

12. Member Discussion:

- a. None

13. Miscellaneous Business:

- a. Icebreaker:

14. Final Roll Call: 12/14

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15. Adjournment: 4:01 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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