



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

CONFERENCE, REGISTRATION, AND TRAVEL

UCF Student Government
CRT Committee Meeting
Charge on Chamber
08/18/2025
2:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 2:00PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (5): 8/9

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Sherman	sga_crt@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice Chair Jones	sga_sci5@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Trejo Hernandez	sgaecs13@ucf.edu	A(2:19 PM)	P
Senator Lipner	sga_ugst1@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Luecht	sgaecs7@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator McRay	sga_sci8@ucf.edu	P	E
Senator Prol	sgaecs9@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Smith	sga_cah3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Wangen	sgachps5@ucf.edu	P	P
ORS Representative	sgaors@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representative	sga_dleg@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: [07_24_2025 CRT Caucus Meeting Agenda](#)
 - a) Approved by GC
4. Approval of the Agenda:
 - a) Approved by GC
5. Announcements from the Chair
 - a) Good afternoon everyone, I hope you've all had a good first day of classes so far. Today we have 17 allocations and 3 fiscal bills to see, one of which will be adopted by the committee rather than waiting for it to be remanded this Thursday.
 - b) Updates on 57-004 and 57-028

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6. Announcements from the Vice-Chair

- a) I hope everyone had a good summer and I'm happy to be back this fall!

7. Announcements from Committee Members

- a) Kaufman: Hey everyone! Excited to be in CRT this semester!

8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members

- a) None

9. Old Business

- a) Allocations

- i) [57-036 Sam Shackton](#)

(1) Speech

- (a) Sam is a rising senior, double majoring in a mechanical and electric engineering. ^[P]~~[SEP]~~ She is not an international student. She is attending the society of women's Engineers Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. She is leaving on October 22nd in returning on the 26th. Registration is currently \$325 but after September 1st, which is when we'll be able to give the current funding. ^[P]~~[SEP]~~ We'll go to \$375, so the tracker is \$375.

(2) Questioning

- (a) None

(3) Debate

- (a) Rose: Seems good! MTV

(4) Vote

- (a) **7-0-1 Approved**

10. New Business

- a) Bills

- i) [57-08 Neuroscience Alliance at UCF](#)

- ii) Bill: [Fiscal Bill 57-08](#)

(1) Speech (Unlimited)

- (a) Hello, I am the treasurer for the Neuroscience Alliance at UCF, and we are trying to go to the Society for Neuroscience Conference on November the 15th through the 17th. We are requesting funds for travel and lodging, both totally out to be \$7,205.55. want to go to a conference in November. Requesting the senate cover half of that, which would be \$3,602.78. We will be staying in San Diego California. We hope to gain more experience, and it will be a good networking opportunity. We wanted to give our 16 members that are attending the opportunity to do so.

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(2) Questioning

(a) None

(3) Debate

(a) Kauffman: Motion to see my amendments.

(i) Speech

1. Kauffman: I updated the total cost to reflect what was on the spreadsheet and there are two other things in the whereas clause updating the number of active dues paying members and at the top the title was changed in the middle of the bill process.

(ii) Questioning

1. None

(iii) Debate

1. Wangen: Motion to approve by GC

(iv) Vote

1. Approved by GC

(b) Wangen: I think this looks great, we have funded this trip a couple of times in the past and I think we should continue to do so. MTV

(4) Vote

(a) 6-0-2 Approved

iii) [57-09 We in Animation at UCF](#)

iv) Bill: [Fiscal Bill 57-09](#)

(1) Speech

(a) Hello, I am the president of We in Animation at UCF. We are asking for funding to attend the Lightbox Expo trip in October. We will be staying at the Green Tree Inn and our travel days are Oct 23rd through 27th and the expo dates are the 24th through the 26th in Pasadena, California. We wanted to propose a change. The prices for flights have gone up. The prices will be \$306.96. The total would be 20,927.47 for 20 members to go to the convention.

(2) Questioning

(a) Wangen: How do you plan to pay for your half of the bills cost?

(i) We will do fundraisers, and we will also have individuals that will pay out of pocket.

(b) Wangen: Do you have back up members who can attend and are not able to pay?

(i) Yes, we have a list of over 20 members.

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(3) Debate

(a) Kaufman: Motion to see my amendments

(i) Speech

1. Kaufman: Updated the total cost with the new travel cost.

(ii) Questioning

1. None

(iii) Debate

1. Wangen: Motion to approve this by GC

(iv) Vote

1. Approved by GC

(b) Rose: I'm in favor. We updated the numbers and everything else looks good!

(4) Vote

(a) 6-0-2 Approved

v) [57-10 Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers](#)

vi) Bill: [Fiscal Bill 57-10](#)

(1) Motion to adapt 57-10 in committee

(a) Speech

- (i) First, we want to say thank you for your time. We are the society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, and we are requesting funds to go to our national conference. The conference is on October 29th and it will end on November 1st. We will be at the Philadelphia Convention Center. We bring our members to put their foot into this industry of engineering. It is hard to get jobs for CS majors and Aerospace majors and this experience will allow them to have good networking opportunities. This last year, we had about 40 interviews offered at conferences, and we had 30 internships offered to our members. There are some members that go on their own as well. Our members will be developing in terms of leadership opportunities. We want to take 60 members. We are in region 7 and we will get 2 free tickets; we only have to pay for 58 tickets. Comes out to a total of \$20,010. We want to arrive at the hotel on Oct 27th. We wanted to get members to get their early to avoid stress. Hotel \$15,186.29. New Airfare: \$23,092.80. We have other

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quotes from other hotels which are \$21,029.73, \$16,650.90, and \$19,750. We did pick the cheapest option for hotels.

(2) Questioning

- (a) Kaufman: First, I wanted to confirm, on the supporting documents that had the number of people on the flight, I believe it said 50 adults and two tour conductors. Can you just explain, like, what the tour conductors are?
 - (i) Southwest has a deal where if you take a group of 30 people, they suggest that one would be sort of like a chaperon, so they call them a tour leader. SO 29 people paid the regular airfare quote and then one of those people being the tour director would be given a much cheaper rate. Since we are taking 60 people they applied twice.
- (b) Kaufman: You said you had 828 active dues paying members, is that correct?
 - (i) Yes
- (c) Kaufman: You also stated on your knight connect form that you received or anticipate receiving \$5,000 in outside funding sources. But is that also supposed to include dues and other sponsorships. Is this number greater than \$5,000?
 - (i) We can give an exact number but in previous years we would receive around \$10,000 to \$15,000.
- (d) Kaufman: What is the first day of the conference?
 - (i) The 29th
 - (ii) Kaufman: We can only fund going one day prior starting on October 28. I took one day out of the 6 nights because we can't fund two days before the conference.
- (e) Kaufman: I just want to let you that our funding cap this year is \$21,840. Are you still comfortable with this?
 - (i) We saw 25,000 on the financial traing but we understand stuff changes.
- (f) Wangen: How do you plan to cover your half?
 - (i) This year we will have a rate of \$400 per sponsor member. If we take 60 members and multiply that by 400, we do get around 24,000. We have at least 7,500 from Dr.Warden. We are expecting this same amount this year from Dr. Warden

(3) Debate

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(a) Wangen: We have provided funding in the past and it is important for their members to go. I will be voting in favor. MTV

(4) Vote

(a) 6-0-2 Approved

b) Allocations

i) [57-050 UCF Mediation Team](#)

(1) Speech

(a) Good afternoon, I am a undergrad student. I'm not an international student. Conference is held in Fairfield, Iowa from Oct 23 and returning on the 26th. The purpose of the conference is to compete in international mediation competitions, where students from universities across the country come together. This is an important opportunity for our team to represent UCF at the national level, and gain hands-on experience. All members are currently UCF students. We will need two rooms for 3 nights. The rate is \$116 through \$140 per night. The total will be between \$786.48 and \$949.20. Nothing has been purchased and needs funding by Sep 1st. Asking for registration lodging and airfare. Registration is \$50 per student. The airfare is \$237 per student.

(2) Questioning

(a) Sherman: Can you clarify the range of the lodging?

(i) We are asking for the price on the higher end. It just depends on the weekend we purchase the hotel.

(b) Sherman: You said you needed funds by September 1st, why do you need the funding two months before?

(i) No reason, just wanted to be early. I am flexible on the dates.

(ii) Sherman: I'm just letting you know it would probably be mid-September.

(3) Debate

(a) Wangen: Looks good! MTV

(4) Vote

(a) 7-0-1 Approved

ii) [57-051 Tara Blanchard](#)

(1) Speech

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(a) Hello, I am a grad student. I am presenting my research at the Wildlife Society Conference in Edmonton, Canada, and I am leaving on October 5th and returning on October 8th. I am requesting the cost of the conference registration to be covered, which is \$500 and the cost of the hotel, which is \$173.30 per night. I will be staying for 3 nights. If I go over the limit and can only receive partial funding for lodging that is ok because I have funding from grad studies that will cover the remaining cost will be covered. Lodging \$583.69

(2) Questioning

(a) Rose: How much have you received from your college?

(i) \$500

(b) Luecht: What is your total lodging cost?

(i) \$583.69

(c) Sherman: Has that changed from what you put on the form?

(i) Yes, I was able to find a cheaper hotel.

(3) Debate

(a) Rose: Looks good to me! MTV

(4) Vote

(a) **7-0-1 Approved**

iii) [57-052 Syeda Rubab Sherazi](#)

(1) Speech

(a) Hi, I am a grad student in the physics department and I'm a international student. I'm trying to attend the conference for graduate women and gendered minorities in physics in Washington DC from 25th of September to the . The conference provides a unique opportunity to strengthen my career development and to foster networking with peers. The travel is \$137 roundtrip, registration is \$45, lodging is offered by the conference. I am just asking for travel and registration.

(2) Questioning

(a) Sherman: Can you clarify the difference between the total number of your registration and travel and the total that you requested?

(i) The travel \$137 is the recent one.

(b) Sherman: The travel was \$137 plus the registration it would be \$182, and you requested \$250, is there a reason for the extra?

(i) I think that we will bring it down to \$182 since that is the price.

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- (3) Debate
 - (a) Wangen: I think that a little bit of wiggle room would be sensible. Like maybe giving her that \$200 would be fine. If we want to add \$10 additional dollars that way, it covers the full flight. Motion to approve this allocation at \$200.
- (4) Vote
 - (a) **7-0-1 Approved at \$200**
- iv) [57-053 Charlotte Disney](#)
 - (1) Speech
 - (a) Hello, I am a senior undergrad student. It is a research conference for me to present for the UCF Department of Chemistry. The conference is in Palm Harbor, Florida. I will be leaving on Sept 12th and coming back on the 14th. Asking for a hotel room for two nights and for the \$60 registration cost. The hotel is \$166 per night and after tax it is \$322.16.
 - (2) Questioning
 - (a) Luecht: What is cost per night?
 - (i) \$116 per night before taxes. Taxes are \$30.16. Total is \$322.16.
 - (3) Debate
 - (a) Rose: Can we fund this at \$350? Just bring it down a bit so that there are no issues with like contribution.
 - (b) Kaufman: MTV
 - (4) Vote
 - (a) **7-0-1 Approved**
- v) [57-054 Ramyanaga Nagarur](#)
 - (1) Speech
 - (a)
 - (2) Questioning
 - (a)
 - (3) Debate
 - (a)
 - (4) Vote
 - (a) **7-0-1 Approved 57-055, 054, 056 seen as a block**
- vi) [57-055 Archi Mehta](#)
 - (1) Speech

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(a) Hello, I will be speaking on behalf of Ramyanga Nagur, Vasupradha Ramji and myself. All three of us are undergraduate students and our third year of studying computer science and none of us are international students. The conference is from Nov 4th through 7. We would like to attend the conference for two days, from Thursday Nov 6th to Friday Nov 7th. \$599 per person for registration. We plan to leave on Nov 5th and come back Nov 8th. Updated roundtrip flight: \$188 per person. The total altogether is \$787 per person. We are going to cover the lodging cost ourselves. Open doors for internships and job opportunities.

(2) Questioning

(a) Just to confirm the individual funding cap for you all is \$200 each, can you pay the rest out of pocket?

(i) Yes

(3) Debate

(a) Luecht: Looks good to me. MTV

(4) Vote

(a) 7-0-1 Approved 57-055, 054, 056 seen as a block

vii) [57-056 Vasupradha Ramji](#)

(1) Speech

(a)

(2) Questioning

(a) :

(3) Debate

(a) :

(4) Vote

(a) 7-0-1 Approved 57-055, 054, 056 seen as a block

viii) [57-057 Akash Kumar](#)

(1) Speech

(a) I am a international student attending a conference from Oct 18th to the 23rd. I want to leave on the 17th and return on the 24th. I am presenting my paper. I am looking for job opportunities. Applying for registration and travel. Will be applying for fellowships at the university for lodging cost.

(2) Questioning

(a) None

(3) Debate

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(a) Wangen: Looks good! I hope he is able to get all the support he needs. MTV

(4) Vote

(a) 7-0-1 Approved

ix) [57-058 Malisha Islam Tapotee](#)

(1) Speech

(a)

(2) Questioning

(a) :

(3) Debate

(a) :

(4) Vote

(a) PP

x) [57-059 HOPE @ UCF](#)

(1) Speech

(a) Hello, I am a social work student. The conference supplies suicide and prevention skills training and it is at Daytona Beach on Oct 10th and 11th. Applying for lodging on the nights of October 9th and 10th. We will be taking 8 undergrads, and one is a grad student. It is 52 miles away and I understand there is a 50-mile radius from UCF. Updated hotel: 4 rooms for \$198.56. I know registration is not reimbursed but we had a special circumstance. We paid for the registration out of club funds. It would be \$450 with each being \$50 for each of the students.

(2) Questioning

(a) Sherman: When y'all came through CRT another time with the same conference name, is it the same training?

(i) Yes, they are offering the training at different sites and locations. It was a different nonprofit offering us the training at the last one. For them it is a \$50 registration fee.

(b) Sherman: Same or different students?

(i) Different students but it is the same course content just delivered on a different site.

(3) Debate

(a) Wangen: Looks good! We have already approved them for the same conference with different people to do the same training. So, I am in

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favor. It looks like the registration cost has already been taken out.
MTV

(4) Vote

(a) 7-0-1 Approved

xi) [57-060 Anthony Dixon](#)

(1) Speech

(a) PhD student in industrial engineering. Wrote a paper that was accepted for presentation at the Frontiers and Education Conference at Nashville, Tennessee, from November 2nd the 5th. I want to leave on the Nov 1st and return Nov 5th. The reason for this is I don't know when I am supposed to present yet. Hotel New: \$784.20. The flight is the same. Total for lodging and travel is \$973.67. I already paid for registration.

(2) Questioning

(a) Kaufman: How will you cover the rest of the cost if approved at only \$500?

(i) Go to my department for more funding

(3) Debate

(a) Luecht: As an industrial engineer it looks good to me! Very happy to fund!

(b) Rose: MTV

(4) Vote

(a) 7-0-1 Approved

xii) [57-061 Aaditya Baranwal](#)

(1) Speech

(a) I am a PhD student in the department of computer science. I am an international student. I have two papers that were accepted. Paper was nominated for the best paper award. I am requesting funding for the roundtrip airfare Oct 18th to 23rd. I will be staying from the 19th to the 23. I requested a total of \$690, which hasn't changed a lot since I submitted the form.

(2) Questioning

(a) None

(3) Debate

(a) Wangen: Looks good! We funded someone for the same conference. Voting in favor. MTV

(4) Vote

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(a) 7-0-1 Approved

xiii) [57-062 International Medical Outreach](#)

(1) Speech

(a) Hello, I am a undergrad student entering my 3rd year at UCF. I am the sergeant of arms for International Medical Outreach, which is an org dedicated to volunteer service. Only requesting lodging for our upcoming service trip. We will be traveling to New Orleans from Dec 14th to the 21st to partner with local organizations and contribute to community service efforts. Members are using personal vehicles. For housing we are working with. 10 members are going. For lodging we are partnering with Camp Hope to get affordable housing and it is charging \$35 per person for 7 nights. We plan to bring 10 members on this trip, but the final number may depend on applications and selections. We are requesting \$2,450.

(2) Questioning

(a) Wangen: Do you have over site provided by an official organization for this trip?

(i) No

(3) Debate

(a) Wangen: I hate to nitpick because this sounds amazing. However, our definition of service trip is opportunities for RSOs to participate and provide aid to a community that has no imposition of spiritual beliefs and has oversight provided by an official organization. So, this wouldn't meet the requirements.

(b) Sherman: I will say this is in Dec, so we have plenty of time if we want to postpone.

(i) RSO: Sorry I misspoke I thought you meant like an oversite from UCF. We do have an organization that we volunteer with but no one from UCF. We have been approved for this trip in the past

(4) Vote

(a) 3-2-1 Approved

xiv) [57-063 James McAleer](#)

(1) Speech

(a) Good afternoon, committee. I am a graduate student at the National Center for Forensic Science, a subdivision of the Chemistry

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Department. I am presenting my research. I am requesting \$75 for registration as well as \$425 for the travel expenses.

- (2) Questioning
 - (a) None
- (3) Debate
 - (a) Luecht: Looks good to me! MTV
- (4) Vote
 - (a) **7-0-1 Approved**

xv) [57-064 Saba Mohammadhosseini](#)

- (1) Speech
 - (a) I am a international PhD student in electrical engineering. I will be traveling Oct 6th to 10th in Los Angelos. I am presenting on behalf of both me and my lab partner, who is the co-author of the paper. His name is Amirhossein Safari. We will be presenting our paper together at this conference. We are requesting funding for travel and lodging cost. The travel cost right now is \$207 per person and the hotel is \$974 for 4 nights. We will share a hotel room. We may have to change the departure and return flights.
- (2) Questioning
 - (a) Rose: We can approve you at 500 each? How will you cover the other 1,300 roughly?
 - (i) There is a UCF presentation fellowship. The price will be around \$3,600 for each of us. Are you sure about the \$500 and we got approved for more last time?
 - (ii) Sherman: We have changed some of the cost this year.
- (3) Debate
 - (a) Rose: Everything looks good! MTV
- (4) Vote
 - (a) **7-0-1 Approved Seen as block 57-064 and 57-065**

xvi) [57-065 Amirhossein Safari](#)

- (1) Speech
 - (a)
- (2) Questioning
 - (a)
- (3) Debate

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- (a)
- (4) Vote
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11. Member Discussion

- a) None

12. Miscellaneous Business

- a) Resignations: Isabella McRay
- b) Icebreaker: What is your favorite class?
- c) Kaufman: Conference Member Restrictions

Announcements:

- 13. Final Roll Call: 8/9
- 14. Adjournment: 3:07 PM

Key:

- P - Present
- A - Absent
- MTD - Move to Debate
- MTV - Move to Vote
- MTA - Move to Amend
- PFP - Post Funding Process
- PP - Postpone
- PPI - Postpone Indefinitely
- GC - General Consent

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