



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
LJR Committee Meeting
Charge on Chamber
08/27/2025
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 2:03 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (4): 8/7

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Gaudio	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice Chair Trejo Hernandez	sgaecs13@ucf.edu	P	P
Sergeant-at-Arms Bonaventure	sga_hm1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Matthews	sga_sci7@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Rodriguez	sgachps4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Sherman	sgacie3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Zivin	sgsci15@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: [08.20.2025](#) **Approved by GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by GC**
5. Open Forum
 - a.
6. Announcements from the Chair Gaudio-
 - a. Hello everybody! Sorry I didn't make anything this week, I was wiped yesterday. You guys read the agenda presumably there's a few heavy topics we might be considering today, but really it's not anything we haven't seen before, well except for one of them but we'll get there when we get there.
7. Announcements from the Vice Chair Trejo Hernandez-
 - a. None from me, we got a long meeting ahead of us.
8. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. LJR (GAP) Rep: Hi LJR! This week in GAP we found articles for the GAP Newsletter. If you ever have any news articles you would like to be featured on the GAP newsletters let me know and I can share it in GAP.
 - b. LJR (E&A) Rep: We saw two appointees, one during E&A and the other during caucus.
 - c. LJR (SBA) Rep: The committee gave an update on their initiatives and discussed tabling.
 - d.

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9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
 - a. AG Altuna: Just waiting for signatures on the legislation that have passed.
10. Old Business-
 - a. Absences
 - i. Dyne' Smith
 1. Speech
 - a. I am emailing to inform you that I cannot attend the meeting on September 4th, 2025, because I will not be in the state. I am attaching a screenshot of my flight as well.
 2. Debate
 - a. Trejo Hernandez: Makes sense to me, MTV
 3. Vote
 - a. 8-0-0, **Absences Request is Approved by LJR**
11. New Business-
 - a. Absences ([Supporting Documentation](#)):
 - i. Jordan Metellus
 1. Speech
 - a. I will be hosting a study hall for my RSO/Chapter. This study hall starts at 7 pm and should only be a couple of hours. Once it's finished I will return to Senate, incase Senate ends before I'm finished, I'm requesting a full meeting absence.
 2. Debate
 - a.
 3. Vote
 - a. **Absence Request is Approved by LJR by GC**
 - ii. Olivia Smith
 1. Speech
 - a. I have a pre-planned community event that I promised I would attend.
 2. Debate
 - a. Zivin: Motion to PP pending documentation
 3. Vote
 - a. **Absence Request is PP for next meeting**
 - iii. Khushi Chauhan
 1. Speech

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- a. I have my MCAT the day after and it is in my home town, so I will be travelling back early to prepare for it and won't be in town.
- 2. Debate
 - a.
- 3. Vote
 - a. **Absence Request is Approved by LJR by GC**
- iv. Angelique Leon
 - 1. Speech
 - a.
 - 2. Debate
 - a.
 - 3. Vote
 - a. PPI
- v. Spurthi Nrushimadevara
 - 1. Speech
 - a. I'm requesting an absence regarding being present during final roll call because my family is visiting Orlando for my sister's birthday and we were planning on celebrating her together so I'll have to leave early.
 - 2. Debate
 - a. Zivin: I'm leaning towards no, as this is a personal matter.
 - b. Matthews: I'm leaning yes on this, as I know if it was my own family visiting me, I would like my absence to be approved.
 - c. Chair Gaudio: For some context, this senator also submitted an absence over the summer to visit family in India, it may be the same family visiting them.
 - 3. Vote
 - a. **8-0-0, Absence Request is Approved by LJR**
- b. Blanket Excuse
 - i. Sahasra Satvika
 - 1. Speech
 - a. I would like to request this blanket excuse as I don't feel safe going back home late at night. The area that I stay in is part of the reason why I feel this way. Just to ensure safety and to make sure that I am comfortable going home myself, I would really appreciate it if I can leave the Senate meetings at 9:35PM. I would love to be a part of

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and continue to be in Senate, but I genuinely feel a little scared and uncomfortable late at night by myself. Thank you!

2. Debate

- a. Matthews: I agree, safety should be our priority and we shouldn't ask her to risks her to be in attendance.
- b. Pro Temp Rep: I agree, they are attending more than half of the meeting and their safety shouldn't be compromised. MTV

3. Vote

- a. 8-0-0, **Blanket Excuse is Approved by LJR**

12. Miscellaneous Business-

a. Notifications of Non-Compliance

- i. Chair Gaudio: I wanted to bring this in front of the committee, as last week, there was some talk during the senate meeting about a meeting that occurred. This meeting was not posted on the calendar or publicly announced prior to it happening, so I wanted to look more into it. This meeting was between branches regarding a policy that will have an impact on what is going in front of this public body. I believe AG Opinion 57-02 concurs that this type of meeting is a public meeting and falls under Title XII, so I wanted to bring this in front of the committee for deliberation.
- ii. Matthews: I have a question, who took the minutes for the meeting?
 - 1. Chair Gaudio: AG Altuna
- iii. Matthews: A question for the AG, in the minutes, were you guys planning on having another meeting?
 - 1. AG Altuna: Yes, we were willing to have another meeting.
 - 2. Matthews: Were you planning to invoke a censure if someone doesn't follow through with the accord?
 - a. AG Altuna: Yes.
- iv. Pro Temp Rep: Why did you put the LJR committee for bringing the non-compliance and not you?
 - 1. Chair Gaudio: Because statutorily, its the LJR committee issues them, not me.
- v. Pro Temp Rep: Was the accord something planned before the meeting?
 - 1. AG Altuna: It was something that we thought of and did after the meeting
- vi. Sergeant Bonaventure: Was this non-compliance posted?
 - 1. Chair Gaudio: No, this is being considered.
- vii. Matthews: Was this a closed meeting?

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1. Chair Gaudio: An open meeting is when anyone can attend the meeting, a closed meeting is when minutes are taken but are kept within the body.
- viii. Matthews: I think it would be under administrative planning regarding the AG opinion, as no votes are taken.
 1. Chair Gaudio: Those are examples of the opinion.
- ix. Brodie: Remember the opinion is about executive session, so that's what some of the examples are about.
- x. Chair Gaudio: The original scope of the opinion was executive session
- xi. Chair Gaudio: Also, the penal action can be changed.
- xii. Sherman: I don't think it would constitute as, as appointments are done through the executive brand. I understand that we have to be accountable and transparent. But it does bring into the question of what constitutes as meeting. As a discussion I had with Chair Gaudio about an amendment and whether or not I support it. That can be argued that discussion between us is a meeting. The non-compliance does more harm than good. It raises the question of what is considered a SG meeting.
- xiii. Matthews: I agree with Sherman, during cabinet, they mentioned everything that was talked about.
- xiv. Pro Temp Rep: I agree with the previous two senators, having to differentiate between what is a discussion and a meeting is hard. You can argue that a discussion between two SG agents is a meeting. I don't think that these non-compliances are necessary.
- xv. Trejo Hernandez: As we're discussing what is considered a discussion or a meeting. Then a meeting in my opinion is having a place, a time, who is attending and what is being discussed about. It requires planning for it to occur.
- xvi. Chair Gaudio: I'll give my opinion, as we are discussing what is considered a meeting, this was planned meeting regarding the censure against the Deputy Chief of Staff, which was withdraw on August 19th.
- xvii. Vote:
 1. 0-6-2, the LJR committee will not be issuing the Non-Compliances
- b. Adoption of Measures
- c. Motion to adopt these measure
 - i. Pro Temp Rep: Objection
 - ii. Debate
 1. Pro Temp: The only reason I see to adopt something in committee if there's a pressing matter, we have proper time to see this in Seante and have the Pro

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Temps office to review it. I really encourage on everyone to vote no on this so it can be seen through senate.

2. Chair Gaudio: The main reasons I wanted to put this forward is for one, there's been these discussion, its on the back of everyone's heads. These discussions are already happening. And the second one is just fixing something. I also wanted to let the other committees to see and decide if they want to sponsor it. So people are aware of it and aren't jump scared on it on Seante. SBA meets on Fridays, which is the first internal meeting that occurs after senate. It's taking the opportunity of not having a senate meeting this week and having every committee to look through it.
3. Sherman: Give it really not pressing, have you considered it going through Pro Temps office?
 - a. Chair Gaudio: that was the back up plan.
4. Pro Temp Rep: You can also have the vote to sponsor it without it being on first reading.
5. Trejo Hernandez: My take is that it's already here, having it go through the regular process will add weeks to this if we want all committees to view it.
6. Sergeant Bonaventure: The matters of the amendments are small, it sets an ill precedent for how we do things, instead of going through the regular process.
7. Matthews: I agree with these previous senator, it's not a pressing matter, we should have it go through the regular process.
8. Sergeant Bonaventure: MTV.

iii. Vote

1. 1-6-1, LJR committee will not be adopting these

iv. [Constitutional Amendment 57-01](#)

- 1.

v. [Constitutional Amendment 57-02](#)

- 1.

d. SBA Rep Elections

i. Nominations

1. Zivin

ii. Vote

1. Zivin is now the SBA Rep

13. Member Discussion- MTIF: **Approved by GC**

a. MTF: **Approved by GC**

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- 14. Final Roll Call: 8/7 (4)
- 15. Adjournment: 2:58 PM

Key:

- P - Present
- A - Absent
- MTD - Move to Debate
- MTV - Move to Vote
- MTA - Move to Amend
- MSQD – Motion for Speech, Questioning, & Debate Time
- MTIF – Move to Informal
- MTF – Move to Formal
- PP - Postpone
- PPI - Postpone Indefinitely
- GC - General Consent

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