



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLICY

UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
Charge On Chamber
08/21/2025
5:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 5:01 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (7): 9/12

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Varela	Sgagap@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice Chair Candiloro	sga_sci3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Chauhan	sgachps1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Escobar	sgachps2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Faucette	sga_grst2@ucf.edu	P (5:15)	P
Senator Lipner	sga_ugst1@ucf.edu	E	A
Senator Nasim	sgachps3@ucf.edu	A	A
Senator Paul	sga_cah1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Reed	sga_cah2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Renda	sga_sci10@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Smith	sgacie4@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Varghese	sga_cah4@ucf.edu	A	A
LJR Representative	Sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representative	Sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P

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 all! Welcome back to GAP. I'm happy to have you all in person now
 - b. Today should be fairly quick as we are currently in the period before the tsunami of bills starts getting filed
 - c. Our only task today will be to work on the GAP Newsletter so I hope you brought good news stories to discuss
 - d. Important Legislative Dates
 - i. 8/18/2025: Members may begin filing
 - ii. 11/21/2025: Bill Request submission deadline
 - iii. 1/7/2026: Bill Final Draft Deadline
7. Announcements from the Vice Chair
 - a. Hi everyone! I am very excited to be back in person for GAP fall semester. I hope you all had a great first week of classes.
8. Announcements from Committee Members:
 - a. Escobar: Last week, I got to speak to at Polk County Legislative Delegation meeting and talk about social work issues. Idea for GAP Initiative.
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

Federal:

 - [Hurricane Erin picking up steam as it edges along the East Coast](#)

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- [Florida attorney general urges Supreme Court to strike down state's 2018 gun law](#)

State:

- [Florida will phase out certificates of completion for students with disabilities](#)

- [Map shows massive Everglades wildfire burning in Broward, smoke impacts South Florida air quality](#)

UCF:

- [Opening of New UCF Campus](#)

Orlando:

- [Pulse Memorial's rainbow crosswalk removed overnight in Orlando, Florida](#)

Opportunities:

- Knight-Thon Committee Applications open
- Campus Canvassing @ UCF with People Power for Florida [Link to RSVP](#)
- League of Women Voters of Florida Internship – Fall 2025 (handshake)
- Student Internship in Graphic Design and Communications – Orange County Government FL (handshake)
- City of Altamonte Springs Intern – Recreation (handshake)
- Visit Orlando – Fall Convention Sales Intern (handshake)

Legislation:

- [Ashley Moody touts business advantages coming out of 'One Big Beautiful Bill'](#)

12. Member Discussion:

- a. Escobar: I got to speak at the legislative delegation in Polk County. Members that represent the county meet and take feedback from constituents. Orange county's will be October 21st @ 9:00 AM. GAP could advocate to our Reps. and Senators for the issues we advocate for. We would have data as survey will have responses by October. If we wanted to, we could have a speaker

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from our committee speak on the issues we collected to our representatives on issues that concern students.

- b. Reed: Love the idea. I think it is important to connect with our local representatives.
- c. Varela: I second that. Great idea for GAP and organize this and show solidarity before DATC.
- d. Escobar: People from all over the county came to speak so it was good to hear from others and those around us to know what issues are affecting our community.
- e. Varela: Is there a deadline to submit a public appearance form?
- f. Escobar: Register by Oct. 3.

- g. Kapinos: SG Welcome Week Tomorrow on Newsletter.
- h. Faucette: Where are we tabling?
- i. Varela: We will be tabling on satellite campuses as well and work with SBA.
- j. LJR Rep: Confirm open senate seats for SG section of newsletter.

13. Miscellaneous Business:

- a. Icebreaker: Favorite class this semester
 - i. Escobar: Administrative Law
 - ii. Matthews: Political Psychology
 - iii. Reed: The Intelligence Community
 - iv. Faucette: No classes! In Dissertation
 - v. Kapinos: Spiritual Leadership
 - vi. Paul: Art History 2
 - vii. Smith: Criminal Law
 - viii. Chauhan: Human Physiology
 - ix. Candiloro: Intelligence Analysis & Reporting
 - x. Varela: Philosophy of Law & Metaphysics

14. Final Roll Call: 10/13

15. Adjournment: 5:39 PM

Key:

- P – Present
- A - Absent
- MTD - Move to Debate
- MTV - Move to Vote

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

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