



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: 5:00PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (8): 9/11

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Varela	Sgagap@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice Chair Candiloro	sga_sci3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Al-Qudah		P	P
Senator Chauhan			
Senator Escobar	sgachps2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Faucette	sga_grst2@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Jain	sgacie2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Lipner	sga_ugst1@ucf.edu	A	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 Smith	sgacie4@ucf.edu	E	E
LJR Representative	Sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representative	Sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	A

3. Approval of the Minutes: **Approved by: GC**

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4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by: GC**
5. Open Forum:
None
6. Announcements from the Chair:
 - a. Hi all! Good to see you again after having the game last week. I hope you all stayed dry and didn't lose your mind watching the Knights play
 - b. We should have a short meeting today. We will do our GAP newsletter discussion and also discuss some of the structure for bill briefs
 - c. The first substantive bill was filed in the Florida House today! It makes our state bird the American Flamingo! (I won't make y'all do a bill brief on this one)
7. Announcements from the Vice Chair
 - a. Hi everyone, I hope you all have had a great week. As we will be going over bill briefs, please make sure to ask any questions if you are unsure or unclear about how they should be written. Thank you!
8. Announcements from Committee Members:
 - a. Pro Tempore Hameed: RSO Assignments due ASAP before next senate meeting. Send it to DSR Kapinos.
 - b. LJR Rep: Will we get an email from him once he has received it?
 - c. Pro Tempore Hameed: He usually replies, but if you sent it no worries.
9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members:
 - a. Senator Greene: I was in contact with the legislative committee member of the eastern nursing association. The previous director reached out in regard to DATC. Got in touch with the new director and they will be contacting GAP.
10. Old Business:
 - a. Resolutions
 - i. None
11. New Business:
 - a. Resolutions
 - i. None
 - b. GAP Newsletter

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Federal:

- [Appeals court rules Florida's "Alligator Alcatraz" detention site can stay open](#)
- [DC attorney general sues to end federal National Guard deployment](#)
- [Trump DOJ is Looking at Ways to Ban Transgender Americans From Owning Guns](#)

Univeristy news:

- [Judge orders Trump administration to unfreeze nearly \\$2.2 billion in federal grants to Harvard](#)
 - o [White House Vows to Appeal After Judge Sides with Harvard and Reverses Billions in Trump Cuts—As It Happened](#)

State:

- [Florida surgeon general says state will eliminate all vaccine mandates](#)
- [New subject coming to Florida schools next year. Here's what students can expect](#)
- [License plate-funded ATVs, GPS units boost sea turtle protection in state parks](#)

UCF:

- [UCF plans to restore campus Pulse mural with private donations](#)
- [Carbon dioxide alarm briefly disrupts UCF classes](#)

Orlando:

- <https://www.orlandosentinel.com/2025/09/02/desantis-defends-pulse-crosswalk-arrests/>
 - o <https://mynews13.com/fl/orlando/news/2025/09/02/desantis-defends-pulse-crosswalk-arrests--fdot-enforcement>
- <https://www.wesh.com/article/gov-ron-desantis-news-conference-orlando/65957025>

Opportunities:

Legislative Scholars Application Due September 21st
Knight-Thon Committee/Team Captain Applications open
Join the Multicultural Leadership Council (MSC)
Ballotpedia [Fall Fellows Program](#)

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Resilience Inc.: [Political Advocate Intern](#) / [Advocacy and Outreach Intern](#)
Root Legal: [Legal Advocacy Internship](#)
KnightMun Volunteer
Grad Fair: <https://graduate.ucf.edu/gradfair/>

Legislation:

https://www.local3news.com/regional-national/bipartisan-group-of-house-lawmakers-introduce-stock-trading-ban-legislation/article_0b12e627-788d-5112-b08a-8391a3fcc1a5.html

Student Government News:

a. Black Business showcase

c. Bill Brief Structure

- i. Chair/Vice-Chair will keep track of all bills that have been filed since last GAP meeting
- ii. Each present member of the committee will be assigned bills to complete a brief on during committee time. There will be a template. (Subject to fluctuations depending on how many bills have been filed. Expect no more than 3 per meeting)
- iii. After completing the brief, the author of the brief will but the file in the "Bill Brief [UNDER REVIEW] folder found in the teams within the DATC 2026 Materials Folder
- iv. The Chair/Vice Chair will review the brief for accuracy and clarity. If the brief needs to be revised, they will contact the author. If the brief is accurate and complete, it will be moved into the Bill Brief [APPROVED] folder.
- v. NOTE: Senators are NOT required to work on bill briefs outside of committee, but to achieve the best work product, work outside of committee may be encouraged

12. Member Discussion:

- a. Orange County Public Appearance – Tuesday, October 21st @ 2:00 PM
 - a. <https://www.orangecountyfl.net/OpenGovernment/LegislativeDelegation/StateLegislativeDelegation.aspx>

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b. Reed: Model UN volunteers for high school students conference

13. Miscellaneous Business:

- a. Icebreaker: Most hyped HHN House
 - i. Varela: El Artista: A Spanish Haunting
 - ii. Reed: Five Nights at Freddy's
 - iii. Al-Qudah: FNAF/Terrifier
 - iv. Candiloro: FNAF
 - v. Jain: FNAF
 - vi. Paul: Terrifier
 - vii. Escobar: None
 - viii. Matthews: None

14. Final Roll Call: 8/14

15. Adjournment: 5:47 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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