



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
LJR Committee Meeting
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9/24/2025
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 1:51 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (5): 8/9

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Gaudio	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice Chair Trejo Hernandez	sgaecs13@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Beneche		A(P 1:56pm)	A
Sergeant-at-Arms Bonaventure	sga_hml@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Connolly		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	E
Pro Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: [9.17.2025](#) **Approved by GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by GC**
5. Open Forum
 - a. Eliani, 2nd year SGLCer
 - b. Elsa, 1st year SGLCer
6. Announcements from the Chair Gaudio-
 - a. Hello, friends. I'm sure you all did your homework for today's legislation so I won't harp on it.
 - b. Remember guys, Dean meetings are coming up and they are MANDATORY. If you cannot make it, you must inform myself, the External Legislative Assistant, and the Pro Tempore before the meeting starts. If you fail to do so, you will be considered immediately dismissed from your seat and would need to appeal your dismissal at the next Senate meeting before you could resume your duties. To my committee representatives, make sure to tell your assigned committees that in your announcements, I'll be including it in this week's report as well to drive it home. I recommend submitting dean meeting absence requests in advance, as LJR still must approve dean meeting absence requests.

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- c. Everyone say hello to our newest committee member!
- 7. Announcements from the Vice Chair Trejo Hernandez-
 - a. None
- 8. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. LJR (GAP) Rep: Hi everyone, Last week in GAP we had the GAC join us to discuss some details about Day at the Capital. We looked over articles for the GAP Newsletter and started Bill Briefs. As always if you guys have any articles you would like me to bring to GAP let me know!
 - b. LJR (E&A) Rep: Hi everyone, Last week in E &A we saw two amazing confirmees who are now in Seante with us, YAY! We discussed Title 6 and the E& A Pamphlets. We also talked about Seante apportionment which we then talked about at the Senate meeting.
 - c. LJR (SBA) Rep: Hi everyone. Last week, SBA debriefed their tabling event at Rosen. A lot of students wanted more dining options on campus and Wi-Fi improvements. We also adopted proclamation 57-06 in committee, which passed unanimously.
- 9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
 - a. AG Altuna: Have been focused on minutes, have sent over senate, committees, senate execs agendas to the webmaster. Working on getting the opinions sent over as well.
- 10. New Business-
 - a. Constitutional Amendments
 - i. [Constitutional Amendment 57-01](#)
 - 1. Speech
 - a. Single word change to the constitution. Changing the word “supermajority” to “two-thirds.” Supermajority is not defined anywhere in our statutes. Could end up being what the Senate decides to do. Had discussions with Senator Wangen, and statutes used to say supermajority.
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. DLEG Kaufman: Did you talk to EC beforehand?
 - i. Gaudio: No I have not.
 - b. Matthews: Heads up to EC?
 - i. Gaudio: No but they do have access to the LJR channel.
 - 3. Debate
 - a. Beneche: Voting in favor. Makes sense to terminology.
 - b. DLEG Kaufman: Don’t know if this change is worth it without something else changing. Concerned about not giving EC a heads up.

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- c. Gaudio: Split the amendments because 57-02 could be contentious. It's success should not be dependent on another amendment passing. This is just terminology. The role of EC is communicating amendments. They would know about it if we passed it and does not matter to them until it does pass.
 - d. Gaudio: MTV
 - 4. Vote
 - a. **9-0-0 Approved**
- ii. [Constitutional Amendment 57-02](#)
 - 1. Speech
 - a. Has a lot of substance to it. Context first. I was appointed in the 56th Session. Was personally appointed rather quickly, only took about a month. From other senators, it took multiple months from submitting their application to hearing back. Some internal bills were passed to try to fix this were deemed unconstitutional by the Judicial Branch. Thought that this would be a one session thing, but this happened again. A potential appointee heard nothing from a month. Two appointees were appointed to their college and the original candidate was told all the seats were filled. The accords were created to try to mitigate this issue. This amendment moves the power of appointments to the Student Body Senate from the Executive Branch. This would not affect any other appointments to other positions. For the sake of transparency, us being responsible for our own appointments would resolve a lot of the issues brought up. Because this is an amendment, it would go in front of the students so they would also get a say into the matter. Would also give the E&A Committee more work to do in the fall.
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. Matthews: Who would run appointments:
 - i. Gaudio: Up the Senate to decide. If it passes, would work LJR and E&A to decide how it would be handled.
 - b. Sherman: If there was a perfect DCOS every year, would this be brought up?
 - i. Gaudio: Can't say, haven't seen a perfect DCOS.
 - 3. Debate

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- a. Zivin: On the fence. I know this happened to other people, but we are taking away the responsibilities of other branches. See why necessary, but not sure if this is something we want to take on. Not sure if the wording is specific enough.
- b. Matthews: Worried about taking away power from the Executive Branch. Was in E&A when this happened and saw the discussions. Wouldn't want there to be a new role born out of this. Would want the E&A Chair to also be in talks about this.
- c. Gaudio: If there are changes that you want, you can all add amendments.
- d. Trejo-Hernandez: Power goes to different people depending on how the President gives power.
- e. Gaudio: Plan was if passed in Senate, would draft rules that would be passed long before voted on by the student body. Could make something contingent on the passing of other legislation.
- f. Matthews: Clarify timeline?
- g. Trejo-Hernandez: Would get put on ballot. Make internal bills that pass before election period.
- h. Kaufman: Very against this. Concerned about checks and balances of SG and how we are taking the power straight from another branch. Will be voting against this.
- i. Trejo Hernandez: Applied for a seat in August last year. Got an interview in October and was appointed late November. The Senate interviews are not very long, and this is not a time consuming role.
- j. Gaudio: E&A has seen 4 appointees.
- k. Sherman: Created because they are dissatisfied with the current process and not with the process of executive branch having this power. Voting against this amendment.
- l. Gaudio: MTV

4. Vote

a. 1-7-1 Not Passed

b. Resolutions

i. [Resolution 57-06](#)

1. Speech

- a. It just requires a senator to list if they used AI, its important as some senators in the past sessions have said that they've written over 20

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proclamations. Which is reduces the meaning of us being senators, so I think it's important to list that for transparency. It won't be applicable to grammar checks. I've also included the penalty of using AI without disclosing it.

2. Questioning

- a. Chair Gaudio: Outside of this one instance you named, how would you imagine to enforce this?
 - i. It gets enforced through Title 7 and 9, so flaunting, and then reading the language and being able to see that it's clearly AI.
- b. Trejo Hernandez: Are you aware that generative AI and large language models are similar?
 - i. Varela: I'm not a technical person, but generative AI was targeted at the chat bots whereas large language models are more broad which includes models that can create anything.

3. Debate

- a. Matthews: I urge everyone to vote in favor, as we are elected for a reason. We aren't allowed to use it in class
- b. DLeg: In favor, on behalf of the Office of the Pro Tempore, we are in favor, as even though its hard to detect. It's important that we have this in place.
- c. Chair Gaudio: I'm against this, I agree behind it. It raises two questions, first is accountability. I'm not sure how this will be enforced outside of a "Don't do this". Outside of flaunting it or seeing it being used.
- d. Chair Gaudio: move to see my amendments
 - i. Speech
 - 1. It doesn't need to be said that when you break a rule you are subject to disciplinary rules. All of this is removing it. Just cleaning it up.
 - ii. Debate
 - 1. DLeg: (to the author) do you think that changes what you written?
 - a. Varela: I think its fine, I'll just have to specify on debate on the floor
 - iii. Vote

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1. 7-0-0, amendment passes
- e.
4. Vote
 - a. 6-0-1, Resolution passes
- ii. [Resolution 57-07](#)
 1. Speech
 - a. Chair of Latin Hispanic Caucus. Made two previous ad-hoc caucus into permanent caucuses. When we have caucus reports, not all of them have enough substance to be reported, not if they are in the middle of planning something.
 2. Questioning
 - a. DLEG Kaufman: Did you reach out to anyone in caucus leadership about this?
 - i. Trejo Hernandez: No
 - b. Sherman: Do you have the vote count of when it failed in the 56th Session.
 - i. Trejo-Hernandez: Not on me.
 - c. Matthews: What exactly would this change?
 - i. Caucuses only give reports if they have announcements. Reduces the number of announcements made.
 - d. AG Altuna: Where should I check?
 - i. Trejo-Hernandez: Senate Rule 5
 3. Debate
 - a. DLEG Kaufman: This does not save any time. Voted against this last time as well. Makes more work for caucuses to write in their title. Voting in negation.
 - b. Matthews: On the fence. Agrees with previous. Wish it was brought up to Caucus Leadership.
 - c. Gaudio: Caucuses were originally in Senate. Still had a report when they got taken out into Title 14.
 - d. Trejo-Hernandez: Caucus Leadership Committee has not met since the summer due to conflicting schedules. Not much more work, just copy and pasting and adding announcements.
 - e. Gaudio: Caucus Leadership Committee is made up of chairs and vice chairs of standing and ad-hoc committees. There are 20 people

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- on this committee. Cap of a Senate committee is 14. Wanted to bring up this scheduling.
- f. Trejo-Hernandez: MTV
 - 4. Vote
 - a. **4-2-1 Approved**
 - c. Absences ([Supporting Documentation](#)):
 - i. David Orjuela
 - 1. Speech
 - a. I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to respectfully request an excused absence from the Senate Retreat on Friday, September 26th and Saturday, September 27th.
 - b. I greatly value the purpose of the Retreat in strengthening the bonds between senators, and I will ensure that I remain engaged with Senate activities throughout the semester. I am already signed up for our intramural flag football team, am exploring pickleball, and have marked all the major and minor Senate events on my calendar with the intent of attending as many as possible.
 - c. That same weekend, however, I am scheduled to attend ShellHacks, a 36-hour hackathon hosted at FIU in Miami from September 26th-28th. Check-in begins Friday afternoon, though I will be leaving Orlando that morning after ensuring I am present for our Senate meeting on Thursday.
 - d. While attendance at this hackathon is, of course, not mandatory, I believe it qualifies as a prior commitment of significant professional value. ShellHacks is Florida's largest hackathon, welcoming over 1,400 participants and directly sponsored by major organizations such as Google Cloud. Participation offers a unique opportunity for skill development, networking, and potential recognition that would contribute meaningfully to my academic and career trajectory.
 - e. In accordance with the Absence Excuse Policy, I have attached my ShellHacks acceptance and confirmation email as supporting documentation. Since I am traveling by personal vehicle, I do not have receipts for travel (e.g., flights or Brightline).
 - 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a.
 - 3. Vote

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- a. **PP to next meeting**
- ii. Rose Rodriguez
 - 1. Speech
 - a. Unfortunately, I will not be able to make the Retreat on both days due to my commitments for both my internship and my sorority.
 - 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a.
 - 3. Vote
 - a. **PP to next meeting**
- iii. Jordan Metellus
 - 1. Speech
 - a. ASCE General Body Meeting and Mandatory Fraternity Event after.
 - 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a.
 - 3. Vote
 - a. **PP to next meeting**
- iv. Jonah Scott
 - 1. Speech
 - a. There is a career critical fundraiser I must attend at 6PM.
 - 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a. Rodriquez: Did you ask?
 - i. Chair Gaudio: I bring it to the committee and then I ask
 - b. Conllony: Why would it be at 6pm if the meeting starts at 7pm
 - i. Chair Gaudio: As some senate meetings have been short, it could be that they
 - c. Dleg: Motion to pp pending documentation
 - 3. Vote
 - a. **PP next meeting**
- v. Angelique Leon
 - 1. Speech
 - a. On shift at Student Union from 2:45-7:15pm
 - 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a.
 - 3. Vote
 - a. **PP to next meeting**

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vi. Haleema Al-Qudah

1. Speech

- a. Hello LJR, I was just offered a fellowship with the FDP which I am really excited for! Unfortunately, I was just informed that the mandatory orientation they have planned to onboard the new team is on 9/18 from 6-8PM which conflicts with the meeting time of Senate on that day. I also have a mandatory sorority event conducted by our national organization required for all active members which starts at 8PM (directly after the orientation) and the end time was unspecified so while I am unsure the precise time it will end, I am requesting a whole meeting absence request as Senate end times are also unpredictable. However, I will be sure to reach out to a fellow Senator to see if Senate had ended as soon as I am relieved from these additional prior obligations and try my best to head over to campus to be there for any part of the meeting I can be. Thank you for your consideration.

2. Questioning/Debate

- a. Matthews: Make sense, senate meeting ended early that week early as well.
b. Collony: She has documentation.

3. Vote

- a. **Approved by GC, Absence Request is Approved by LJR**

vii. Spurthi Nrushimhadevara

1. Speech

- a. My parents came on a whim to surprise me for my birthday.

2. Questioning/Debate

- a.

3. Vote

- a. **PP to next meeting**

viii. Melva Diei

1. Speech

- a. Hello! I'm requesting this absence because I have a statics quiz on Friday. I currently don't have the best grade in this class and if I do well on this quiz it'll boost my grade by a lot. I'm using the Senate meeting time to study and ensure I have my concepts down. Thank you!

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2. Questioning/Debate
 - a.
3. Vote
 - a. **PP to next meeting**
- ix. Gabriel Casimiro
 1. Speech
 - a. The UCF Housing RA In-service I originally had on 9/11/2025 was rescheduled to 9/25/2025 at the same time frame. It starts at 6pm and is 2-3 hours long. It is required for us to attend all in-services and they usually occur on the second Thursday of every month. This one is just a special case where it got rescheduled to 9/25/2025. Thank you for your time and consideration
 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a.
 3. Vote
 - a. **PP to next meeting**
- x. Melva Diei
 1. Speech
 - a. Hello! I won't be able to make it to Senate retreat on Friday because I have classes from 9:30 am - 1:20 pm.
 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a.
 3. Vote
 - a. **PP to next meeting**
- xi. Sahasra Satvika
 1. Speech
 - a. I have an exam to take the following day early in the morning before I leave to Jacksonville after the Business Invitational! I will need the night to prep for my exam and pack to travel to Jacksonville! I have documentation below for the exam to support this. Thank you!
 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a.
 3. Vote
 - a. **PP to next meeting**
- xii. Zachary Gaudio

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1. Speech
 - a.
2. Questioning/Debate
 - a.
3. Vote
 - a. **PP to next meeting**
11. Miscellaneous Business-
 - a. None.
12. Member Discussion- MTIF: **Approved by**
 - a. MTF: **Approved by**
13. Final Roll Call: 7/9 (5)
14. Adjournment: 2:54 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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