



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS AND POLICY

UCF Student Government
GAP Committee Meeting
Charge On Chamber
10/02/2025
5:00 PM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 5:00 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (7): 10/12

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Varela	Sgagap@ucf.edu	P	P
Vice Chair Candiloro	sga_sci3@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Al-Qudah	sga_sci1@ucf.edu	P	E
Senator Chauhan		E	E
Senator Escobar	sgachps2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Faucette	sga_grst2@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Lipner	sga_ugst1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator McRray		P	P
Senator Paul	sga_cah1@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Reed	sga_cah2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Rickett		E	E
Senator Smith	sgacie4@ucf.edu	E	E
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**

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5. Open Forum:
 - a. None
6. Announcements from the Chair:
 - a. Hi all. Government is shut down :(
 - b. Today will be normal. We have 7 bills to brief and the GAP Newsletter to work on.
 - c. Working with Shane on a GAP Survey KnightConnect Bulletin
7. Announcements from the Vice Chair
 - a. Hi everyone. I hope you all had a great week. I just attached an article about how the shutdown may impact students. Give it a glance if this may pertain to you or anyone you know just to be informed! <https://abcnews.go.com/GMA/Living/government-shutdown-impact-schools-student-loans/story?id=126113532>
8. Announcements from Committee Members:
 - a. Al-Qudah: Hello everyone and thank you to all SGLCers for being here! I wanted to remind everyone that I am authorized through my fellowship to collect and submit voter registration forms, so if you need to pre-register, update your address or information, or register in general, please don't hesitate to find me after the meeting so I can assist you in getting registered to vote, especially so you can vote locally! Thank you so much!
 - b. Reed: What is your fellowship?
 - c. Al-Qudah: The Florida Democratic Party
9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members:
 - a. Coordinator Demarco: Working on attendance for DATC for GAP members and budgeting purposes, such as creating a google form. Please send out the GAP Survey to RSOs. The Florida Gubernatorial Fellowship will be providing an info session. The event is on Tuesday, October 7th for in the Charge on Chamber at 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM. Excited to have them at UCF.
 - b. Kapinos: Is everyone in GAP on the list for DATC?
 - c. Coordinator Demarco: I just need a guaranteed list from GAP who is eligible to go and will work with Chair Varela to do this.
 - d. Kapinos: I am not technically a GAP member, so I wanted to double check if I am still able to go.
 - e. Coordinator Demarco: Yes, you are good because you contribute to GAP and work on legislation.
10. Old Business:
 - a. Resolutions
 - i. None

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11. New Business:

a. Resolutions

i. None

b. GAP Newsletter

Federal:

- [The US government has shut down. Here's what to know](#) (Faucette)
- [What happens when the government shuts down](#) (Lipner)
- [California Enacts Nation's First AI Safety Law](#) (Haleema)
- [How the government shutdown will impact schools, student loans](#)
- <https://fortune.com/2025/10/01/recession-indicator-conference-board-expectation-index-jobs-inflation/>

University news:

[2026 Best Colleges U.S. News & World Report Rankings: Record-Breaking Seven Florida Public Universities in the Top 100 - State University System of Florida](#) (Faucette)

Wisconsin [College Campus Free Speech Bill](#) (Kapinos)

State:

[Florida DOGE calls out Gainesville, Alachua County for 'excessive' local government spending](#)
[Treasure hunters discover \\$1 million in gold and silver coins from 1715 shipwreck off Florida's coast](#) (Lipner)

[Governor Ron DeSantis and CFO Blaise Ingoglia Highlight Excessive Local Government Spending Uncovered by Florida DOGE Audits](#) (Lipner)

UCF:

[Social Work Researchers to Study How Animal Robots Can Help Older Adults | University of Central Florida News](#) (Faucette)

[UCF Leads Inaugural Global Health Summit in Malta, Expands Collaborative Research and Student Exchange Opportunities | University of Central Florida News](#) (Faucette)

[Fraternity returns to campus after 20 years](#) (Lipner)

[UCF AI Institute aims to attract Amazon, Google and Meta to establish new headquarters in Central Florida](#) (Lipner)

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Orlando:

[Government shutdown impacts thousands of federal workers in Central Florida](#) (Faucette)
[Orange County Legislative Delegation Announces the Public Meeting of 2026](#) (Bobby)

Opportunities:

[Florida House Democratic Office Internship](#)
[National Democratic Redistricting Committee](#) Internship

Legislation:

[Nearly 30 new Florida laws take effect today. Here's the full list](#) (Lipner)

Student Government News:

c. Bill Briefs

[Bill Brief Template.docx](#)

i. [HB 41: Sales of Ammunition](#)

- a. (Linked with [SB 88: Sale or Transfer of Ammunition](#))
- b. Senator Paul
- c. Brief: [SB 88 Bill Brief](#)

ii. [HB 49: Political Activities on School Grounds](#)

- a. Senator Escobar, Senator Al-Qudah
- b. Brief: [HB 49](#)

iii. [HB 51: Tax Credits for Housing for Homeless Employees](#)

Lipner

iv. [HB 63: Carrying a Handgun, Weapon, or Firearm](#)

- a. Senator Faucette
- b. [Bill Brief HB 63: Carrying a Handgun, Weapon, or Firearm](#)

v. [HB 77: Public Postsecondary Safety Policies and Procedures](#)

- a. Senator Kapinos

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b. [Bill Brief HB 77: Public Postsecondary Safety Policies](#)

vi. [SB 96: Dental Care for Veterans](#)

- a. Senator Matthews
- b. Senator McRay
- c. [SB 96 Bill Brief.docx](#)

vii. [SB 94: Suicide Prevention for Active and Former Members of the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, and their Reserve Components](#)

- a. Senator Reed
- b. [Bill Brief Template - SB 94.docx](#)

12. Member Discussion:

a. None

a. Orange County Public Appearance – Tuesday, October 21st @ 2:00 PM

- a. <https://www.orangecountyfl.net/OpenGovernment/LegislativeDelegation/StateLegislativeDelegation.aspx>
- b. Deadline to register for public comment: Friday, Oct. 3rd

13. Miscellaneous Business:

- a. Icebreaker:

14. Final Roll Call: 9/12 (7)

15. Adjournment: 5:56PM

Key:

P – Present
A - Absent
MTD - Move to Debate
MTV - Move to Vote
MTA- Move to Amend
PP - Postpone
PPI - Postpone Indefinitely

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GC - General Consent

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