



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
LJR Committee Meeting
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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 1:47 PM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum (4): 9/7

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Gaudio	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	
Vice Chair Trejo Hernandez	sgaecs13@ucf.edu	P	
Senator Beneche	sga_sci2@ucf.edu	E	
Sergeant-at-Arms Bonaventure	sga_hm1@ucf.edu	P	
Senator Connoly	sgasci11@ucf.edu	P	
Senator Matthews	sga_sci7@ucf.edu	P	
Senator Rodriguez	sgachps4@ucf.edu	P	
Senator Sherman	sgacie3@ucf.edu	P	
Senator Zivin	sgsci15@ucf.edu	P	
Pro Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	

3. Approval of the Minutes: [9.24.2025](#) **Approved by GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by GC**
5. Open Forum
 - a. SGLCer's say hi
6. Announcements from the Chair Gaudio-
 - a. I'm tired, we have 27 absences to see today. No bills to see this week.
7. Announcements from the Vice Chair Trejo Hernandez-
 - a. None.
8. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. LJR (GAP) Rep: HI GUYS! BIG NEWS GAP SURVEY IS OUT!!!!!! Everyone fill it out after this committee meeting and send it to all your friends. We also found articles for the GAP newsletters, as always send me any articles you guys would like to see in the newsletter. We also did bill briefs for some of the new bills filed

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- b. LJR (E&A) Rep: Hi Guys! Hope everyone's day is going well, last week E&A saw two election commission nominees who are now confirmed in their positions. We also saw the reapportionment bill. We also continued to look at Title 6.
 - c. LJR (SBA) Rep: Hi everyone! Last week, SBA saw proclamations 57-07 and 57-08 on first reading, which both passed in committee. Members gave updates on their initiatives, which seem to be coming along nicely! Someone anonymously filled out the concern form and suggested that UCF obtain a Quizlet plus membership, as to give students free access to this service. SBA also tabled at the Black Business showcase yesterday, which we will likely be debriefing on Friday.
 - d.
9. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
- a. AG Altuna: I've been working on uploading revisions to the senate rules, statutes and other committee minutes on the website. As well as addressing the issue where Title XIV links to Title XIII. That was a mistake on the webmaster parts
10. Old Business-
- a. 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

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- 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. Trejo Hernandez: ShellHacks is one of the biggest hackathons in Florida, you have to apply beforehand which occurred before his confirmation in Senate and before knowing when when Senate Retreat will occur. MTV
 - 3. Vote
 - a. **9-0-0, Absence Request is Approved by LJR**
- 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. Zivin: In favor, MTV.
 - 3. Vote
 - a. **9-0-0, Absence Request is Approved by LJR**
 - iii. Jordan Metellus
 - 1. Speech
 - a. ASCE General Body Meeting and Mandatory Fraternity Event after.
 - 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a. Zivin: Do we know if he's in leadership in either of those?
 - i. Chair: I'm not sure, but the larger engineer RSO's are good to go as they provide networking and resources and sometimes have speakers. For the Fraternity, he is the Vice President.
 - 3. Vote
 - a. **Approved by LJR**
 - iv. Jonah Scott
 - 1. Speech

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- a. There is a career critical fundraiser I must attend at 6PM.
2. Questioning/Debate
 - a.
3. Vote
 - a.
- v. Angelique Leon
 1. Speech
 - a. On shift at Student Union from 2:45-7:15pm
 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a.
 3. Vote
 - a. **Absence Request is Approved by LJR**
- 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.
 3. Vote
 - a. **Absence Request Approved by LJR**
- vii. Spurthi Nrushimhadevara
 1. Speech
 - a. My parents came on a whim to surprise me for my birthday.
 2. Questioning/Debate

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- a. Conolly: Had she had any absences before?
 - i. Chair Gaudio: She has 1 approved.
 - b. Matthews: I'm for as her parents were visiting
 - c. Zivin: We've also approved absences for birthdays, so we've set precedence
- 3. Vote
 - a. **Approved by LJR**
- 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!
 - 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a. DLeg Kaufman: I'm for as the professor no longer gives partial credit.
 - 3. Vote
 - a. **9-0-0, Absence Request is Approved by LJR**
- 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

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- a.
 - 3. Vote
 - a. **Absence Request is Approved by LJR**
- 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. **Absence Request is Approved by LJR**
- xii. Zachary Gaudio
 - 1. Speech
 - a. I have work, as it's a full-time job I don't have a schedule besides my offer letter.
 - 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a. DLeg Kaufman: MTV.
 - 3. Vote
 - a. **8-0-1, Absence Request is Approved by LJR**
- 11. New Business-
 - a. Absences ([Supporting Documentation](#)):
 - i. Samuel Rose
 - 1. Speech
 - a. I caught COVID and am still recovering.
 - 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a.
 - 3. Vote
 - a. **Absences Request is Approved by LJR**
 - ii. Jordan Metellus
 - 1. Speech
 - a. I have an exam at 12:30-2, an appointment at 3pm. and class from 4:30 to 6.
 - 2. Questioning/Debate

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- a.
3. Vote
 - a. **Absences Request is Approved by LJR**
- iii. Jordan Metellus
 1. Speech
 - a. I have a family event on this day as well as mandatory practice for the DGC Yardshow coming up next tuesday.
 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a.
 3. Vote
 - a. **Absences Request is Approved by LJR**
- iv. Bobby Escobar
 1. Speech
 - a. As a senior Bachelor of Social Work student, I am required to complete 400 hours of internship field placement. I am currently interning at Project Access on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 12-5:30pm in Orlando and Kissimmee. On Saturdays, I also attend church service with my family from 10am-1:30pm. This year I am also commuting from Winter Haven, which is about an hour and thirty minute drive, and therefore am only on campus Thursdays for class, committee meetings, and Senate meetings.
 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a. Rodriguez: As someone who is doing the same work, it is required.
 - b. Zivin: MTV
 3. Vote
 - a. **9-0-0, Absence Request is Approved by LJR**
- v. Angelique Leon
 1. Speech
 - a. Was working downstairs for info desk - 2:45-7:15
 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a.
 3. Vote
 - a. **Absence Request is Approved by LJR**
- vi. Isabella Ariza
 1. Speech

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- a. I have an accounting exam on 9/26/25 that requires various hours of studying. Any time I can dedicate to this course is valuable, including the time of the senate meeting on 9/25/25.
2. Questioning/Debate
 - a.
3. Vote
 - a. **Absences Request is Approved by LJR**
- vii. Isabella Ariza
 1. Speech
 - a. I will be attending the invitational, hosted by the college of business that runs through the same hours as Fridays, senate retreat. It runs from 9am-2pm. In the supporting documentation there is the times and date for proof.
 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a.
 3. Vote
 - a. **Absences Request is Approved by LJR**
- viii. Jordan Lipner
 1. Speech
 - a. I was feeling very sick and nauseous.
 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a.
 3. Vote
 - a. **Absences Request is Approved by LJR**
- ix. Niklas Luecht
 1. Speech
 - a. I had a Calculus 3 test starting at 8pm. I was able to make it for initial and final but missed all votes.
 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a. DLeg Kaufman: Hearing about the struggles of the 8pm exam, MTV.
 3. Vote
 - a. **9-0-0, Absence Request is Approved by LJR**
- x. Jocelyn Candiloro
 1. Speech
 - a. I will be out of town for a camping trip.

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2. Questioning/Debate
 - a. DLeg Kaufman: Do we know when the trip was planned?
 - i. Chair Gaudio: No
 - b. Rodriguez: It did say that the reservation was on the same date
 - c. Matthews: She is spending time with her dad and it's important to spend time with your family.
 - d. DLeg Kaufman: MTV.
3. Vote
 - a. **9-0-0**
- xi. Khushi Chauhan
 1. Speech
 - a. Navratri (a very sacred hindu holiday) has begun and I am going back home to celebrate and start the temple festivities that will last for the next 9 days. I cannot miss this as this is a religious holiday that my family takes seriously
 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a. Zivin: Motion to approve by GC as its a religious holiday,
Approved by GC
 3. Vote
 - a. **Absence Request is Approved by LJR**
- xii. Shivi Jain
 1. Speech
 - a. This week it is a 9 day Hindu holiday called Navaratri. My family takes this holiday very seriously and I will be going home to spend the holiday with my family. We often pray and celebrate by going to garba. Garba is a traditional folk dance performed during Navaratri. Garba is this weekend and its been a big part of my life growing up.
 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a.
 3. Vote
 - a. **Absence Request is Approved by LJR**
- xiii. Samuel Rose
 1. Speech
 - a. I caught COVID a few days ago and am still recovering.
 2. Questioning/Debate

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- a. Zivin: Motion to approve by GC, **Approved by GC**
- 3. Vote
 - a. **Absence Request is Approved by LJR**
- xiv. Katrina Wangen
 - 1. Speech
 - a. I had a migraine come on mid-day on Thursday, September 25th, that simply got worse as I forced myself to attend class, as well as Senate on Thursday night. I woke up on Friday morning and the migraine was bad enough I was struggling to keep my eyes open with any significant amount of light in the room. I let Kirsten know that my migraine had not gone away after Senate the night before and that I would not be in attendance at the retreat. Despite staying in bed basically all day on Friday, my migraine was still not gone enough for me to be comfortable doing anything on Saturday morning, so I was unfortunately not in attendance at the second day of the retreat like I had hoped I would be. I have submitted a screenshot of my messages with Kirsten. I do not have a doctor's note or anything, as this is a chronic condition and it did not last long enough for it to be recommended that I go to the ER.
 - 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a. Zivin: We've approved absences for sickness, MTV.
 - 3. Vote
 - a. **9-0-0, Absence Request is Approved by LJR**
- xv. Jaci Lim
 - 1. Speech
 - a. We have our second Knight-Thon all-committee meeting with all our new members. This week, one of our miracle families will be at the meeting telling their story. The meeting starts at 7pm, but will only take an hour, so I will head to Senate right after the meeting. It's important I attend this meeting to make our new members feel welcome in Knight-Thon and help them in any way they need.
 - 2. Questioning/Debate
 - a.
 - 3. Vote
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- 12. Miscellaneous Business-

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- a.
- 13. Member Discussion- MTIF: **Approved by GC**
 - a. Icebreaker:
 - b. MTF: **Approved by GC**
- 14. Final Roll Call: 9/7 (4)
- 15. Adjournment: 2:37 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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