SGA Senate

August 24th, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER
II. ROLL CALL
III. MOMENT OF SILENCE
IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
V. PASSING OF AGENDA
- Senator Driver motions to pass the agenda, and it is seconded.
- It passes.

VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
- The minutes were motioned to be passed and was seconded.
- The minutes pass

VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
- Dr. Anissa Graham: One Book Committee
  - Dr. Graham is serving as chair for One Book
  - One Book meets to select books for students.
  - She asked for a member of senate to serve as a representative on One Book committee.
  - They are trying to find more engaging books to show students some diverse points of view.
  - They are considering YA novels and graphic novels.
  - They are asking for feedback on what would be interesting to read.
  - Disability visibility first person stories from the 20th century is the focus is this year.
  - She passed out her card and invited the senate to contact her with ideas.
- Voting in new senators
  - Olivia introduced herself to the senate and why she would serve well as a senator.
  - Jacobi followed and introduced himself.
  - Bailey followed as well.
- Swearing in New Senators
  - Olivia gets 2/3 of the vote, and she is voted in.
  - Jacobi gets 2/3 of the vote, and he is voted in.
  - Bailey gets 2/3 of the vote, and she is voted in.
  - Chief Justice Statom swears the new senators in as well as Senator McDowell and Communications Director Elliot into the Student Government Association.
  - Chief Justice tells the senate he'll be back in a few weeks for the Rules Test Senators must make a 75%. The Executive Council must make a 90%.
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- SWOT Analysis
  - **This was a small version of the SWOT analysis that she is doing with different groups around campus to get feedback on UNA.**
  - **Senate was numbered off to separate into groups in order to collaborate for feedback.**

- **Kerrigan presented her group's topic which was the strengths of UNA. Professors, class sizes, and the campus were the top ones.**
- **Will presented his group's topic which was the weaknesses of UNA. Parking, housing, over-enrollment, dining options, and communication were the top ones.**
- **Rebekah presented her group's topic which was the potential opportunities for UNA. Combination of locality and campus, student population/ infrastructure growth, and scholarship opportunities were the top ones.**
- **Mandy presented her group's topic which was the threats and challenges to UNA. Safety in outdoor areas, infrastructure/ power issues, accessibility, and lack of scholarships for upperclassmen and transfer students were the top ones.**
- **She said this information will be presented to the committee for the five-year strategic plan; meetings are uploaded for transparency; the committee meets with faculty, staff, and student groups.**

- Academic Affairs Chair vote
  - President Sandvig recommended Senator Rhoades for the Academic Affairs chair position.
  - Senator Rhoades conveyed why she would fit the role as Academic Affairs chair and how she would improve the committee for students.
  - Vote passes.

VIII. STUDENT FORUM

- Kyle Powell
  - **Resident advisor; he came to senate on behalf of students for transportation issues.**
  - **He discussed parking and bus services; he advocated for a bus system to help with transportation issues.**
  - **He proposed a partnership with city of Florence for more parking and easier access to bus systems.**
  - **He also suggested a communication path with Chartwells for more dining options on the weekends for restaurants.**
  - **He also emphasized that emergency procedures should be more well known. He wanted the idea of security cameras in classrooms for safety to be known to senate.**

IX. OFFICER REPORTS

- Madame President
  - Madame President and Chief of Staff Wilder are absent due to college color day in Montgomery to meet with Governor.
  - Madame President met with staff senate president.
  - Madame President met with Dr. White with goal list from retreat.
  - Madame President has a meeting for the 2024-2029 strategic plan.
  - Madame President will update on swot analysis.
  - Madame President has a meeting with Dr. Winston for DEI.
  - Madame President will meet with Dean Ellis for DEI.
  - Madame President is working with Project 208 for more funding.
  - Madame President wants to encourage people to attend game in Montgomery.
- Madame Vice President
  - Madame Vice President explained the Listerhill campaign; she encouraged senate to participate in order to campaign the SGA endowed scholarship.
  - Madame Vice President told the new senators their committee placements.
  - Senator Britton for academic affairs.
  - Senator Strait for budget oversight.
  - Senator Bateman for legislative affairs.

- Madame Vice President advertised the executive meetings on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.
- Madame Vice President told senate that office hours are on office doors.

- Madame Treasurer
  - Madame Treasurer congratulated new senators.
  - Madame Treasurer told senate about the 12 applicants for interviews; we selected 3.
  - Madame Treasurer told senate about picture day next meeting.
  - Madame Treasurer is working with Chief of Staff Wilder for spirit night at Taco Mama for endowed scholarships.
  - Madame Treasurer mentioned how SGA was able to Contribute $500 for students busses to Montgomery.
  - Madame Treasurer booked a table for executive in GUC.
- Madame Secretary
  - Madame Secretary apologized for the mistakes on the agenda.
  - Madame Secretary told the new senators about the procedure for the form so she can order them nametags and shirts.
  - Madame Secretary reiterated how to contact her regarding absences and tardies.
- Freshman Forum Advisor Kusz
  - Freshman Forum Advisor Kusz told senate that during summer and early October, she will be looking at cover letters and resumes.
  - The Pancake Dinner the night before had full seats, and she was able to answer questions.
  - They have interviews set for September 8th.
  - Freshman Forum Advisor Kusz wants to have a party for delegates after they are announced.
  - Freshman Forum Advisor Kusz is working on a day for Freshman Forum retreat.
- Pro-Tempore Reese
  - Pro- Tempore Reese congratulated the new senators.
  - Pro- Tempore Reese said she will be sending out survey for potential events.
- Chief of Staff Wilder
  - Chief of Staff Wilder was with Madame President in Montgomery.
- Historian Gilliland
  - Historian Gilliland said he was still figuring out role as historian.
- DIA Ballenger
  - DIA Ballenger said she is working on getting the Spanish club a table in GUC to advertise their club.
  - DIA Ballenger said she is also working with a previous DEI officer.
- Communications Director Elliott
  - Communications Director Elliot said she is working on the social media and putting out graphics to reach students.
  - Communications Director Elliot is also working with Madame Treasurer on response cards.
  - Communications Director asked senate to allow her 24 hours for a graphic.

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Chairwoman McGinnis
  - Chairwoman McGinnis gave her excitement for a new committee member.
  - Chairwoman McGinnis said their first meeting will be August 29th at 2 p.m. It'll be every Tuesday at 2 p.m.
- Chairwoman Crawford
  - Chairwoman Crawford said the homecoming ballot opens and closes sept 5
  - Chairwoman Crawford said any organization in good standing with the university can submit king and queen.

- Chairwoman Crawford said there is information for homecoming on SGA website under the homecoming tab.
- Rules and regulations on running for homecoming court are on that website.

- Chairwoman Ledlow
  - Chairwoman Ledlow emailed Dr. Hunt and talked about prayer rooms.
  - Chairwoman Ledlow said she'll talk to dining this week on possibly having international groceries imported here just to see what options are available.
  - Chairwoman Ledlow is working on surveys for mental health.
  - Chairwoman Ledlow is going to email Headspace to see about a partnership for reduced or free subscriptions.
  - Chairwoman Ledlow wanted to let students know they can come to committees.
- Chairwoman Rhoades
  - Chairwoman Rhoades is working on times and places for meetings, and she's also talking with her committee about ideas that were discussed during retreat.
- Chairwoman Mardis
  - Chairwoman Mardis welcomed her new senator.
  - Chairwoman Mardis said their meetings will be on Thursdays at 2 p.m.; next week first meeting
  - Chairwoman Mardis said they'll be discussing the code of laws.

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE
- Pro-Tempore Reese asked if anyone has heard from shared governance.
- Chairwoman McGinnis said she did.
- Senator Hewell said he has a page in canvas for his shared governance committee.
- Senator Driver recommended reaching out.

XII. OLD BUSINESS
- No old business

XIII. NEW BUSINESS
- No new business

XIV. OPEN DISCUSSION
- Senate took a picture for Listerhill.

- Committee GUC Tables
  - **Recommended that senate does tables every two weeks but while cycling through committees. Exec will do the first table next week. Madame Treasurer asked if committees would want to do tables in order to talk to students. She is also working with Communications Director Elliot to get feedback cards.**
  - **Chairwoman Crawford wants to do in person voting table.**
  - **Chairwoman Crawford said Homecoming is September 30th.**
  - **Senator Fitz proposed that it should be mandatory for committees to have a table in the GUC.**
  - **Chairwoman Ledlow wants to do a table on a Thursday.**
  - **Chairwoman Mcginnis wants to do a table.**
  - **Pro-Tempore Reese recommended a google sheets so people could sign up.**
  - **Madame Treasurer said the Exec table is 10-1.**
  - **Committees can pick what time and what day.**
  - **Madame Treasurer said senate can talk to her to get table reserved.**
  - **Committees will rotate tables throughout year.**
- Potential new senator seats
  - **Madame Vice President said according to the current Constitution, we can have 1 seat per 500 people in each college; there's a lot of interest for new seats; she brought up that**

**senate is smaller compared to when people were selected through interviews by the president which was the old system.**

- **Madame Vice President wanted to ask what senate thought about more senators. She emphasized that if Senate amended constitution, it wouldn't change until next year.**
- **Senator Hewell said there should be at least one spot dedicated to international student.**
- **Madame Vice President said that there are three seats dedicated to transfer, international, and freshman, but they are not reserved for only one freshman, transfer, and international (could be two transfers and one freshman or two internationals and one transfer).**
- **No international people applied this year.**
- **Senator Scott asking if international students could have their own "college".**
- **Madame Vice President said that we could possibly word it to where it could pass.**
- **Senate wants more advertisement and intentional outreach for international students.**
- **Historian Gilliland said there needs to be more physical outreach outside of social media.**
- **Vice President Callahan said tabling will help.**
- **Senator Hewell asked if we had looked to other colleges' senates for reference.**
- **Prop Tempore Reese said when UNA had a bigger senate, there was more feedback from students.**
- **Before voting, people were put into Senate from interviews with the president and vice president. It was moved it to a voting system for less bias, but it's now limited to only 1 seat per 500 people in each college.**
- **Chairwoman Mardis asked if we could have a set number for each general seat.**
- **Senator Scott talked about the old signature method where people had to get signatures for votes, but Senator Driver. Pro Tempore Reese, and Madame President talked about the fraud that comes along with that.**
- **Senator Driver asked about CASE. And Dr. Tammy said five senators represent CASE.**
- **Senator Driver saied 1 for every 300 would be three more seats for CASE.**
- **Pro Tempore Reese brought up the idea of Honors College representatives.**
- **Madame Vice President said Senate needs to be careful opening up to organizations because that allows for every organization.**
- **Madame President said that when UNA talks about enrollment status and numbers, the China campus is included.**
- **Madame Vice President said the next steps are researching other campuses and senates and then working on amending the Constitution.**
- **Madame Treasurer asked if new senate seats can be added to Code of Laws so it would be immediate.**
- **Dr. Tammy said no because the Constitution leads to Code of Laws.**
- **Senator Driver said you must present amendments a weeks before we vote on it.**
- **Senator Hewell mentioned graduate students for seats.**
- **Historian Gilliland asked if the opportunity to amend is limited to homecoming or if senate can do it anytime of the year.**
- **Dr. Tammy said referendum votes can be at any time, but senate put things on homecoming ballot because students pay attention more.**
- **Madame President asked for interest in an ad hoc committee.**
- **Madame Treasurer asked for an explanation.**
- **An Ad hoc committee is another committee created for subtopics.**
- **Madame President asked for interest for ad hoc committee.**

- **Gilliland, Chief of Staff Wilder, Senator Fitz, Pro Tempore Reese, Senator Driver, Chairwoman Rhoades, Senator Hewell, Senator Scott, and Chairwoman Mardis expressed interest in the ad hoc committee.**

- Homecoming involvement
  - **Madame Vice President said senate needs to have serious involvement in homecoming.**
  - **Senator Driver said he can get it started but not in control.**
  - **Madame Vice President said she can participate in certain parts**
  - **Madame Vice President emphasized that we are just participating and not doing anything new.**
  - **Chairwoman Rhoades said senate should participate in every event to show our involvement.**
  - **Senate discussed combining freshman forum and senate for homecoming.**
  - **Senator Driver asked for introductions.**
  - **Senate went through with introductions and official titles.**

XV. ADVISOR'S REPORT
- **Dr. Tammy said congratulations on a great meeting**
- **Dr. Tammy told senate about the reporting system and that it will be marketed soon.**
- **Dr. Tammy gave her kudos to Senator Driver for reading Constitution.**
- **Dr. Tammy emphasized how important it is to read the Constitution.**
- **She discussed procedures for adding things to homecoming ballot.**
- **She gave her appreciation for senate's support for her son during baseball.**
- **Dr. Tammy gave ways for senate to contact her.**

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- SGA Photos: Thursday, August 31st at 3:30pm
  - **Senate pictures next meeting at the beginning of the meeting**
    - Dress Business Professional
  - **Official headshot and will go on the website**
- Past Officers Breakfast: Saturday, September 30th
  - **Anyone is welcome to come and help**
- Outside Senate Meeting: October 19th
  - Amphitheater
  - Will have a rain location

XVII. SENATOR OF THE WEEK
- No senator of the week

XVIII. PEP
- Anti peps
- Senator Driver said pep to a great meeting back.
- Pep to Chief of Staff Wilder and Madame President.
- Pep to new senators.
- Pep to Senator Deamues for homecoming activities.
- Pep to Madame Vice President.
- Motion to end and adjourn

XIX. ADJOURNMENT
- Passed