SGA Senate

October 13, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER
II. ROLL CALL
III. MOMENT OF SILENCE
IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
V. PASSING OF AGENDA
VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
- Senator Franklin made a motion to change Dr. Johnson to Dr. Klien in the minutes.

VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
- Laci Lake came to talk about Student Counseling Services. She talked about the services they have for students on campus. She mentioned they are confidential and apply the highest level of HIPPA. They follow a Stepped One Model, and she went through all the steps. She also went over how to make appointments and other general information.
    - Senator Willis asked about feedback they get from their clients. They are sending our surveys immediately after assessment. They want to resolve the issues as quickly as possible. SGA Advisor Jacques asked how the senators could help with the Student Counseling Services. Ms. Lakes said there are events coming up we can help with. She also welcomed the Senate to join her on November 5th in Commons 330 as she is having a mental health first aide training. The training is $40, and the certification lasts for three years. She said to reach her email, lwillis1@una.edu, if interested.

VIII. STUDENT FORUM
- No students were present.

IX. OFFICER REPORTS
- President Sandvig asked if the Senators would be interested in helping with the Kilby Kids with the GUC Haunted House on Halloween at 3:00. She reported that she had a meeting with Dean Elliss and Bishop Alexander and how they can support SGA.
- Madame Vice President thanked everyone that filled out the Step Sing Interest Form. She reported that chairs met and talked about Hurricane Relief.
- Treasurer Statom reported that he created the SGA Senator Allocation form that is now in Campus Groups. He reminded everyone that he needs at least 2 weeks to be able to plan events.
- Sir Secretary reported that he ordered Freshman Forum nametags. He however forgot the new senators name tags.
- Freshman Forum Advisor Callahan had no report.
- Pro-Tempore Martin reported that we are going to have another Bird Scooter discussion if time permits. She had lots of positive feedback on the form.
- Historian Batchelor had no report.
- DIA Hardin had no report.
- Communications Director Conkle thanked everyone that came to help with the UNA photo.

If you are unable to attend a meeting, let Will know by 8 A.M. on the Thursday the meeting is scheduled by emailing wdriver@una.edu

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Chairwoman Reese reported that there were no denied requests this week and that there were 6 events that they approved.
- Chairwoman Austin had no report.
- Chairman Oyewale reported that the International Office sent is sending out a survey for the International Bus and they will review it Monday. First class shuttle is $1800.
- Chairwoman Melton reported that she is waiting for feedback on event. She is working with Communications Director Conkle to create a graphic.
- Chairwoman Medrano reported that she has a couple of people that reached out about the Liaison program. She is finalizing the list of senators for it.

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- No updates

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- 320 responses were recorded in the Bird Scooter Survey. Pro Temp Martin reported that there was a good distribution in levels on grades and domestic and international. 61.6% of people said they would still use the scooter if it was 50 cents. 15.9% of people said they would never use scooters. Several individual unique responses were also recorded.
    - Communication Director Conkle asked if it would be useful to make a video on common questions.
    - SGA Advisor Jacques said that this would need to memo this and send it to administration.
    - Senator Willis asked if a live would be a good option.
    - Chairwoman Medrano asked if we thought of trying Lime because it was cheaper.
    - Pro Temp Martin said we should not do that since we were reached out to about the Bird scooters.
    - SGA Advisor Jacques said once a memo is written, the administration will consult the city.
    - Senator Willis said she's worried about safety.
    - Chief of Staff Cooper said they are well regulated. Chairwoman Melton said she sees UNA as a walking campus and doesn't see a need for the scooters.
    - Senator Purinton talked about set limit speeds.
    - Chairwoman Melton said she's worried about safety by heavy street traffic, not speed. She's worried about people getting seriously injured by scooters.
    - Chairwoman Medrano said we could limit them to use just the main road on campus. She also mentioned it's going to be for general public use.
    - Chairwoman Reese mentioned that since we are sending this to admin, admin will work on safety. Ultimately, it's the administration's choice.
    - Senator Purinton said that you have to have your license on file to use the scooter.
    - Pro Temp Martin said that we should consider the overall general idea with higher ups and student feedback. There would be safety plans, emails, and data for students. She believes we should go ahead and vote today. 10 people voted in favor, 2 opposed. The bird scooter passed.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Pro temp Martin asked about the buttons for the game.
    - Senator Willis said she will have the buttons on the table for the UNA Bookstore.
    - Pro-Temp Martin asked if exec could help direct students to get the buttons.
    - Senator Willis said she will be handing them out to students that come up to the table.
    - Pro-Temp Martin mentioned that we would promote it on social media.

XIV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Chairman Oyelwale reported on a snake being found in the Noala apartments. He reached out to the UNA PD to take care of it. He said it should be a prioritized issue and that nothing is being done about it. He suggests there needs to be a general clean up at Noala.

- Pro-Temp Martin mentioned that the concern is that there was no general search for other issues. There needs to be general inspection cleaning because this is not the responsibility of the residents. Senator Purinton mentioned that there should be new staff.
- Tammy suggested that the Director of Housing needs to come and meet with us on the Housing issue. President Sandvig suggested that we have them come to explain the situation.
- Senator Srivastava mentioned that we should have the meeting, but it needs to be a productive one. There should be a decision made for the students at Noala.
- Chairwoman Melton said that something needs to be done immediately. She feels that the situation at Noala is brushed under the rug and that we need to have some sense of urgency about the issue.
- Chairman Oyelwale said that there needs to be something done immediately about the issue concerning safety of the students.
- Pro-Temp Martin asked what Chairwoman Austin would do (since she is an RA), and she said that was unsure what to do with a situation with a snake. Pro-Temp Martin asked should an RA on duty let someone know that the issue needs to be addressed.
- Chairwoman Austin said that the RA should get in touch with higher ups that should take care of the issue. She said something should be done immediately.
- Chairwoman Reese said that they should consider putting in a maintenance request about the issue with housing. Senator Ledlow mentioned that the living conditions in some of the dorms are not good. She addressed concerns about multiple residential dorms.
- Chairman Oyelwale mentioned that the snake was found in a room and housing should take care of the issue, but we should press for immediate results on the issue.
- Senator Srivastava said that the international students feel like that Noala is in awful condition and we need to do something right now.
- Pro-Temp Martin said that this is an immediate issue that needs immediate attention.
- Chairwoman Melton said something needs done now because this is insulting and demeaning to students at Noala, something needs done right now.
- President Sandvig said that SGA can't really do anything immediately.
- SGA Advisor Jacques mentioned that the snake was removed in 45 minutes and that there were no other issues. She wanted to know what we were looking for in the immediate. Senators mentioned that there needs to be an immediate sweep of the area and she said she would ask that immediately.

XV. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- SGA Advisor Jacques thanked everyone for their help with the UNA Photo. Sam says he has great photos to work with. She also commended Pro-Temp Martin.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Higher Education partnering next Thursday at 4:30.

XVII. SENATOR OF THE WEEK

- Alyssa Ledlow

XVIII. PEP

- Everyone that stayed for a long meeting.
- Pro Tempore Martin for Bird Scooter Discussion.
- Chairman Oyewale for standing up for Noala.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT