



SGA Senate
Minutes
22 August 2024

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - The meeting was called to order at 3.30 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. PASSING OF AGENDA
 - Chief of Staff Britton proposed to pass the agenda as presented.
 - Chairwoman Hamilton seconded the motion.
- VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
 - Senator Gilliland proposed to pass the minutes as presented.
 - Chief of Staff Britton seconded the motion.
- VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
 - Provost & Executive Vice-President Brien Smith
 - Provost Smith explained his role as provost.
 - He makes sure the degrees earned at UNA are the best quality possible, and that in the realm of student affairs, that the students have the best time here as possible.
 - He supports learning through leadership opportunities in college, as we have the opportunity to be special and make special things happen by representing the student body.
 - Generosity is the key to success.
- VIII. STUDENT FORUM
 - There were no students present for student forum.
- IX. OFFICER REPORTS
 - President Mardis
 - Thanked everyone for being here.
 - Mentioned attending College Colors Day and meeting the Governor.
 - Mentioned Volunteer points! Every slot you sign up for is one point. At the end of the year, there will be an award for most volunteer points.
 - Vice-President McGinnis
 - Thanked everyone for attending retreat and for helping work the Lucky Dip.
 - Will present the dress code next week to be voted on.

Treasurer Batchelor

- Mentioned working with Freshman Forum Advisors, Chairman Cantrell, and Chief of Staff Britton on event funding for August and early September.
- Has been working on fundraisers for our philanthropies, including a tee/tote/sweatshirt fundraiser, spirit nights, and food trucks on campus. She encouraged anyone interested in assisting with this to let her know.
- She is working on our budget for the next fiscal year and will present this in September.

Secretary Kusz

- She is beginning work on Past Officers' Breakfast for Homecoming this year and will be sending an RSVP out soon.
- She reminded everyone to let her know if they are absent, and that everyone has four absences for the semester.

Freshman Forum Advisors

- They mentioned that they are working on Freshman Forum applications
- They talked about the upcoming Freshman Forum Pancake Dinner happening next week.
- The sign-up sheet for this will be during new business!

Pro-Tempore Fitz

- She is brainstorming ideas for an internal event for September!

Chief of Staff Britton

- Went to College Colors Day!
- She is talking to housing and residence life about voting registration event in October.
 - We will not be officially collaborating with this event.
- Working on rewriting the current Alma Mater, so we are working on changing that.
- Meet Your Senators – September 10th
 - We will need at least 4 senators for each college at all times.
- Next Thursday is the Disability Support Services Scavenger Hunt – we really want SGA involvement in this (posters, advertising, etc.).

Historian Tease

- She has decided to step down for her role.
- If you or someone is interested for this position, please reach out!
- Keep in mind that this role is more geared towards collaboration with Communications Director this year.

DIA Saunders

- He wants to keep the momentum going this semester!
- He is working on the SGA-RSO Outreach Program.
- A sign-up sheet was sent out to each RSO on campus.
 - We are trying to attend at least one of their meetings a semester so we can have that presence as SGA.

Communications Director Sommer

- There should now be a graphic request form on Campus Groups!
- Please give her as much notice as possible when requesting a graphic – preferably a week's notice.

Chairman Hester

- He is contacting people about legitimate incentives for Pride Points.

- Their committee is also contacting people about events for finals.

Chairman Cantrell

- Their first in-person committee training will be this Friday.
- A new allocation manual has been compiled.

Chairwoman Rhoades

- Their committee is brainstorming ideas for getting as many people to vote in Homecoming and SGA elections as possible
- She would like to figure out a budget for her committee.
- They have selected a time set after Senate for their committee meetings.

Chairwoman Hamilton

- Their committee has set their meeting time for Monday.

Chairman Holcombe

- Their committee is brainstorming ways for students to come into contact with them through surveys, etc.

X. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- Pro Tempore Fitz says her committee is setting a meeting time and appointing a new co-chair.
- Chief of Staff Britton says her committee is appointing a co-chair.
- President Mardis says that her committee has decided on a meeting time.
- Senator McDonald says her committee is voting for when they are meeting.
- Senator Vezina says her committee is getting some surveys out to the Shoals community.

XI. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Nothing was to be presented for the ad hoc committees.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to be presented.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Freshman Forum Pancake Dinner Sign-Ups
 - Freshman Forum Advisor Ballenger says that the Pancake Dinner will be in Olive Hall.
 - She also says that if you have not signed up and you would like to come talk you can!
- Cramton Bowl Sign-Ups
 - President Mardis says they are sponsoring buses to go to the football game this Saturday at 2 in the afternoon.
 - You will just be volunteering to help make sure people get on the buses.
 - You will still be able to enjoy the football game!
- Meet Your Senators Sign-Ups
 - Chief of Staff Britton is taking charge on the Meet Your Senators Sign-Up sheet.
 - We need four people from each college for both time slots.
 - This will be on September 10th (a Tuesday) during exec meeting times.
 - This is on the Rivers Patio – you are expected to wear your SGA shirt and your SGA nametags!
 - The whole idea of this event is to get to know students and let them meet you!

XIV. OPEN DISCUSSION

Chief of Staff Britton brings up the Know Your Resources Scavenger Hunt and would like ideas for this event that can advertise SGA.

- Treasurer Batchelor says last year Bethany Green sat outside last year with SGA merch.
- Senator Miller says we can do a sticky note mural on the wall that says SGA.
- President Mardis likes the idea of an information station.
- Vice-President McGinnis says that we can leave the door open to differentiate Student Engagement from SGA.
- Senator Jada Winston says we should wear silly hats!
- Senator McDonald says the library offers free posters and we can pin a poster on the corkboard.
- Pro-Tempore Fitz says we should have our pictures and rosters outside and that in order to get credit, they need to take a picture of their senator.
- Chief of Staff Britton says that they will just have to take a picture of the chambers.
- Senator Miller says that for this event maybe we could do a sticky note mural.
- Matthew says that photos are next week during Senate and that we should be mindful of this.

President Mardis says that if you join the Parking Ad Hoc committee you will be added to that.

Vice-President McGinnis says that if you are helping set up the Big Deal, all the stuff is in here and she will tell you how to do it. However, we do not know where our table is set up and whoever is helping will have to help move and look for it.

- The check-in booth will be at the median where the Lister Hill tent is.
- Communications Director Sommer asks if we could send the sign-up sheet in the GroupMe.
- Senator Strait asks if she could help for longer than what her sign-up sheet says
- Senator Cera was able to pull up the Big Deal map! Slay

Senator Mwuara asks if we can send the Cramton Bowl sign-ups in the GroupMe.

- Vice-President McGinnis says that we will send out all sign-up sheets in the group message.

Freshman Forum Advisor Ballenger asks if we will be doing tables in the GUC during the school year this year.

- Vice-President McGinnis says that we are not pushing for it this year; however, if you would like to do one, please feel more than free to do it.
- President Mardis says that the RSO Outreach program may entail that we go speak to certain clubs and organizations instead of having a table in the GUC.
She says that this may feel more personable.

XV. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- He would like to thank everyone for working the Lucky Dip this year!
- Quotes Ted Lasso – the harder you work, the luckier you get.
 - Mindset 1.0 – self-preservation
 - Mindset 2.0 – self-reward
 - Mindset 3.0 – how we can contribute to others
- Mane Month runs through September 21st – Big Deal kicks off tonight!
- If you notice any changes needed to the website, please reach out!
 - Also added a new SGA photo to the website!
- He is working with the executive council to get more input on the student feedback process.
- Family Weekend is closing out Mane Month – it will be September 21st
 - \$50 for each individual parent and \$20 for students

- Student Engagement is sponsoring Stuff-a-Lion this year!
- RSO re-registration is happening now – please encourage RSOs to do this! Deadline is October 1st.
- If your RSO would like to be spotlighted on UNA Engage, please reach out!

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Transfer Social – Monday, 8/26/24
 - Chairman Cantrell says its not exclusive to transfer students but he would like for them to be able to connect at this social!
 - He encourages everyone to come!
- Senate Pictures – August 29th
 - Vice-President McGinnis is presenting the dress code for acceptable business professional!
 - We will be voting on the dress code for Senate next week
 - If you have a blazer, we would like for you to wear it but it's okay if you don't
 - Don't wear bright red this year Abigail

XVII. PEP

- Pep to Mandy for Lucky Dip!
- Pep to everyone helping!
- Pep to Core 4!
- Pep to chairs!
- Pep to Matthew!
- Pep to everyone for being here alive!
- Pep to everyone for their first and second day of classes!
- Pep to the Freshman Forum Advisors!
- Pep to Thea for graphics!
- Pep to everyone for photos!
- Pep to Will for the Transfer Social!
- Pep to El!
- Pep to Will for Budget and Allocations!
 - Pro-Tempore Fitz moves to end pep.
 - Chairwoman Hamilton seconds.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT