



SGA Senate  
Minutes  
05 September 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
  - There was a motion to pass the agenda as presented. The motion was heard and seconded.
- VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
  - There was a motion to amend the minutes.
  - The motion to amend the minutes was heard and seconded.
- VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS

Voting in of New Historian

  - President Mardis has appointed Kenzie Plunkett to the position of Historian.
  - Kenzie says she would love to get involved and she believes that SGA is a fun way to do so!
  - Kenzie says she is a good fit because she is organized and she plans things out.
  - Vice-President McGinnis brought the Senate into a vote.
  - Kenzie was officially voted in!
  - Chief Justice Callahan swore in Kenzie Plunkett. She is now our Historian!

Health and Well Being Presentation

  - Sheena introduces herself.
  - She wants to talk to everyone about the ideas and ideals being a health promoting university.
  - A health promoting university is an international identity that aspires to infuse health, create campus cultures of compassion, and strengthen sustainability.
  - The USHPCN is a support network that helps define, develop, and create strategies to promote health at universities.
  - The Okanagan Charter develops and models health-promoting strategies in their campus settings.
  - Moves beyond traditional approaches of influencing individual behavior!

- Their vision is to transform the health and sustainability of our current and future societies.
- Some key principles for action include using settings and whole system approaches, ensuring comprehensive and campus-wide approaches, using participatory approaches, and developing trans-disciplinary collaborations and partnerships.
- Think about health from a settings-based approach.
- Collective impact takes place with collaborative action.
- Some calls to action include embedding health into all aspects of campus culture and leading health promotion action.
- Some benefits of a health-promoting university approach include improved experience, improved health, and reduced health costs.

#### STUDENT FORUM

- Our students did not have anything they would like to say.

#### VIII. OFFICER REPORTS

##### President Mardis

- Everyone congratulate Kenzie for the role of Historian!
- We are going to be doing monthly newsletters and she will be over it.
- The Meet Your Senators event is happening this Tuesday! Tell everyone to come out and support!
- We have an international Senate seat available. We are working to fill that seat with an international seat even though that seat is now considered general. President Mardis has reached out to the Navigators and Ms. Flippo.
- If you have an event, make sure that they go through Thea so they can keep up to our graphic standards.
- We are trying to start the Swag Wagon for SGA. We are brainstorming ideas and planning on giving out merch. Thea and El will be heading that up.
- Kerigan met with Skylar this week regarding visiting RSO's beginning in the month of October.
- Reaching out to the City of Florence for prices for their new parking deck to get an estimate for a parking deck for us.
- Please be active in the parking ad hoc committees!

##### Vice-President McGinnis

- Her office hours have changed on Tuesdays. They are now from 11-2.
- She met with Kerigan and both freshman forum advisors to see their plans for this year.
- Working on stuff for the Long Live Leo frames and will try to get those hung up soon.
- Working on compiling ideas for the remainder of the committee budgets.
- Will go over committee goals and events with the chairs.
  - They are good talking points for the Meet Your Senators event!

### Treasurer Batchelor

- We will have a spirit night at 306 BBQ – September 19<sup>th</sup>!
- Waiting to hear back from the manager concerning profits.
  - We can go eat together after Senate!
- She set a tentative date sometime in November for a Voodoo Wings Spirit Night.
- She is hoping to present the budget on the 19<sup>th</sup>!

### 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

- Applications closed this past Saturday.
- Interviews have been sent out.
- Planning Freshman Forum retreat for September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The meeting with Matthew went well and we met with his GA.
- Office hours are now up on the website!

### Pro-Tempore Fitz

- She is traveling internationally right now, so Kerigan is giving her report.
- She met with Thea to discuss the Swag Wagon and will present a plan next Tuesday.
- She is planning on submitting the homecoming registration.
- We need at least 15 people to participate in the parade.
- If you are creative, please help work on the banner!
- She is working on the details for the bonding event on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Chief of Staff Britton

- She went to the archives today to discuss the alma mater with the director of archives.
- UNA has a lot of historical background with the term Dixie (we had a Dixie Club).
- Scavenger Hunt was successful! We got to interact with over 50 students
- Met with Chartwells about a detailed allergen menu because we currently do not have one.
  - It all starts with educating our students about allergens.
  - We cannot have a detailed menu because we receive our food from a national organization.
  - We are going to have more signage around all dining areas where students can access the campus dietician directly.
- Voting registration – instead of doing two events, we are just doing one.
  - Based off the theme of Rock the Vote – be on the lookout for signups!

#### DIA Saunders

- He is going to try to get the Outreach Initiative going again so we can get everything started for that in October!
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#### Communications Director Sommer

- Met with El to discuss the Swag Wagon and will be presenting their ideas to exec!
- Met with Chairwoman Rhoades about homecoming graphics.
- Posted the Meet Your Senators event on Instagram!
- Homecoming nominations have been posted!
- Will be posting about spirit nights as soon as Mia gets her the information.
- Make sure that the SGA logo is on any graphics you make or design!
- Please fill out the About Me form if you have not already!
- We got a tiny mic!
- Please share and repost things on the Instagram!

#### Chairman Hester

- Nothing new this week – let the committee know if you have any ideas, tips, or tricks specific to your college.

#### Chairman Cantrell

- They are having their first meeting next Tuesday at 3:30.
- Please have your RSOs submit their allocations by Friday.

#### Chairwoman Rhoades

- Nomination form was posted this Sunday on the first.
- Met with Mia to talk about funding requests.
- Hopefully tomorrow we can get the funding requests!
- Had a table at the GUC today – thank you to everyone who helped!
- Met with Thea and gave her lots of graphics for Homecoming.
- She is partnering with Olivia on the voting event so everyone can learn about how voting in the elections work.

#### Chairwoman Hamilton •

- Their committee had a paper meeting because it was labor day.
- Writing a bill to change the code of laws to connect with the city council!
- Went to the city council meeting Tuesday! STOP FOR BUSES we <3 our kids!
- The first Fall First Friday is this Friday!
- Working on sending an email to mayor to get better communication with him!

#### Chairman Holcombe

- Booth went well for suicide prevention awareness – everyone left a sticky note, took a sticky note or both!

- They are looking forward to next event.

#### IX. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- First athletic committee meeting will be coming up soon!
- Kerigan cannot attend the food services committee meeting because she will be in another meeting.
- If you can proxy please let her know!

#### X. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- College Outreach groupchats have been made.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to be presented.

#### XI. NEW BUSINESS

- There was no new business to be presented.

#### XII. OPEN DISCUSSION

#### XIII. Family Weekend Volunteers

- Matthew asks if there will be anyone interested in guiding families throughout campus during family weekend.
  - With the surge of attendees this year, we need the extra help!
  - We have been asked to help because LaGrange is already helping with the football game and SOAR is not active.

#### SGA 5K

- Kerigan says that last year's Chief of Staff, who is currently a justice for us, worked hard on planning an SGA 5K.
- We used to host it a long time ago.
  - He met with the city, talked about the route, and looked at a lot of the logistics.
  - He was planning for September of this year, but with the large number of senators and since he left his role, we didn't get it going.
  - She asks what everyone thinks about doing the 5K, making it more appealing, ideas such as the color run, etc.
- Our philanthropy would be student counseling services, the endowed scholarship, and promoting health and wellbeing.
- We want to see what thoughts are since we are this year's senate!
- Meadow says that their high school used to host their's during Halloween.
  - Sometimes it can be overlooked, but you can make it fun by dressing up
  - Mandy says we can maybe choose a holiday in the spring because there is a lot of planning that goes into it.

- Jada likes the holiday theme and the color run because it makes it fun!
  - Amelia loves the idea of the color run because she wants to run in it! She thinks we should talk to the SRC to help advertise the 5k.
- Kerigan says we had the idea of partnering with athletics because a lot of athletes have to get their volunteer hours.
  - Amelia says that we have a lot of long-distance runners that would probably like to participate
- Olivia thinks it could be a great event but it is very detailed – departments involved, blocking up a large chunk of the city for hours, etc.
  - She thinks whoever is planning this will need to devote a large amount of time to it, especially if we are doing it spring semester.
  - Mandy says we have a lot of groundwork laid out, but we would need to involve so many other factors.
  - It is a lot of work and money, but we could get a lot back in return.
  - We really want to gauge if we have time to host it and how we think our friends are going to see it.
- Victoria thinks it would be fun, but she would personally not want to plan this. Is there someone who feels passionately about this?
  - Kerigan says there would more than likely be an ad hoc committee set in place to plan this event. Her big takeaway – is this something we want to do as a Senate?
  - This probably be a mandatory event – we will propose a vote for it.
  - Think - it would be great for visibility! BIG event!
- Meadow says the schedule of events is heavier during the fall semester so spring semester would not be as busy.
- Matthew says that he is willing to help out. He thinks that the return and impact from this event would be great.
- Olivia does not want us getting too far into this event and then having to drop it.
  - She thinks we can but wants everyone to know that if they help make it happen, they need to be very driven.
- Mackenzie thinks maybe we should do a different event on campus that would not necessarily be a 5k. However, it should still be geared towards Health and Wellbeing.
  - Mandy says we can do a completely different event that still raises money and makes SGA visible.
- Will asks if there is somebody we can talk to that we can partner with who already has a 5k.
  - Mandy says the only issue with this is that we may not raise as much money for our philanthropy.
- The students say that they would participate in a color run!

- Mia asks if we could form an ad hoc committee to brainstorm ideas for the 5k.
  - Kerigan has formed an ad hoc committee.

#### XIV. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Paint the Paws is going well – first committee meeting was yesterday!
- We are looking to revitalize the new logo in the downtown area.
  - We are also trying to finalize what exact paw that we want.
- Reminder that RSO re-registration is due October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Everyone's photo is now updated on the website.
- Freshman Forum page is now updated!
- Reminder that immunization compliance event is next week.
- First Preview Day is 9/14 – admissions is doing a different structure this year.
  - 5 Preview Days across this semester and next semester.

#### XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Repost the homecoming graphics and share them with your RSOs!
- Fill out the About Me form.
- Tuesday – Meet Your Senators event - don't forget to be there!
- Rules Test – September 12th
- UNAs Got Talent – September 17th

#### XVI. PEP

- Pep Alex's doctor!
- Pep to Legislative Affairs and Elijah for the city council meeting!
- Pep to Kenzie for Historian!
- Pep to Student Forum!
- Pep to Student Welfare for their table!
- Pep to Makenzie and Matt for being great freshmen!

#### XVII. ADJOURNMENT