



SGA Senate
Senate Minutes
28 August 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - Called to order at 3:30 PM.
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. PASSING OF AGENDA
 - The agenda was passed as presented.
- VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
 - The minutes was passed as presented.
- VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
 - Live lions update
 - Treasurer Hanback has a brief Live Lions update.
 - He heard at the LaGrange meeting that there used to be a live lions committee. The live lions committee sent out a survey and they had 12,000 responses.
 - People said they would love live lions. When they asked the donors they said they would not be able to support getting a live lion right now.
 - We would also have to pay someone to take care of the lions.
 - We have to get two lions at a time and have to wait two years to get them.
 - This gives the live lions committee a two-year period, before they can meet again.
 - We are waiting to see if donors come back to pay for the lions.
 - Just to be aware, the enclosure fence will come down whether the lions come back or not.
 - Kevin Haslam and Michelle Eubanks would love to answer any further questions.
- VIII. STUDENT FORUM

- There was nothing shared in student forum.

IX. OFFICER REPORTS

- President Rhoades
 - She was at College Colors Day last week.
 - She attended the homecoming committee meeting this past Thursday and the homecoming website will be launched soon which will show everything homecoming related.
 - She made a calendly which she can schedule meetings with people that way.
 - She is working on an email to UNA Police about parking and SNAP.
 - She sent an email to Jay Cochran, to talk about the Pine Street renovations. He will be coming oct 2nd.
 - Make sure to respond to her email if she sent one to you.
- Vice-President Ballenger
 - Her and Secretary Plunkett met with Dean Ellis.
 - Dean Ellis is providing dates that the Roar Access Center will still be hosting if they have previously committed to them.
 - Dean Ellis discussed Pine Street renovations.
 - Vice-President Ballenger met with Chief of Staff Thomas about planning Constitution Day.
 - She wants to do a "Meet the Senators and Freshman Forum" event.
 - She will be sending an email to Cindy Conlon about updates on campus.
 - She had her first chairs meeting and Matt came and spoke about the budget and p-card usage.
 - Senate pictures are next week. Please wear neutral business professional clothing.
 - The Senate rules test is September 18th and there is a study guide in everyone's binder. All senators have to get a 75% or above. Core Four has to pass with a 90 or above.
- Treasurer Hanback
 - He's been tracking the budget.
 - He is getting the taxes taken off the Marcos pizza we ordered for retreat.
 - He went to the Freshman Forum pancake dinner and will be working with the Freshman Forum Advisors about expenses and binders that the Freshman Forum members will have.

- Secretary Plunkett
 - She has been working on minutes and agendas.
 - She is planning a meeting with Bishop Alexander and former secretary Abigail Kusz.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Ebert and Buford
 - Thanks to everyone who helped with pancake dinner.
 - Applications closed Friday.
 - They are meeting with Mia weekly and this week they are talking about interviews and retreat.
 - The interview dates are September 3rd, 4th, and 5th.
 - They will be presenting the bill again.
- Pro-Tempore Winston
 - She had her first exec meeting Tuesday.
 - She will be sending out spreadsheets for all events.
 - She has a lot of great ideas for homecoming and the theme.
 - If you have any ideas let her know or if you want to help with anything.
 - With pride points, they are pivoting and thinking about making it a week of pride points and if you want to help let her know.
 - September 11th from 6-8 the SGA potluck internal event and it will be at McFarland Park.
 - She will be getting a bill done by next week.
 - There will be hotdogs and hamburgers and people can bring sides the event name is called "dishing in the new year".
- Chief of Staff Thomas
 - She had a meeting with Vice-President Ballenger about planning Constitution Day and revamping the "Meet the Senators" event.
 - She will be having sign-ups for people who want to help with Constitution Day.
 - She has a meeting next week with Mr. Matthew.
- Historian Holcomb
 - She is thinking about making some type of card for the newsletter.
 - She has talked about putting RSO and Leader of the month on the newsletter.
 - She loves the "SGA favs" idea.
- DIA Byrd
 - Everyone go to the Conversation Partners event.

- She is also reaching out to RSO's to strengthen our connection with them and remind them that we are here to support them.
- Communications Director Mwaura
 - She wants everyone to please fill out the "about me" form.
 - She's working on different graphics and t-shirt requests.
 - Constitution Day is coming up.
 - Keeping continuing to repost things.

X.

CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairman Murray
 - He has a meeting tomorrow with Mr. Matthew to discuss their campus wide initiative and midterm events.
- Budget Oversight Chairman McCuiston
 - They met on Tuesday, and they went over goals for the committee and had two requests and one was approved and one needs modifications.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Strait
 - She sent two graphic requests for homecoming.
 - Went over voter statistics for homecoming.
 - She does not want to do a prize initiative because the past couple years, it seems to not be working.
 - They want to do some sort of memento like a postcard with the theme of homecoming to give out to students during homecoming.
 - They want to do polling booths for more interaction with students.
 - They would like to do a homecoming court meet and greet which could possibly be a tiny mic video.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman McDonald
 - She was at College Colors Day in Montgomery, Alabama. Tomorrow is College Colors Day at UNA.
 - She had her first meeting on Monday where they went over the Higher Education partnerships and talked about ideas for the caravan event on November 13th.
 - They need 3 speakers for the caravan.
 - She has looked over the Code of Laws and each member of her committee has been assigned to a state legislator.
 - They are reaching out to state and county senators and representatives.

- They are all going to the City Council meetings September 16th at 5 pm, and she encourages everyone to attend.
- Student Welfare Chairwoman Strickland
 - Their first meeting was Monday and they talked and expanded on their three main goals. They will be sending out the SGA feedback email to international students.
 - If anyone is friends with transfers and international students, they would love to hear what events they want to see from the Student Welfare Committee
- Philanthropy Chairman Moore
 - He had a meeting with Mr. Matthew and Mia or as he calls it “the M&M meeting”.
 - They are talking about the T-shirt fundraiser and wanting to add a cup with a handle with a painted image on it from Senator Call.
 - Has started working on 5K planning and talked to Chief of Fire.
 - He also went over jobs in the committee.

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- We went over who will be on what shared governance committee.
- If you haven’t heard from any shared governance committee you have signed up for by October 18th let Mr. Matthew know.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Student Transportation
 - A Groupme has been made.
 - They are mostly looking at Mondays and maybe Fridays.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- Bill 25-17: Freshman Forum Executive Chair and Clerk Voting Bill
 - Going over the bill again and the changes.
 - Chairman Moore says the bill is amazing and he wants to move to a vote.
 - The bill was passed.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- P-Card usage
 - Treasurer Hanback says stay on the lookout for his email.
 - If a chair is unavailable to pick up the p-card, then senators can pick up the p-card.
 - Go over to the campus groups form first and once its approved he will send a Microsoft calendar invite, then you will have to come pick up the p-card from Mr. Matthew. A purple pouch will

be given and make sure all cards are in there. There can only be tax exempt purchases only. Get the itemized receipt and put it in the purple pouch.

- Treasurer Hanback will go over the purchase, and then Mr. Matthew and Ms. Juliette will be the processors of the purchase and Treasurer Hanback will be the record-keeper.
- There is a \$500 limit and if you go over you have to do a purchase order.

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Family Weekend Sign-Ups
 - Mr Matthew explained how SGA will be helping with Family Weekend.
 - The times to help were around 10:30-11:30 AM.
- Constitution Day Sign-Ups
 - Public higher education schools have to host an educational program that talks about the constitution.
 - We are hoping to have a more large-scale event.
 - We hope to collaborate with different colleges on campus.
 - Let her know of any questions.
 - You will need to wear SGA shirt and nametag.
- Senator Looney
 - His teacher didn't understand this about the Big Deal blocking off a road when they have a courtyard on campus.
 - The Big Deal started small and moved from in front of Norton Auditorium to the amphitheater, and it outgrew the area. Then it was up and down Shelby Way. It's ideal location was Shelby Way but there is over 2,000 people who attend every year, so they moved out to Court Street and Irvine Avenue where they have proceeded with it.
 - They have thought about what it would look like inside the stadium.
 - Dr. Tammy is the one who first started the Big Deal.
- Maybe doing something like "first person to bring me whatever item" trend for homecoming, and they get a prize if they win.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Mr. Matthew says he can give us times for homecoming: Monday 3-6, Tuesdays around 7, Wednesday off, Thursday 6-9, Friday off, Saturday is the parade 10:30-12 and Past Officers Breakfast is on Saturday morning as well.

- We have a sign that says welcome back students in the chambers.
- Budget Oversight purchased it to give an update to students to show how much is left in the budget.
- Go take a look at the refreshed amphitheater.
- He will be hosting the volunteer fair with the ROAR Access Center where they are giving a \$250 book scholarship.
- Local elections happened this past Wednesday, and there is a new mayor elected, Ron Tyler!

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- College Colors Day – August 29th
- Freshman Forum Applications close – August 29th
- Senate Pictures – September 4th
- Constitution Day – September 17th
- Senate Rules Test – September 18th
- Anyone who is at retreat sign the banner if you haven't!

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Communications Director Mwaura won SGA member of the week!

XIX. PEP

- Pep to Communications Director Mwaura!
- Pep to Freshman Forum Advisors Ebert and Buford!
- Pep to Treasurer Hanback!
- Pep to Mr. Matthew!
- Pep to Chairwoman Strait!
- Pep to everyone who dunked Mr. Matthew!
- Pep to Senator Ashkar!
- Pep to Secretary Plunkett!
- Pep to Chief of Fire!
- Pep to Mia!

XX. ADJOURNMENT