



SGA Senate
Senate Minutes
11 September 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
 - There was an addition to the agenda to add "swearing in of new senator" to special business.
 - The agenda was passed with the amendment.
- VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
 - The minutes was passed as presented.
- VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
 - Homecoming sign-ups
 - People signed up to help with homecoming.
 - Swearing in of new senator
 - Marli Kate Powell
 - She is a sophomore and a transfer, and she was in SGA at her past institution.
 - She wants to continue in SGA and help us and support us.
 - Marli Kate Powell was sworn in as a new senator!
- VIII. STUDENT FORUM
 - There was nothing to report in student forum.
- IX. OFFICER REPORTS
 - President Rhoades
 - She had a CLA meeting Thursday.
 - They went over housing in that meeting.
 - During the meeting they were talking about occupancy rates for Cypress Flats apartments.

- They also mentioned that the ASUN conference and the UAC conference are going to combine by putting both leagues under the same umbrella.
- We will still play Lipscomb just not in conference play.
- They are putting tennis courts under the new stadium for tennis to still practice even if it rains.
- The stadium will have three tiers. The third tier will be boxes, the second tier will be clubs and the first tier will be concessions and more things like that.
- She's wanting someone from athletics to come to senate to help us understand all of the progress going on at the new stadium.
- She had a staff and faculty president meeting on what's going on in their senates and our senates.
- She has a DSS meeting with Vice President Ballenger.
- She is talking about getting a classroom audit together to figure the accessibility of the desks in certain classrooms.
- She went to the shared governance executive committee meeting and was told that whoever has applied to be on the committees we needed people for that you should have a confirmation email by now.
- Friday was the Board of Trustees meeting. Her and Treasurer Hanback was in attendance and encouraged everyone to attend.
- She received an email from Take Five oil change and that all students and staff will get 25% on oil change.
- She had a meeting with Sergeant Kirby which is at 10-10:30 on the day of Constitution Day and she needed someone to take her set up spot.
- Vice-President Ballenger
 - Transportation ad hoc committee met and before the meeting she emailed Kendra White about the shuttle system and before she got back to her they had updated the website.
 - She is in contact with Duell about updating the slideshow to add an SGA slide.
 - She had the DSS meeting Friday with President Rhoades.
 - She has been working on updating Teams.
 - She met with Communications Director Mwaura about new marketing material.
- Treasurer Hanback

- He got first Campus Groups submissions for the p-card and wants us to remind us that everyone has to fill out the funding form for every purchase.
- He has Pro-Tempore Winston's expense for the potluck internal event.
- He reserved the pavilion for the internal event.
- Chief of Staff Thomas expense for Constitution Day.
- Chairwoman Strickland submitted one for suicide prevention bracelets.
- Secretary Plunkett submitted one for nametags.
- Communications Director Mwaura sent one for flyers for homecoming.
- Looking on how to close the old budget out.
- There are budget changes and he saw in the Code of Laws that 402.6 says we need to post the budget on the SGA website but, he is not sure if that is completely necessary and is looking to see if there is a bill that needs to be made.
- As of this week he has created the new budget spreadsheet.
- He is looking at three areas that we can support more. He is looking at adding a philanthropy line, add more to the freshman forum administration line and adding a Dreams to Reality line.
- Secretary Plunkett
 - She had a meeting with Bishop on Friday to talk about Past Officers' Breakfast.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Ebert and Buford
 - They are looking on how to use the rest of the Freshman Forum Administration budget.
 - Their binders came in the other day.
 - Retreat for Freshman Forum was Sunday.
 - Freshman Forum Pictures are October 1st.
 - They are working on the p-card chart that Matt made.
- Pro-Tempore Winston
 - She encourages everyone to come to Dishin in the new year!
 - She is making a groupme for each individual event.
 - She is making a detailed list for the banner and float.
 - She is meeting with President Rhoades and Vice President Ballenger about Pride Points.
- Chief of Staff Thomas
 - She is getting everything finalized for Constitution Day.

- She went to different departments to confirm their attendance for Constitution Day
- Veteran Affairs is having an event November 15th event.
- Pie factory gave a generous donation for pizzas for Constitution Day.
- She is planning the “Meet Your Senators and Delegates” event.
- Historian Holcomb
 - She will be presenting the newsletter on September 25th and releasing on October 1st.
 - She will be meeting with the ROAR Access Center to get their logo and bio for Resource of the Month.
- DIA Byrd
 - She is emailing different RSOs on campus to further our connection with them.
 - Her Ice cream social has been moved to a later date.
 - She had a food service committee meeting.
- Communications Director Mwaura
 - She had a meeting with Vice President Ballenger about marketing materials.
 - She may be posting a reel today.
 - She is working on different ideas for the Instagram.
 - She is considering on what she wants to do on tiktok.
 - Message her about headshots if you need one.
 - She will be at Freshman Forum retreat.

X.

CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairman Murray
 - There was no report to present.
- Budget Oversight Chairman McCuiston
 - They had 9 requests: 5 approved, 3 denied, and 2 required modifications.
 - They are looking at additions to the manual.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Strait
 - They got Homecoming elections timeline flyers to put out.
 - Her committee met before senate to talk about the homecoming polling booth and will be having sign-ups soon.
 - They are deciding what items they need for the polling booths and trying to get Leo and Una to come.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman McDonald
 - Her committee was at the meeting Monday.

- Florence city council meeting and the dress code in dark jeans, blouse, nice shirt.
- Senator Anthony submitted a template for their call word track when they call legislators.
- She read through their charge to make sure they are on track.
- They are sending both templates to Core Four and Mr. Matthew.
- She is researching legislators to have a background on who they are.
- She's going to be diving in to work on Dreams to Reality event.
- Student Welfare Chairwoman Strickland
 - Transfer student social sign-ups will be in open discussion.
 - Student Counseling Services have confirmed, and it will be September 18th.
 - They have ordered suicide prevention bracelets for their table.
- Philanthropy Chairman Moore
 - They are in a waiting period for quotes and samples for the Crews and Brews fundraiser.
 - He had a meeting Thursday with Anna about the Side Hustle Expo.
 - They did a paper meeting this week.
 - Ramona Jay's will be here.
 - Refresh was approved for the homecoming ballot day.
 - Spirit night at Taco Mama in November.

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- Nominations were accepted but they voted on a request from Vice President of University Advancement Kevin Haslam is asking if instead of a proxy for three certain committees and he wants to be the proxy or send a designee for the proxy.
- If you need more information on this, please reach out to President Rhoades.
- Food service meeting is next Friday and Communications Director Mwaura may need a proxy.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Student Transportation
 - They met for the first time on Monday.
 - Created this committee to help support student transportation needs.
 - They are trying to see how we can better help the shuttle services.

- Gem cart is helping this cause as well.
- If you still want to join let President Rhoades or Vice President Ballenger know.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business presented.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- Family Weekend Sign-ups
 - People signed up to help with Family Weekend.

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Classroom Audit Sign-ups
 - President Rhoades is working on a classroom audit to collect data on what type of desks or tables we have in each building. If you want to help message President Rhoades.
- Transfer Student Social Sign-ups
 - People signed up to help with the Transfer Student Social.
- Communication Director Mwaura is trying to see if anyone wants a sweatshirt.
- Some people suggest a quarter-zip.
- If you have signed up for Constitution Day to wear shirts and nametags.
- If there is an event, Pie Factory will maybe give free pizzas.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- He encourages us to go to Freshman Forum meetings.
- The table is reserved for the Suicide Prevention table.
- In two weeks it is anti-hazing week.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- "Dishin in the New Year" internal event – September 11th
- Ice Cream Social with DIA Byrd – September 16th is being moved.
- Florence City Council Meeting – September 16th at 5
- Constitution Day – September 17th
- Senate Rules Test – September 18th
- Homecoming Nominations open – September 22nd
- Romona J's Wings Food Truck – September 22nd
- Transfer Student Social – September 24th
- Jay Cochran Speaking at Senate – October 2nd

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Destinee won SGA Member of the Week.

XIX. PEP

- Pep to Senator Lachowicz!

- Pep to Senator Powell!
- Pep to Chairwoman McDonald!
- Pep to Senate Pictures!
- Pep to Pro-Tempore Winston!
- Pep to Senator Faulkenberry and Pie Factory!
- Pep to Chairwoman Strait!
- Pep to all of our upcoming events!
- Pep to Mia!
- Pep to Treasurer Hanback!
- Pep to everyone going to the internal event!
- Pep to Chief of Staff Thomas!
- Pep to Homecoming!
- Pep to new Freshman Forum delegates!

XX. ADJOURNMENT