

# SGA Senate Senate Minutes 4 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
  - Agenda was passed as presented.
- VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
  - Minutes was amended to strike out bullet point five from special business of live lion's update.
  - Minutes was passed with the amendment.
- VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
  - Senate Pictures
    - We went out and took senate pictures before the meeting started.
- VIII. STUDENT FORUM
  - Student Forum had nothing to present to senate.
- IX. OFFICER REPORTS
  - President Rhoades
    - She has a meeting with the DSS office on September 12<sup>th</sup>.
    - She met with a potential new senator this week.
    - She has everyone caught up on trainings.
    - She sat in on Freshman Forum interviews.
    - She received an email about the desks issue in Cramer, if you would like to help with this issue, please let her know.
  - Vice-President Ballenger
    - Chief of Staff Thomas filled in for the chairs meeting this past week.

- President Rhoades and she had a meeting scheduled with DSS at 4:00 on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Senate pictures were at 3:30 PM.
- Senate rules test is on September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- She sat in on Freshman Forum interviews.

#### • Treasurer Hanback

- He has been working on getting the budget finalized so he can present it to senate soon.
- He says the budget has been reimbursed for the Marco's Pizza order and they are waiting for Marco's to charge them again so they can use the tax-free exemption policy.
- He also sent everyone a p-card flow chart for easy representation of how to use it.
- He attended the Bicentennial Planning committee and went over what the students wanted to have at the bicentennial.

## Secretary Plunkett

- She says she has been working on the agendas and minutes for this week.
- She has a meeting with Bishop Alexander on September 12<sup>th</sup> to work on the invitation list and what alumni want to see from Past Officer's Breakfast.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Ebert and Buford
  - They have had interviews for the new Freshman Forum this year.
  - They had a lot of good applicants and can't wait to get all the new members in!

## Pro-Tempore Winston

- She has been working on getting a bill written and hopefully getting the event logistics together for next week.
- She is still waiting on the Homecoming events list so she can make a spreadsheet of who wants to participate.
- She says Pride Points has been put on hold for right now and will be shifting ideas for it.

## Chief of Staff Thomas

- She has been working on planning Constitution Day, and she will be presenting a bill later today to help fund for Constitution Day.
- She is sending out the sign-up sheet so everyone can see when they are working.
- Historian Holcomb

- She had a meeting with Mr. Matthew and President Rhoades about her own personal deadline for the monthly newsletters.
- She wants to print out copies of the newsletter to give out to the Freshman Forum members, so they are aware of what SGA is doing.

## DIA Byrd

- She has gotten the date confirmed for her ice cream social event with Student Engagement and Student Welfare and that will September 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 at the Amphitheater.
- Communications Director Mwaura
  - She is encouraging everyone to fill out the "about me" form so she can start posting people on the Instagram when the pictures get back to her.
  - She is resending the graphic request form in the groupme, so people have it.

### X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairman Murray
  - He had a meeting with Mr. Matthew this week about ideas for their campus wide initiative.
- Budget Oversight Chairman McCuiston
  - His committee met this week, and they went over seven allocations requests.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Strait
  - Her committee are still going over ideas for how to campaign for homecoming.
  - They are wanting to do a tiny mic video with the homecoming nominees to gauge more interest in voting.
  - They are also wanting to do a live poll booth on the last day of elections to get more people to vote.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman McDonald
  - Her committee will be attending the Florence City Council Meeting next week on September 16<sup>th</sup> and she encourages everyone else to attend as well.
  - They have been working on planning for the tentative date for the Dreams to Reality caravan on November 13<sup>th</sup>, and they will need three speakers to tell their "Why UNA" story.
- Student Welfare Chairwoman Strickland
  - Her committee has been working on many different dates for many different events for the semester.

- They are focusing more on transfer students this semester and next semester they will be focusing more on international students.
- They have the Transfer Student Social coming up and that date will be September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Amphitheater.
- Philanthropy Chairman Moore
  - His committee has been working on the tee and tote fundraiser and revamping it to "crews and brews" fundraiser. It is currently a tentative name.
  - He will be presenting the design in open discussion.

### XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

• Historian Holcomb is on the Parking and Traffic committee, and they had their first meeting this past week where they went over the ticket appeal process.

### XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Student Transportation
  - They will be having their first meeting next Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

## XIII. OLD BUSINESS

• There was no old business presented.

#### XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- Bill 25-18: "Dishin in the New Year" Funding Bill
  - Senator Lachowicz has a concern about the current wasp situation at the pavilions at McFarland Park.
  - Senator Huffman says that he walks there all the time but has never been stung by a wasp.
  - There was a motion to move into a vote on the bill.
  - The bill was passed.
- Bill 25-19: The UNA SGA Constitution Day Funding Bill
  - There was no discussion on the bill and there was a motion to vote on the bill.
  - The bill was passed.

### XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- "Dishin in the New Year" food sign-ups
  - People signed up for the "Dishin in the New Year" potluck.
- Crews and Brews Design
  - Everyone loved the design for the Crews and Brews fundraiser.
  - The design was made by Hannah Call.

### XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Volunteer fair is on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Lions Lend a Hand is on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

## XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- "Dishin in the New Year" internal event September 11th
- Constitution Day September 17<sup>th</sup>
- Senate Rules Test September 18th
- Homecoming Nominations open September 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Jay Cochran Speaking at Senate October 2<sup>nd</sup>

## XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Mallory Ebert won SGA member of the week.

### XIX. PEP

- Pep to the Freshman Forum Advisors.
- Pep to Pro-Tempore Winston for the bill.
- Pep to Chief of Staff Thomas for the bill.
- Pep to Senator Call for the Design.
- Pep to our advisor Mr. Matthew.
- Pep to Treasurer Hanback.
- Pep to Senator Lachowicz for the good discussion on the bills.

## XX. ADJOURNMENT