



SGA Senate  
Senate Minutes  
18 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
  - The agenda was passed as presented.
- VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
  - The minutes was passed as presented.
- VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
  - Senate Rules Test
    - Every present SGA member took the Senate Rules Test.
- VIII. STUDENT FORUM
  - Lexi Griffin, a UNA Nursing student came to propose holding graduation at Flowers Hall.
  - The main goal she says is to create more seating for graduation.
  - She did a survey in her classroom and out of 42 students, 41 voted to move to Flowers Hall and 1 voted to keep it at Norton Auditorium.
  - Chairs for the graduates on the floor can be reserved by the GUC.
  - The jumbotron can have a zoom in camera on the graduates as they walk across the stage.
  - She is not sure about the cost of the stage.
  - She gave student quotes on who wants to move it to Flowers Hall and why.
  - Chairwoman Strait says she's not sure if there is a way that students who don't need all seven tickets to give to others because there are very few who need extra tickets.
  - Every senior gets seven free tickets to graduation.

- She is suggesting if there is a potential money problem, then she suggests fundraising, or pay for the extra tickets other than seven.
- Mr. Matthew suggested maybe the new stadium could host graduation as well.

#### IX. OFFICER REPORTS

- President Rhoades
  - Vice President Ballenger and her met with Disability Support Services on Friday and they sent their notes to Chairman Moore. We will be able to partner with DSS on future events.
  - She had the Board of Trustees meeting on Friday.
    - We are getting a tiered parking deck that will have 186 spots and it will take 3-4 months to build, but we do not know when they will start construction. The money for this project was approved.
  - She talked to Cindy Conlon about the three classrooms in the most need of tables and chairs.
  - She is working with Cala Filippo to set up a meeting because they have an international student transportation committee.
  - She met with Officer Kirby and Officer Hensley, and they talked about the Gem 6 golf cart and how it was going.
  - UNA PD has a campus groups form for feedback.
  - UNA PD says it can range from 20-40 students who use the SNAP cart.
  - They mentioned the battery life lasts only 2-4 hours and it would be better to have it last longer.
  - There is an extended battery option to let the battery life last a little longer.
  - She wants to create a graphic for SNAP hours and the after-hours on call officer, so students are aware of what UNA PD has to offer them.
  - She talked about meeting with UNA PD in the future and to get one of the officers come to speak to senate about SNAP and the police office at UNA.
  - There is an open senate seat again and she sent out emails for two different applicants and the interviews will happen next Thursday.
  - After this senate seat is filled, she says that we are not filling another seat until after Christmas.

- She had a meeting with Mr. Matthew, and it went well, and they talked about the chair audit and Lion's Lend a Hand.
- Vice-President Ballenger
  - Her and President Rhoades had a meeting with DSS about future partnerships and involvement with them.
  - She sent Duell some flyers for Ramona Js and SGA timeline.
  - She is getting everything set up for our new senator.
  - She helped with Constitution Day.
  - She loved Pro-Tempore Winston's event.
  - She talked to chairs about using the rest of their budget.
  - She is about to start doing chair check-ins in the next month.
  - She says we are going to be using the outlook calendar more.
  - She has a Transportation ad hoc committee meeting.
- Treasurer Hanback
  - Shoutout to student forum.
  - Shoutout to Pro-Tempore Winston's event.
  - Shoutout to Freshman Forum event.
  - Shoutout to Constitution Day.
  - He encourages everyone to go check out the new amphitheater.
  - Shoutout to Student Welfare's event.
  - He went to the Board of Trustees meeting.
  - Next week he will be presenting the new budget and getting it approved.
  - He went over old budgets to see trends.
  - One big focus as he closes the old budget and the old fiscal year, he is encouraging everyone to use their money.
  - We need to see that we spend all of our money if we want to ask for more.
  - He emailed people who need to use their money.
- Secretary Plunkett
  - She had a meeting with Bishop Alexander about ideas to get more alumni to come.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Ebert and Buford
  - They are doing interviews for chairs.
  - The new delegates have elected their executive chair and clerk.
  - They have talked about going or not to the Freshman Leadership Conference.
  - They are working on covers for the delegates binders.
  - They are training the executive chair, clerk and chairs.

- They are working on how to spend the rest of their budget.
- They had retreat and it went well.
- Pro-Tempore Winston
  - Her event went well.
  - She says there will not be an event in October because of homecoming.
  - Groupmes created for homecoming events.
  - She says the main task to get done for homecoming is getting a trailer and truck.
  - She will be presenting a bill for float décor, props and materials for homecoming, and she wants to get capes and crowns for everyone to wear for homecoming.
  - She had a meeting with President Rhoades and Vice President Ballenger about Pride Points and reframing it.
- Chief of Staff Thomas
  - She thanks everyone who helped with Constitution Day.
  - She thanks Courtney and Pie Factory for the donation of pizzas for the event.
  - She has a bill for the Link with the Legislators event.
  - She is working on an email to facilities for the Victory Flame to extend to all athletic wins.
  - She talked to President Rhoades, and she has been working on the Dillard's discount update.
- Historian Holcomb
  - She is presenting her newsletter and postcards next week.
  - She has chosen a resource of the month, and it is the ROAR Access Center.
  - She has a QR code for SGA favs.
  - She says we are not doing SGA member of the month and instead they are doing committee spotlights.
  - She met with Mr. Matthew about an idea for the postcards.
  - She appreciates Core Four and Mr. Matthew for ideas.
- DIA Byrd
  - Ice cream social will be October 21<sup>st</sup> hopefully.
  - She is contacting different RSO to continue our partnership with them.
  - She has a Food Service committee meeting coming up.
- Communications Director Mwaura

- She wants to say thanks to Historian Holcomb with helping her with marketing materials.
- She is looking for a Freshman Forum assistant.
- Freshman Forum headshots are October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- She will be taking headshots on September 24<sup>th</sup> as well.
- She is coming up with a banner design for homecoming.
- She says to make sure to submit media requests four weeks in advance.
- If you have any requests for the month of September those need to be done by Saturday, September, September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- She is thinking about doing SGA buttons.
- She has a Food Service committee meeting coming up.

#### X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairman Murray
  - His committee met last week to discuss the “did you know” information.
  - They will be interviewing professors soon.
  - They are thinking about doing tiny mic videos and they are discussing how to spend the rest of the budget.
- Budget Oversight Chairman McCuiston
  - They had 8 requests: 3 approved, 4 required modifications, and 1 denied.
  - He is looking at “did you know” information and training videos.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Strait
  - They are finalizing items for the polling booth to spend the rest of budget.
  - They will be posting homecoming voting timeline flyers.
  - Homecoming nominations open Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman McDonald
  - They are not done with the letter template, but they are done with the call template.
  - They attended the City Council meeting, and it was interesting.
  - Senator Lachowicz and Senator Byrd worked on a bill.
  - They are talking about the Dreams to Reality food order.
  - They are working on the Dreams to Reality invite list.
  - Senator Byrd will be working on a digital invite.
  - They brought up to Mr. Matthew recently about the metal windows in the library and they are there in case of fire and he is going to talk about letting down the windows for more lighting.

- Student Welfare Chairwoman Strickland
  - They discussed different ideas for the next transfer student event.
  - The Suicide Prevention table went well.
  - Shoutout to Senator Sharma and Senator Vincent who worked the table.
  - She reminds everyone about the Transfer Student Social on September 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-8.
  - Let her know if you need to take your name off or add it on to the sign-up sheet for the Transfer Student Social.
  - They talked about how to spend the rest of their budget.
- Philanthropy Chairman Moore
  - They had a paper meeting the week before because of Pro-Tempore Winston's event.
  - They are at the mercy of the vendors for quotes and samples for the Crews and Brews fundraiser.
  - They have a loose idea for the Side Hustle Expo.
  - Ramona J's is on Monday.
  - Refresh is coming to the October 15<sup>th</sup> event.

#### XI. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Student Transportation
  - They met again this past Monday.
  - Senator Sharma showed the internal survey that the international students filled out.
  - They are making the data more readable.
  - They are working on bettering the signs around campus for the shuttle bus.
  - They are possibly going to put a survey for student transportation during homecoming elections.
  - They are wanting to revamp the shuttle routes and to see if they will go to the apartments.
  - She sent an email to Kendra White to set up a meeting.
  - When President Rhoades met with UNA PD, they talked about the signs that they have for parking, and they want to talk to Kendra White. They want to put up different signs for the shuttle buses and instead of wrapping the buses, they can use magnets instead.
  - They mentioned doing a survey for students and talking about SNAP on the homecoming ballot.

XII. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- Communications Director Mwaura had a meeting met on Tuesday. The Strategic Planning and Budget committee elected their vice chair, and they got her in the teams folder. They had 10 requests for funding and all 10 were approved.
- Kevin Haslam wants to change the wording for the strategic planning committee, and she has the food service committee meeting.
- Commencement committee meeting and getting OIC to get stolls.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business presented.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- Bill 25-20: Six, Not Five Bill
  - This bill would be adding the philanthropy committee in Chapter 608.2 in the Code of Laws.
  - Chairman Moore says we need this bill.
  - The bill was passed.
- Bill 25-21: Link with the Legislators Bill
  - This is a funding bill for the Link with the Legislators event and to add the Freshman Forum delegates.
  - The total cost for the previous bill was not fully used so it went back in the miscellaneous line.
  - We are in great shape for this bill money wise.
  - The bill was passed.

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Chartwells Catering for Dreams to Reality Mixer
  - We have the order form last year's Dreams to Reality event.
  - President Rhoades says she loved to the pinwheels.
  - Last year there was about \$660 spent.
  - Chairman McCuiston wants us to keep in mind that we are dressed really nice so it would be best to stay away from messy food.
  - We need to look into a vegetarian list as well.
  - Chairwoman McDonald will send a list of foods people want to have.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Florence High School parade is at 7 pm tonight.
- He has met with a lot of us about different things.
- One of our website pages went away and he is in the process of getting it back.

- He wants us to RSVP for Lion's Lend a Hand for next Friday.
- He would love to review resumes and recommendation letters if we need them.
- Next week is Hazing Prevention week and the theme is Break the Cycle.
- If anyone has a lot of knowledge on 3D printers let him know because he is looking into one for RSOs
- The Student Engagement Office just replaced the button maker in the office.
- We are a Coca Cola campus, and he has seen events that have not used Coca Cola products, so we need to keep this in mind.

#### XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ice Cream Social with DIA Byrd – October 21st
- Senate Rules Test – September 18<sup>th</sup>
- Homecoming Nominations open – September 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Romona J's Wings Food Truck – September 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Transfer Student Social – September 24<sup>th</sup>
- Senate Live Stream – September 25<sup>th</sup>
- Meet Your Senators and Delegates event – September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Jay Cochran Speaking at Senate – October 2<sup>nd</sup> (wear business professional)
- Fall Break – October 3-5<sup>th</sup>

#### XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Chief of Staff Thomas won SGA member of the week.

#### XIX. PEP

- Pep to events!
- Pep to Treasurer Hanback!
- Pep to Student forum!
- Pep to Senator Lachowicz bill!
- Pep to hopefully good grades on test!
- Pep to Communications Director Mwaura and Senator Hanback's help with Constitution Day!
- Pep to Freshman forum!
- Pep to Senator Looney and Senator Woods!
- Pep to Lexi Griffin for her hard work with the commencement data!
- Pep to Chairwoman Strickland!
- Pep to skit!

#### XX. ADJOURNMENT