



SGA Senate
Senate Minutes
25 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
 - Link with the Legislators sign ups needs to be added to open discussion.
 - The agenda was passed as amended.
- VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
 - The minutes was passed as presented.
- VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
- VIII. STUDENT FORUM
- IX. OFFICER REPORTS
 - President Rhoades
 - She emailed Sargent Kirby, and they will have a meeting discussing the gem cart and updates with that soon.
 - She spoke with admissions about their gem cart and the battery issue.
 - She met with Mr. Matthew about Lion's Lend a Hand classroom audit.
 - She sent an email to Cindy Conlon about the classroom audit.
 - Cindy let her know that the three classes in Cramer that is the most in need have been fixed.
 - She sent an email about moving the commencement ceremony to Flowers Hall.
 - Vice-President Ballenger
 - The Student Transportation ad hoc committee meeting met, and those meetings will be at 5-6 on Monday.

- She met with Kendra White about Student Transportation goals.
- She ordered Core Four polos.
- She updated the SGA calendar with events and meetings and encourages everyone to this as well.
- She met with Chairwoman Strickland about logistics for the transfer event.
- She has been in contact with Mrs. Simmons about their events they have next month.
- We will host sign ups soon about helping their events.
- Some events they have coming up are the Recfest October 7, 4-5 PM, Visibility Passport event October 9, and the student experience panel.
- We are helping with a design and helping pay for t-shirts for the event.
- She will be having chair one on ones in October.
- She wants to shoutout the chairs on their hard work.
- She is putting together binders and backpacks for the new senators.
- Elections and recruitment items came in for their event during homecoming.
- Treasurer Hanback
 - He has been tracking the campus groups form.
 - He is reducing the p-card pick up window.
 - He wants everyone to spend the money in the current budget.
 - The fiscal year starts October 1.
 - He will be presenting the new budget.
 - Everyone has handouts of the old and new budget.
 - For his next project he will be doing an inventory.
- Secretary Plunkett
 - She has been working on Past Officers' Breakfast planning.
 - She has been trying to get the food ordered.
 - She has been helping create a shirt design for the DSS event.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Ebert and Buford
 - They said they have all positions filled.
 - They have nametags, and gavels ordered.
 - Working with Chief of Staff Thomas on her event.
 - Working on doing Freshman Forum homecoming event sign ups.
 - Next Wednesday is their first official meeting with them leading and she would love for us to come.

- They are working on spending their budget.
- They gave each committee five goals they hope to meet.
- October 12, they have an ice cream social at the Olive patio.
- Service committee is wanting to have a meeting once a month.
- Outreach and Philanthropy wants to raise \$400 for the endowed and philanthropy.
- They will not be going to the Freshman Leadership Conference.
- Pro-Tempore Winston
 - She has a bill.
 - She is renting a trailer.
 - She needs to get float paper.
 - There is a captain's meeting Monday.
 - Banner decorating is happening right after captain's meeting.
 - Trying to get skit practices set.
 - Float preparing will start next week.
 - Pride points is on hold till the spring.
 - In November she wants to do a Friendsgiving/ lip sync battle
 - She also wants to do a Coffee and chat in November.
- Chief of Staff Thomas
 - She is working on getting everything together for the Link with the Legislators event.
 - She went to housing to check to see if the patio is available.
 - She is going to be doing a sign-up sheet.
 - She is scheduled to pick up the p-card.
 - She is planning to meet with Vice-President Ballenger for outreach events.
 - She is drafting an email to facilities to hopefully get the victory flame lit for all athletic wins.
 - After an informal vote, everyone agrees to move forward with this project.
- Historian Holcomb
 - She is presenting the newsletter.
 - She wants to thank exec for great feedback.
 - She has been helping with marketing materials.
- DIA Byrd
 - She had a food service committee meeting, where they talked about the wait time issue at Chick-fil-A and they are working on it.
 - She has been updating different contacts in Teams.

- She will be meeting with international services for updates on campus life.
- Communications Director Mwaura
 - She has been working on marketing materials.
 - She got buttons ordered.
 - She has ordered resource flyers and stickers.
 - She will be posting for homecoming.
 - She will be posting the first meet the senators post soon.
 - She got Core Four to approve "I voted" stickers.
 - She asks everyone to please submit media requests for October now.

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairman Murray
 - They have been getting their first did you know fact ready.
 - They have been getting a list of professors who would be interested in interviewing.
- Budget Oversight Chairman McCuiston
 - At their last meeting they had 12 requests: 5 were approved, 1 required modification, and 6 were denied.
 - They talked about outreach opportunities.
 - Hopefully they will be getting a new member next week.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Strait
 - Nominations for homecoming opened and they will close September 29.
 - They will be picking up the p-card to get the rest of the items for their event.
 - They will be posting a sign-up sheet to help with the event.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman McDonald
 - They discussed city council delegates for next month.
 - They discussed Chartwells order for Dreams to Reality event.
 - She wants everyone to answer the form.
 - She will be presenting a bill for the food for event.
 - She will be working on the invite list.
 - They want to hopefully get a jumpstart on the invite list.
 - The Dreams to Reality speakers so far are Chief of Staff Thomas, Senator Barrientos, and they need one more international student.
 - They are going to be submitting an RSO equipment checkout form for décor.

- They are working on making a slideshow for the event.
- She will be meeting with Mr. Matthew on suggestions and progress.
- Student Welfare Chairwoman Strickland
 - The Transfer Student Social was moved to October 1.
 - On October 22, they want to do a transfer movie night.
- Philanthropy Chairman Moore
 - Refresh was on campus, and they raised \$30 for the endowed scholarship.
 - They figured out day of logistics for food trucks.
 - They got a contact at North Alabama Screen Print to get a quote.
 - They are set to get preorders in in early October.
 - They have started to create forms for vendors for the side hustle expo which will be November 4.

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- President Rhoades – She attended the food service committee meeting. She wants to shoutout to Communications Director Mwaura, DIA Byrd, and Senator Sharma for being early to the meeting. They said the Mane card issues have been fixed. They are going to be sending a survey for food options in the GUC based on price and what food people want.
- Chairman Murray – The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee voted on the chair for the committee.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Student Transportation
 - Vice-President Ballenger got to meet with Kendra White with facilities about the shuttle system.
 - She told her about the goals for the committee.
 - They discussed signage prices.
 - They talked about marketing tactics.
 - She wanted to have this committee to be purposeful to help relieve the parking issue on campus.
 - She talked about placing survey questions on the homecoming ballot.
 - She wants everyone to write questions for ballot.
 - Dr. Tammy will be adding the shuttle to Campus Groups.
 - President Rhoades has been in contact with Cala Filippo to discuss hers and our student transportation committees.
 - She will be meeting with her next week.

- She is making sure everything is good to go to add to the ballot.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- New budget presentation
 - Treasurer Hanback went over how the budget works.
 - The committed budget means we are committed to using this money for that first.
 - Discretionary has a little bit more freedom on how to use it.
 - Then there are salaries and pay that goes toward scholarships.
 - STARS line and College Colors Day has gone down by \$700 and \$900.
 - He added the Lucky Dip to the committed budget.
 - He removed the equipment line and merged it with the supplies line.
 - Homecoming flowers has moved up \$300 more.
 - He added a philanthropy committee line this year and has moved an extra \$450 to salaries and pay.
 - Freshman forum programming has moved up \$400.
 - Freshman Forum admin line has gone down by \$300.
 - He added a Dreams to Reality line since we did it last year and will continue.
 - Past officers Breakfast line have gone down by \$150.
 - SGA branding line has gone up by \$500.
 - Inauguration line has gone up by \$100.
 - Supplies has gone away by and merged with equipment and the line has \$500.
 - Marketing line has gone down be \$600.
 - Copies and letterhead line was taken down by \$150.
 - Philanthropy line has been added and will have \$500.
 - Endowed Scholarship line has been absorbed by the Philanthropy committee.
 - Budget oversight has gone down by \$250.
 - The miscellaneous line will be the same as last year.
 - In the past couple of years, the budget has not increased even though things cost more, and we do more events.
 - Mia says he did a great job. According to the Code of Laws, the exec line must only have \$500.
 - STARS line was so much higher last year because of split gender rooms.

- Higher ed is all the legislative affairs budget.
- Senator Anthony makes a point that the exec line does not need that much, so in result the \$200 will be going to the STARS conference line.
- The budget was passed.
- Loco for Hoco Bill: 21-22
 - Senator Anthony asked how many are in each order.
 - Senator Faulkenberry asked if all the money that is spent, would you need more? Pro-Tempore Winston says not necessarily because she has a lot of things already.
 - Treasurer Hanback said there are a lot of different office supplies we have here, and he said exec can help with this.
 - Secretary Plunkett asked if the trailer is a part of this, and Pro-Tempore Winston forgot to put it on the bill.
 - Pro-Tempore Winston asked Treasurer Hanback to see if we can use another line for the trailer.
 - There was an amendment to add the trailer to the bill.
 - Communications Director Mwaura moves to vote on the amendment.
 - The amendment passes.
 - The bill was passed.

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Newsletter and postcard presentation
 - Historian Holcomb presented the newsletter and postcards that will be going out on October 1.
 - Everyone gave suggestions and comments, and they said it looked great!
- Campus groups add ons
 - The Student Engagement office is looking at adding extensions of campus groups like a co-curricular transcript or rebranding.
 - This can show everything we are involved in, and it will eventually connect to LinkedIn.
 - The Cocurricular Transcript is about \$2000 to add on.
 - We approved the 5-year contract last year.
 - We have badges and Mr. Matthew would love for us to use the badges more.
 - During RSO training 77 said they were interested and 19 said they were not.

- Another aspect is branding which is a little less than the Cocurricular Transcript.
- People like the new name being Mane Frame.
- They are already having to clean up the section of campus groups in the Code of Laws because of the changes of the student activity fee.
- We also need to get rid of the pantrysoft.
- Senator Faulkenberry, Senator Huffman and Chairman McCuiston are interested in writing a bill for this.
- Bailee asks how this would benefit people after graduation? would, if you can provide supplemental materials for a job application that you can show. Like a UNA LinkedIn.
- There will need to be more background work and culture shifts if we do the Cocurricular Transcript.
- He is not sure if you can add other service hours that are outside of UNA.
- Only admins can see individual Cocurricular Transcripts.
- There were sign-ups for Link with the Legislators event.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- He said that we had two appeals this semester.
- If a student is rejected from the allocations process, they are given five academic days to appeal, and exec will see it to decide if they are ok with letting senate vote on it.
- He is meeting with Liz Craig, and Chairwoman McDonald is welcome to join.
- For Family Weekend, he will be reaching out to the people who signed up.
- RSO re-registration deadline is October 1st for any non-new RSO.
- Lion's Lend a Hand is September 26.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lion's Lend a Hand – September 26th
- Homecoming Nominations close – September 29th
- Link with the Legislators event – September 30th
- Transfer Student Social – October 1st
- Jay Cochran Speaking at Senate – October 2nd (wear business professional)
- Fall Break – October 3-5th
- Court Voting begins – October 6th

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Senator Lachowicz won SGA member of the week.
- XIX. PEP
- Pep to senators who spoke at Freshman Forum!
 - Pep to Anna Kathrine!
 - Pep to Historian Holcomb!
 - Pep to Treasurer Hanback!
 - Pep to Mr. Matthew!
 - Pep to newsletter!
 - Pep to homecoming!
 - Pep to Elections and Recruitment!
 - Pep to everyone on the live!
- XX. ADJOURNMENT