



SGA Senate
Senate Minutes
16 October 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
 - SOAR Presentation – Carlos Pullen Marks
 - Applications just opened for SOAR.
 - They are the staff that welcome the incoming freshman and transfers students.
 - There is an 8-week class on Mondays from 4-6 PM if you get chosen to do SOAR.
 - There are 5 SOARs, and one is overnight.
 - Overnight will be a Monday and Tuesday.
 - There is a retreat and workshop day.
 - First soar is June 1st.
 - You get paid \$200 or \$250 every other week.
 - Applications close on November 4th.
 - Role Plays are November 10th.
 - Interviews are on November 11th and 12th.
 - Next Tuesday and Wednesday at 4:30 in the Commons room 330 they are hosting an interest meeting.
 - There is usually about 15-16 student groups and 5-6 family groups and then support staff.
 - Check out QR code on Instagram to apply.

- There is free housing if you live far away.
- Robert's Rules Presentation – Chairwoman McDonald and Senator Anthony
 - There was a PowerPoint presentation on refreshing Robert's Rules of Order.

VIII. STUDENT FORUM

- There was no student forum present.

IX. OFFICER REPORTS

- President Rhoades
 - She says Mr. Matthew put in all the information for Lions Lend a Hand.
 - Hoping to get the classroom audit information out to facilities.
 - She emailed Julie Taylor about commencement.
 - They are moving forward to work on a system for a ticket transfer.
 - The student who presented in student forum received an email that commencement will be at Flowers, but it was not right.
 - We are going to do a mid-semester update post on Instagram.
 - There is a branding meeting Monday at 3:30 for UNA branding. They would love for students to come and provide their input.
 - All execs have signed up for their one on ones.
 - She says please stay off computers unless it pertains to what we are doing in the present.
 - If you have events or if you do need to use anything in chambers or closet, please don't use without asking.
- Vice-President Ballenger
 - She has had chair one on ones this week.
 - She went over goals for the committees.
 - She had a Student Transportation ad hoc committee meeting.
 - She is working with Senator Faulkenberry about getting pizzas for the Disability Visibility panel.
 - She met with DIA Byrd about her bill and event.
- Treasurer Hanback
 - He says he is excel certified.
 - He attended the student transportation ad hoc committee.
 - He attended the freshman forum meeting.
 - He got the new budget today and everything is put together.
 - He has had one Campus Groups funding review.
- Secretary Plunkett

- She has been working on Past Officers' Breakfast planning. She has gotten decorations done, RSVP list done, PowerPoint done, trivia done, and script done.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Ebert and Buford
 - They are working on a camera checkout process form.
 - Social passed their first bill for their event.
 - They will be getting with Treasurer Hanback about checking out the p-card.
- Pro-Tempore Winston
 - She says the parade and game are Saturday.
 - Pride points are paused til spring.
 - On November 6th we will have an internal event. It will be a Friendsgiving and lip sync battle. Honey Baked Ham will be catered.
 - Float creation has been going great.
- Chief of Staff Thomas
 - She met with President Rhoades for her one on one.
 - She finalized the timeline for "The Get Spooked with SGA" event at Arx Mortis.
 - They need drivers for the van, and you have to be 21 or over.
 - She is still waiting on facilities about the victory flame update.
- Historian Holcomb
 - She showed the SGA Favs QR code for November newsletter.
 - She got a box ordered to put in front of the chambers for the summary cards.
 - She is preparing for the fall report.
 - She is working on the design for the November newsletter.
- DIA Byrd
 - She is getting everything ready for the ice cream social in the GUC Atrium.
 - She is working on the event banner.
 - She has submitted a funding request.
 - She is working on a bill and Senator McMahan will present it.
- Communications Director Mwaura
 - She met with homecoming court on Friday.
 - She says we have gotten over 1000 views on each video.
 - She read into the Code of Laws on her position, and she has been looking at the structure of the position.

- She says to make sure to tell her about events, but if not please take pictures and videos.
- She's been keeping up with the University of Alabama's live streams and she wants us too as well.

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairman Murray
 - He met yesterday for one on ones.
 - He is getting informational videos from professors.
 - He is going over data on the survey they presented at the "Link with the Legislators" event.
 - He is working on the "did you know" fact.
- Budget Oversight Chairman McCuiston
 - They had 5 requests: two were approved and three were denied.
 - October 15th is the end of fall funding period.
 - He is moving on to spring funding period.
 - They have new rules to follow about the Coca-Cola policy.
 - They are going to have to change things in the manual.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Strait
 - Their committee met about the king and queen voting.
 - She said thank you if you helped with the polling booth.
 - People said this is the most they have heard about homecoming.
 - They are moving on into planning the SGA interest meeting which will be on November 12th.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman McDonald
 - She has finished up the letter template.
 - She finished up the slideshow for Dreams to Reality event.
 - She is working on a list of things to get done for the end of semester report.
 - She called the legislator she is assigned to, and she has not heard a response.
- Student Welfare Chairwoman Strickland
 - She is picking up the projector from Norton for their event.
 - She is shopping for drinks for the event.
 - She is working on getting a transfer event planned.
- Philanthropy Chairman Moore
 - He says seven people signed up for Side Hustle Expo.
 - He is possibly going to close the sign-ups for that next week.

- He has gotten everything finalized for the Crews and Brews fundraiser. The official announcement will be on Monday.
- Refresh came this past week.

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- The Ai committee met last Monday, and they are working on getting a licensed scanner for Ai.
- The technology advisory committee says they have a meeting next week.
- Treasurer Hanback has not heard from the infrastructure committee.
- Communications Director Mwaura is in the safety and emergency preparedness committee, and they are testing the lion alert 360 app, and there are possible concerns. The app is very active so be careful.
- Academic affairs committee have been doing a lot of e-business.
- People say the best time to do drills is in the afternoon. They will be doing more drills this year than last year. They are getting the national weather service to come speak to meeting.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Student Transportation
 - They talked about the data from the homecoming ballot.
 - They talked about signage and using a white background with purple lettering.
 - They discussed map distribution.
 - They discussed a post we could make.
 - Next Monday they will be discussing the new data from the king and queen ballot.
 - Senator Barnett suggests extending hours and going more towards downtown.
 - Senator Sharma says that the international student transportation committee says that there is no shuttle to health services.
 - The shuttle system only has enough money to do those specific stops.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business presented.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- Bill 25-24: Ice Cream Social Bill
 - The bill is passed!
- Camera Checkout Process
 - The camera is strictly for Freshman Forum and SGA use only.

- This is to check it out.
- You have to do a training with Mallory to check out the camera.
- Senator Huffman says it might be helpful to do an agreement form to add to it for damages.
- It can do a video recording too for reels.
- She asks to please submit this form a week before you need it.
- It will come with a SD card and SD card reader.

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Interim IRB Policy
 - This is for researching purposes for students, faculty and staff. This is policies that make sure you do not misinterpret data and cause any harm to anything or anyone.
 - You have to get approval before you can start your data.
 - This is a great policy, but the timeline of the policy can be a little concerning.
 - Communications Director Mwaura provided the current timeline that is available on the UNA website.
 - This vote will go through faculty and staff senate as well.
- Ice Cream Social Sign-ups
 - People signed up to help with the Ice Cream Social.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- He updated the Freshman Forum page.
- He is working on the SGA 5K page.
- He is working with Senator Huffman on two bills for next week.
- Listerhill is hiring a financial wellness intern.
- Liz craig Is coming to speak October 30th.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lion Olympics – October 16th
- Homecoming – October 18th
- Homecoming Parade – October 18th
- Past Officers' Breakfast – October 18th
- Crews and Brews Opening – October 18th
- Ice Cream Social – October 21st
- Under the Stars Halloween Movie Night – October 22nd
- Get Spooked with SGA - October 24th
- Liz Craig Speaking at Senate – October 30th
- Taco Mama Spirit Night – November 3rd
- Live stream next week

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Senator Byrd won SGA member of the week.
- XIX. PEP
- Pep to Pro-Tempore Winston!
 - Pep to Chairwoman Strait!
 - Pep to Treasurer Hanback!
 - Pep to Chairwoman McDonald and Senator Anthony!
 - Pep to Senator McMahan!
 - Pep to Freshman Forum!
 - Pep to Everyone!
- XX. ADJOURNMENT
- There was a standing vote to adjourn.