



SGA Senate
Senate Minutes
2 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
 - Speaker Mr. Jay Cochran
 - He was talking about the Pine Street renovations.
 - All three senates passed a resolution to help with public safety on Pine Street.
 - Many years ago, the city did a Pine Street safety study.
 - That study recommended to go down to two lanes with a middle turn lane, but it was pretty expensive.
 - The city and UNA had a meeting, and the total price is around \$3 million and some of it will be handled by a grant and that will be for sidewalks. The rest will be about \$2 million to turn it into 2 lanes and a turn lane. The city and the university are splitting it 50/50.
 - There has been a couple of pedestrian incidents in the past couple of years.
 - The sidewalk portion will stop at the College Street Church of Christ.
 - Hopefully the sidewalks will be six feet wide or maybe eight feet to meet ADA standards.
 - It will work well on gamedays and on academic days.

- He showed us the purple crosswalks drawing. Hopefully all of the crosswalks will slow down traffic and there will be signals.
- They have been speaking with Congressman Aderholt about beautifying the area, and Aderholt wants to help improve this project with medians and trees and making it look nicer and have a campus feel.
- Another part of this project is pedestrian lighting up and down the crosswalks.
- They are working on a lighting solution for the bridge with engineers.
- Hopefully this will be done by next fall.
- They are trying to coordinate with the stadium.
- Hopefully they will start the bidding process for this project soon.
- They are hoping to expand parking on Pine Street.
- They have achieved in getting \$16 million from Washington D.C. and \$4 million from the state of Alabama for the engineering building and the goal is to build a parking deck on top of it.
- They are 99% there on this project and they will be announcing it soon.
- In the spring, there will be a lot of activity with the project.
- The road will not be completely out of use so it should not be a total disruption.
- They told them that if they can add additional parking, they will try to add it, and maybe additional parking at Kilby parking lot.
- In six years, we have gotten over a \$100 million for advancements to the campus.
- He says to let them know if you have any fun ideas to make campus better.
- This renovation fully developed will completely change the aesthetic and make it feel like it is more a part of campus.
- Senator Faulkenberry suggests a ribbon cutting ceremony.
- Mr. Matthew would love for us to help with paint the paws.
- Swearing in of a new senator
 - She is excited to be here and noticed the chambers during SOAR.
 - She is voted in.
 - Chief Justice Kusz swears her in.

VIII. STUDENT FORUM

- There was no student forum present.

IX. OFFICER REPORTS

- President Rhoades
 - She helped with Lion's Lend a Hand.
 - They are still working on the classroom audit.
 - Her and Chief of Staff Thomas had an interview with a communications student about SGA.
 - She met with Sargent Kirby about a new mass communication update.
 - They talked about the Gem Cart's current route due to construction.
 - She met with Cala Filippo along with Senator Hanback about the two student transportation committees.
 - She wants to help us with revamping the shuttle system.
 - Cala Filippo wants to rent a van for international students to go to Walmart and other places like that for food for them since most of them don't have any type of transportation.
 - She is meeting with a student about their engineering project.
 - The student is wanting to have a system to show how many spots have left/been filled.
 - She went to the final planning homecoming committee meeting, and they talked about graphics and marketing for homecoming.
 - She had a meeting with Julie Taylor about commencement and hoping to get more organized thoughts together about meeting with facilities, the registrar's office and UNA PD. They are wanting to give different statistics and concerns about which one may be better.
 - She would love to come talk to senate but wants to find out more information first.
- Vice-President Ballenger
 - She met with Chief of Staff Thomas.
 - She wants to shoutout the Link with the Legislators event and that she got some good information regarding the shuttle.
 - She had a Student Transportation meeting.
 - She encourages everyone to please respond to chairs if they are asking things especially for paper meetings.
 - Chairs will be getting an email about one on ones.
 - DSS passport event is October 8th.
 - They will also be having the Recfest on October 7th.

- She got to help with the Transfer Student Social.
- She spoke to Freshman Forum about the Student Transportation Ad Hoc committee.
- Treasurer Hanback
 - He has been tracking purchases with the p-card.
 - He has been working on the excel sheet.
 - He says to let him know if you have not gotten something delivered.
 - There was almost \$3,000 spent since school started.
 - He wants to shoutout about Freshman Forum Advisor Buford, Freshman Forum Advisor Ebert, Communications Director Mwaura, Pro-Tempore Winston, Chief of Staff Thomas, and Chairwoman Strickland for helping spend the rest of the old budget.
 - He had a bicentennial planning meeting and adding questions to the homecoming ballot.
 - Everyone passed their rules test!
- Secretary Plunkett
 - She has been working on Past Officers' Breakfast.
 - She wants to remind everyone to send agenda additions by 11:59 Tuesday before the next senate meeting.
 - She also wants to remind everyone to send in absences by 11:59 Wednesday before the next senate meeting.
 - She lastly wants to remind everyone to always keeps areas clean and put everything back the way you found it.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Ebert and Buford
 - The delegates led their first meeting.
 - They would love for the delegates to come during senate.
 - They have an event coming soon.
 - They spent the rest of their budget.
- Pro-Tempore Winston
 - She has been working on homecoming.
 - She used the p-card for homecoming items.
 - She had a captain's meeting for homecoming.
 - She got more info for the skit.
 - She has already started on the banner.
 - They are having a small skit meeting after senate.
 - They are trying to get the trailer rented from U-Haul.

- She will hopefully be finishing the banner this week and working on float next week.
- Pride points is paused until spring.
- She had a meeting with Holly Underwood about SGA for food drives and other things like the food pantry.
- Chief of Staff Thomas
 - She wants to thank everyone for helping with Link with the Legislators.
 - She met with Vice President Ballenger about an upcoming event at Arx Mortis for international students.
 - She has been finalizing the email to facilities for the victory flame.
- Historian Holcomb
 - She met with Mr. Matthew about finalizing the newsletter and it has been sent out.
 - The newsletter is on the SGA website.
 - Summary cards are in!
 - She encourages everyone to take summary cards with them if they have events.
 - She is going to hopefully put them out in the student engagement office.
 - She is starting to work on the November newsletter and fall report.
- DIA Byrd
 - Ice Cream Social is now October 21 in the GUC Atrium from 1:30-3:30 PM.
 - She will hopefully be presenting a bill soon.
 - She will be meeting with Presidential Mentors Academy for volunteer work.
- Communications Director Mwaura
 - She had a meeting with Chartwell's to partner with them for the food service committee.
 - She wants people to fill out the dining survey.
 - She wants to shoutout Chairwoman Strait, Chief of Staff Thomas and Chairwoman Strickland for media requests.
 - She is talking to Freshman Forum and their PR committee about an assistant.
 - We are hopefully going to livestream twice a month.

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairman Murray
 - There was no report to present.
- Budget Oversight Chairman McCuiston
 - They had nine requests. Three were approved, two required modifications and four were denied.
 - They are looking at changing the manual.
 - There is a new protocol for Coca-Cola purchases.
 - They are looking at ways to use their new budget and thinking about doing another RSO training event.
 - They are hopefully talking about new rules and protocols soon.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Strait
 - They have had items come in for event.
 - There will be sign ups in open discussion.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman McDonald
 - October 7th is the Florence City Council meeting with the new term.
 - They are seeing changes in the city that affects our school.
 - Senator Lachowicz is writing our food funding bill for the caravan.
 - They will hopefully be spending all \$600 from their line and then some from the miscellaneous line.
 - She had a meeting with Liz Craig, and they will be sending invitations to contacts they have.
 - They went through the supply closet for decorations. All Dreams to Reality speakers have been confirmed.
- Student Welfare Chairwoman Strickland
 - She wants to thank everyone who came to the event.
 - She has a meeting with Mr. Matthew about her new event.
- Philanthropy Chairman Moore
 - Crews and Brews preorders are coming up.
 - He was featured in an interview with the Florala about the fundraiser.
 - He sent the design to the Florala.
 - He is waiting on product photos to start marketing.
 - The Side Hustle Expo has been finalized and it will be on November 4th in the GUC atrium.
 - October 15th Refresh Food Truck is coming.
 - Taco Mama Spirit Night is November 3rd.

- Communications Director Mwaura received an email about getting added on to the shared governance committee.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Student Transportation
 - They met and talked about survey logistics.
 - They have narrowed it down to eight questions for the homecoming ballot.
 - They are trying to hopefully get an incentive to go along with it.
 - They have talked to Dr. Tammy and Mrs. White, and they are planning to meet about getting the shuttle set up on campus groups.
 - They sent over the survey questions to Sargent Kirby.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to present.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- There was no new business to present.

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Homecoming Polling Booth Sign-up sheet
 - People signed up to help with the polling booth.
- UNA PD Mass Communication Update
 - Students get the weather or anything other announcements from UNA PD.
 - They are wanting to create a different app to get announcements out there better.
 - They will have different options of what you would need from UNA PD.
 - It will have a mobile emergency system.
 - It will have different contacts for things on campus.
 - It will allow someone to report a tip to the police.
 - They also have emergency plans if an emergency happens.
 - It's called Rave AppArmor Safety.
 - Some popular features are it has unlimited push notifications and weather notifications.
 - This will hopefully be out and advertised at the beginning of November.
- Internal check-in survey
 - Pro-Tempore Winston wants to check in with everybody.
- Disability Support Services event sign-ups
 - People signed up to help with the event sign ups.

- This will be set up like the Passport to the World event but will be for disabilities.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- He will be reminding everyone soon for family weekend shifts.
- Homecoming elections will be going out next week.
- He will be importing scholarships November 1st.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fall Break – October 3-5th
- Court Voting begins – October 6th
- Court Voting ends – October 8th
- King and Queen Voting begins – October 13th
- King and Queen Voting ends – October 15th
- Homecoming Polling Booth – October 15th
- Homecoming – October 18th
- Past Officers' Breakfast – October 18th

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Historian Holcomb won SGA member of the week!

XIX. PEP

- Pep to Communications Director Mwaura for Freshman Forum headshots!
- Pep to Mia!
- Pep to Freshman Forum Advisors Ebert and Buford as well as the delegates.
- Pep to new Senator Whisnant.
- Pep to the Byrd twins!
- Pep to Homecoming and fall break!
- Pep to Pro-Tempore Winston!
- Pep to Senator McMahan!
- Pep to Chairwoman McDonald!
- Pep to Chairwoman Strickland and Chief of Staff Thomas!
- Pep to Chairman Moore!
- Pep to Freshman Forum member of the week!

XX. ADJOURNMENT