



SGA Senate
Senate Minutes
20 November 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

- Changed the name to agenda and the agenda passed as presented with the amendment.

VI. PASSING OF MINUTES

- The minutes were passed as presented.

VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS

- Mrs. Megan Dye speaking to Senate

- She went over parking for the new Bank Independent Stadium.
- The church close by will not let the university tailgate in their parking lot.
- The parking deck will be for students only.
- 1200 student spots on gamedays.
- Students have to move their cars if they are in lot O and M before gameday.
- Anything that is not marked is free for all.
- There are 254 spots in Appleby lots.
- The staff lots and paid parking will have people who are manning those lots.
- If a car is there before the game that shouldn't be, they will try everything to get in touch with them.
- Shuttles will run on gameday.
- They are hoping for not normal everyday travel to be on Pine Street.

- They are working on a website that will give out all information for parking and ticketing information.
- There will be a work group that starts in early spring.
- They are in talks about shuttle systems for UNA apartments.
- Even though they are 200 parking spots short than how many students there are, they think they have allotted enough spots even with spots that are not accounted for.

VIII. STUDENT FORUM

- There was no student forum present.

IX. OFFICER REPORTS

- President Rhoades
 - She met with Officer Kirby and Senator Hanback also attended.
 - They also met with Officer Gene and Officer White as well.
 - They went over homecoming data.
 - The Gem Cart battery has declined more.
 - They also talked about more ideas for SNAP.
 - She also got to talk with them about SNAP appreciation day that will be on study day because they are open 24 hours that day.
 - There are two open seats for senate.
 - We have two open chair positions.
 - Campus life and athletics will be meeting, and they will present the fall report.
 - She has a Board of Trustees meeting if you would like to come.
- Vice-President Ballenger
 - There are two open general seats.
 - The forms close December 7th.
 - Interviews will be over Teams.
 - Fall reports are done.
 - Chairwoman Strickland had her pass the plate event.
 - December 6th is the international grocery trip and she said to let her know if you would like to help.
 - She asks that everyone please update Teams.
- Treasurer Hanback
 - He has been reviewing the purchases.
 - He has approved the campus groups forms.
 - He will be working on closing out the budget spreadsheet for this semester.
 - They will be launching constitutional compliance.
- Secretary Plunkett

- She has been working on minutes and agendas.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Ebert and Buford
 - She finished the fall report.
 - She said that Pause for Paws event went well.
 - They have one more event coming up.
 - They have their Christmas party coming up.
 - SGA members spoke to Freshman Forum.
- Pro-Tempore Winston
 - Coffee and chat is December 2nd.
 - She has a bill for this.
- Chief of Staff Thomas
 - She is going to call facilities about the victory flame.
 - She has been planning an event for December 1st.
 - She has a bill and sign ups.
 - She has been updating teams.
- Historian Holcomb
 - She presented the newsletter and summary cards.
 - The newsletter will be presented December 1st.
 - She went over the fall report with Mr. Matthew.
- DIA Byrd
 - She is finishing up on her survey.
- Communications Director Mwaura
 - She said she got an email back from student accounts about dining dollar exchange. They said there are a lot more people in that conversation as well.
 - She has gotten CPH responses, and a lot of people are saying mane card access on doors would be best.

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chair
 - Senator Powell did the fall report for the committee.
 - She sent the budget request form for their event.
 - They are working on reading through the Code of Laws to make sure they are abiding by it.
 - They had professor videos posted.
 - They will be picking up the p-card for their event.
- Budget Oversight Chairman McCuiston
 - They had a lot of requests.
 - They will be making some manual changes.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Strait

- They are getting ready for next semester.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman McDonald
 - She sent out the Higher Ed day attendance form.
 - She is filling out the event form.
 - They are doing thank you cards.
 - They attended the Florence city council meeting.
 - She got an email back from her representative she had been trying to contact.
 - She has made the Sam's Club list for Higher Ed Day.
 - The bus has been reserved.
 - Senator Anthony spoke to Freshman Forum about sweatshirts.
 - The mayor is speaking at senate on January 29th.
- Student Welfare Chairwoman Strickland
 - She had the Pass the Plate event.
 - She is working on the event evaluation form.
 - She is hoping to work with President Rhoades on accessibility.
- Philanthropy Chairman Moore
 - His fall report is done.
 - He is starting to do 5K planning.
 - He went over the SGA and Freshman Forum competition.

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- Communications Director Mwaura said the Safe and Emergency Preparedness committee met and they have added video cameras at Nobles and Olive. They are wanting to add cameras at the amphitheater, and they would like SGA feedback.
- Communications Director Mwaura said the National Weather Service came and spoke to them.
- Communications Director Mwaura said there are 800 people that have downloaded lion alert.
- Communications Director Mwaura said she gave them feedback about lion alert.
- President Rhoades said the Shared Governance Executive Committee met and they went over a couple things that will be passed to faculty and staff senate.
- President Rhoades said the Academic Dishonesty committee met.
- Historian Holcomb said that the parking committee had appeals and want to do one more meeting.
- Pro-Tempore Winston said her committee was supposed to vote on a vice president.

- Vice President Ballenger said that the ASA will have a chair soon.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Student Transportation
 - They talked about the Gem cart and SNAP appreciation day.
 - They talked to the three officers in the UNA PD office, and they are helping with marketing materials.
 - They are hoping to submit a graphic request about all resources that UNA PD has to offer.
 - They have the signage process started.
 - They are in the works of a marketing video.
- Constitutional compliance
 - They are meeting after senate.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business presented.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- Bill 25-29: Refinement of Proposed Legislation Bill
 - Senator Vezina says it's a great bill and has necessary clarification.
 - Chief of Staff Thomas asks if she could present bills since she is not a voting member which can be an issue for funding bills for events.
 - Senator Huffman says that if you are presenting for other people you need to know as much relevant information as possible. The author can add to it during debate.
 - Senator Anthony says it may not be the best to do this.
 - Treasurer Hanback defines what the meaning of a sponsor is when it comes to bill writing and presenting.
 - Senator Sharma asks what the timeline would be for an author who cannot present, and the author explains that it is up to the discretion of the author and sponsor.
 - Freshman Forum Advisor Buford asks if she can present since she is on exec but is a legislator. The author says she can present.
 - Chairman Moore says it's not restricting to the executive branch. It is more of a check and balance system.
 - The bill passes.
- Bill 25-30: Discrepancies Between Secretary and Court Clerk Bill

- Senator Looney asks if this would affect the role as secretary. The author says it would just change it in the Code of Laws. The secretary currently does not do this.
- The bill passes.
- Bill 25-31: Snaps for SNAP Funding Bill
 - Treasurer Hanback provides an update to the miscellaneous line.
 - President Rhoades says it's a great bill to appreciate the SNAP drivers and workers.
 - The bill passes.
- Bill 25-32: UNA SGA Take What You Need Bill
 - There was no debate on this bill.
 - The bill passes.
- Bill 25-33: Coffee and Chat Funding Bill
 - There was no debate on this bill.
 - The bill passes.

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Higher Education Day Signs
 - Everybody loved the signs for Higher Ed day.
- Take What You Need Sign Ups
 - People signed up for this event.
- Social chair from Freshman Forum is going to talk about SGA and Freshman forum bonding event that will be like a semi formal.
- People would like quarter zip merch for Higher Ed Day, but SGA would not pay for it.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- He says congrats on a great semester.
- He will be here next week if you need him.
- He says that December 13-21st Student Engagement is open, but he will be here.
- He says great job to Meadow and Legislative Affairs for Dreams to Reality.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Christmas Candy Grams with DSS – December 2nd
- Take What You Need Event – December 3rd
- Cocoa and Crams – December 4th
- Digital Ambassador Applications Open December 12th
- Christmas tree lighting November 23rd.
- Passport to the world is today.

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Senator McMahan won SGA member of the week!

XIX. PEP

- Pep to everyone who wrote bills!
- Pep to Senator McMahan!
- Pep to Freshman Forum Advisor Ebert!
- Pep to Mr. Matthew!
- Pep to Chief of Staff Thomas!
- Pep to everyone!
- Pep to Treasurer Hanback!
- Pep to Mia!
- Pep to chairs!

XX. ADJOURNMENT