



SGA Senate
Senate Minutes
9 January 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM.
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. PASSING OF AGENDA
 - There was a motion to amend the agenda.
 - The agenda passed as amended.
- VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
 - The minutes passed as presented.
- VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
 - Voting In of Senators
 - The candidates for the general senator seats introduced themselves to the Senate.
 - All three candidates were approved by the Senate. They are now our newly appointed senators for the spring semester. Congratulations!
 - Voting In of New Chairs
 - There were two chair positions that have opened within the Senate. Interviews for these positions took place over the winter.
 - Senator Winston presented her plans for her chair position and was appointed by the Senate to the Academic Affairs chair position. Congratulations!
 - Senator Thomas presented her plans for the Student Welfare committee and was appointed by the Senate to the Student Welfare committee chair position. Congratulations!
- VIII. STUDENT FORUM
 - The students did not have anything they would like to say.
- IX. OFFICER REPORTS
 - President Mardis
 - She welcomes everybody back to Senate! She hopes everyone has had a wonderful break.
 - She is proud of the progress that has been made with the parking memorandum.
 - Registration has opened for the SGA 5K that is happening in the spring! Please encourage everyone you know to sign up.
 - She would like for everyone to attend the 5K, and it may count as a mandatory absence if missed.
 - She went to the Board of Trustees meeting before school was let out for break.
 - There are now five different concentrations within the engineering department in which students can choose to study! This is very exciting news.
 - We will be doing executive council one-on-one meetings earlier in the semester before midterms and finals.
 - We had 10 applicants for the general seats that applied over the break. We do not plan to fill any more general seats during this semester.
 - Make sure that you are here to represent the students by voicing your opinions during Senate. Try to be at the meeting the entire time!
 - Vice-President McGinnis
 - She is excited to see everyone back! Please be safe during the weather.
 - She worked with Dasha and coordinated an international shopping event over the break.
 - They ended up visiting 5 different international markets in Huntsville.
 - We heard a lot of great feedback from this event! We will try to do more events like this in the future.
 - She has been working on coordinating plans for the fall Senate retreat next semester. The new dates will be from August 15 – 17, and this will be located at Earle Trent.
 - She has been working on some ideas for some partnering events with Student Counseling Services.
 - She held a chairs training over the break so that all the chairs could start off of the right foot this semester!
 - Make sure you are checking all your messages and communicating thoroughly with your committees.
 - Chairs will be meeting at 5:30 on Wednesdays this semester.
 - Treasurer Batchelor

- She would like to say congratulations to all our new senators!
- She emailed everyone the new expense report from November and December.
- A Taco Mama Spirit Night has been confirmed for March 10th.
- She is working on getting the normal food trucks confirmed every month.
- Please reach out to everyone and encourage them to purchase items from the Tee & Tote Fundraiser!
- She wants to shoutout everyone for their hard work over the break!
- Secretary Kusz
 - She welcomes everyone back and reminds everyone that their absences and tardies from last semester do not carry over into this semester.
 - She is working on plans for inauguration that she plans to present to the Senate as soon as possible.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Anthony & Ballenger
 - They had their first Freshman Forum meeting of the semester yesterday.
 - They would like to another internal event with SGA, and a service event.
 - Omarie from UPC came to speak to them yesterday about Step Sing.
- Pro-Tempore Fitz
 - She is working on planning a welcome back winter retreat for this new semester.
 - If you have any feedback from any previous events, she would love to hear from you!
- Chief of Staff Britton
 - Thank you to everyone that worked the FDOC tables yesterday!
 - If you have any feedback from this event, please be sure to email her!
- Historian Plunkett
 - She has been working on a sponsorship packet form for the SGA 5K.
- DIA Saunders
 - No report.
- Communications Director Sommer
 - She has been working on organizing all of her files into Teams.
 - She has mainly been working on graphics for the SGA 5K and elections coming up in the spring.

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Budget Oversight Chairman Cantrell
 - They are having an allocations training coming up!
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Rhoades
 - She welcomes all our new senators!
 - She helped Core 4 with the general seat interviews that took place over the break.
 - All the elections information will be posted on the SGA website.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman Hamilton
 - Senator Vezina is going to send out a link for the new senators to sign up for Higher Education Day. If you have not signed up yet, please do so as soon as possible!

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- The Safety and Emergency Preparedness committee rescheduled their December meeting. They have changed their January meeting to the 15th.
- The Parking committee will be having a Teams meeting sometime next week.
- Vice-President McGinnis explained the concept of shared governance committees to our new senators.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- SGA 5k
 - Senator Hanback reached out to Five Star recently and has been coordinating the event with them.
 - Florence PD is processing our requests to put the 5K on.
 - We will have individual winners and winners for RSOs!
 - Shoutout to Historian Plunkett for helping coordinating sponsors for the event!
 - Treasurer Batchelor has been coordinating food trucks to also be at this event.
- Parking
 - Thank you to everyone who has been serving on this Parking Ad Hoc committee!
 - They have put a lot of work into the parking memorandum. This memorandum highlights the issue that students, faculty, and staff have seen with parking on our campus.
 - We have presented his data to President Kitts. Core 4 will be meeting with President Kitts at the end of this month.
 - The committee believes that building a parking deck in Lot O would be a good solution to the parking issue.
 - Shoutout to everyone who has been serving on this committee and contributing their efforts to make this progress happen. President Mardis is proud of everyone's hard work!
- Constitutional Compliance
 - We need to make constitutional changes and have them voted on by the student body during Senate spring elections. President Mardis would like to create a committee to look over the governing documents before elections begin!
 - President Mardis will make a group message for this committee! Be diligent and make sure you check your notifications!

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to be presented.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- Swearing In of Senators
 - Chief Justice Callahan is here to swear in our new senators!
 - Our new senators were all sworn in. Congratulations!

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Chairwoman Thomas asks if the new senators know their committee placements.
- Vice-President McGinnis announced the new committee compositions. Congratulations to everyone!
- President Mardis says that she can do a new senator orientation for anyone who is feeling confused at the beginning of this semester.
- Pro-Tempore Fitz asks if we can have our winter retreat on January 24th from 7 – 10 PM.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Matthew was not able to be here with us today because he is currently sick.
- He says welcome back to school everyone! Be safe in the upcoming weather.
- The elections column has been updated on the UNA SGA website.
- Dr. Tammy introduced herself to the new senators that were just elected.
- UNA will be running a shuttle Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during the inclement weather.
- Founders Day will now be this Monday due to the inclement weather coming in on Friday. She encourages everyone to come out to this event! They will be spotlighting the social work program and the UNA Band.
- She would love to have some volunteers willing to help her set up at this event!

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Speaker Jim Page at Senate – January 30
- Tee & Tote Fundraiser Preorders – January 31
- Higher Education Day – February 20
- CLEG – March 6 - 8

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

XIX. PEP

- Pep to President Mardis!
- Pep to Core 4!
- Pep to our new senators!
- Pep to the SGA 5K committee!
- Pep to our new chairs!
- Pep to Miss UNA!
- Pep to DIA Saunders!
- Pep to Student Forum!
- Pep to the Parking committee!

XX. ADJOURNMENT