SGA Senate

Senate Minutes

7 November 2024

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 were passed as presented.

VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
- Liz Craig with the Higher Education Partnership
  - She came to speak to us today about the Dreams to Reality Legislative Mixer coming up.
  - She commends Chairwoman Hamilton and the Legislative Affairs committee for all their hard work.
  - She encourages everyone to do their research on the important city council members, legislators, and administration that will be present at this mixer.
  - She encourages everyone to make sure they get the chance to speak to everyone at this mixer.
  - She cannot wait for Higher Education Day, and congratulates everyone on the hard work they have been putting into SGA so far this semester at UNA.

VIII. STUDENT FORUM
- The students present did not have anything they would like to say.

IX. OFFICER REPORTS
- President Mardis
  - She encourages everyone to finish out the semester strong, because after this Senate meeting there is only one left for this semester.
  - We did make progress with opening Lot M to the students. However, they did not give us a specific date on when this lot will be open, so we are waiting on advertising for this.
  - She has been having one-on-one meetings with the executive council.
  - Please let her know if you would like to attend the Collegiate Legislature Conference in March!
- Vice-President McGinnis
  - She has been working on selecting a retreat location for next year. She is drafting an email to HRL for early move-in for the Senate in case we need to adjust the dates.
  - She met with some of the chairs for their one-on-one meetings.
  - She is helping with the Dreams to Reality mixer happening next week. She is working on a running slideshow that will be playing during the event.
  - SAAC President Beth Ann Tucker reached out to her about their partnership with the SGA 5k. We will hopefully get SAAC fully involved in this event.
  - Please continue to be working on your end of semester reports.
  - She made our mid-year surveys, so please make sure to fill those out!
- Treasurer Batchelor
  - Senator Joyner and Secretary Kusz helped her prep and set out the frames for Nashville Hot, and President Mardis and Dasha helped clean them up. She wants to give a massive thank you to them!
  - The food truck sold 81 plates of chicken and raised money for student counseling services.
  - She met with the Freshman Forum Public Relations Chairwoman and Vice-President McGinnis to go over the designs for the tee-and-tote fundraiser.
  - She reached out to Cheez Tah Chicks for an end of January food truck date, and Smashed for the end of February. She is just waiting to her back from them.
  - She would like to get a group together to eat at VooDoo Wings on Monday, November 18. She has posted about the event and has the event put up on CampusGroups.
- Secretary Kusz

- She has begun looking at files and ideas for inauguration coming up in the spring.
- She will be working on capitalization errors and grammatical changes to the Code of Laws for the remainder of the academic year.
- Please be sure to email any bills or items you would like added to the agenda no later than 5 PM on Tuesdays, or 8 AM on Wednesdays at the absolute latest.

- Freshman Forum Advisors Anthony & Ballenger
  - The Freshman Forum Leadership Conference is November 22 from 3 – 5 PM.
  - The Social Committee is working on a Movie Night.
  - The Student Welfare Committee is working on a Pumpkin Affirmations table in the Olive lobby.
  - The Service Committee is going to be writing cards for the Florence nursing home.
- Pro-Tempore Fitz
  - The Friendsgiving internal bonding event will be taking place after the Dreams to Reality mixer next week!
  - Please come! She will have lots of food, drinks, desserts, and crafts for everyone to make!
- Chief of Staff Britton
  - She is currently working on a potential event for the FDOC in the spring.
  - She is continuing to reevaluate her plans for the alma mater and what her next best step is going forward.
- Historian Plunkett
  - She is preparing for the annual fall report coming up in a couple of weeks.
- DIA Saunders
  - He is looking forward to receiving feedback from the SGA RSO Outreach Initiative soon.
- Communications Director Sommer
  - She met with Senator Joyner, Senator Hanback, and Senator Mwuara concerning 5K graphics, and she is working on a post for the event that will be up soon.
  - She met with Treasurer Batchelor and Freshman Forum Advisor Ballenger to set t-shirt/sweatshirt/tote bag deadlines.
  - She met with Freshman Forum yesterday to check in with the Public Relations committee.

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairman Hester
  - Their committee is currently looking at ways to finish out the semester strong.
- Budget Oversight Chairman Cantrell
  - Their committee has been reviewing the current allocations manual.
  - Their committee will be presenting proposed changes to the allocations manual in new business.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Rhoades
  - Their committee has been working on the elections timeline for the spring.
  - We will be having an SGA interest meeting in the fall this year – this will take place on November 19.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman Hamilton
  - They are continuing to write the end-of-the-semester report.
  - They are beginning preparations for Higher Education Day.
  - They are also working on finalizing plans for the Dreams to Reality mixer with legislators.
  - Their committee encourages everyone to socialize with the legislators present at the mixer next week and to get to know them! These will be some of the people you will meet again at Higher Education Day.
- Student Welfare Chairman Holcombe
  - Their committee is looking at potentially doing a finals event to finish out the semester.
  - They are beginning preparations for the spring.

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- There were no articles of shared governance.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- SGA 5K
  - They have reviewed graphics and media ideas.
  - Senator Joyner had a brief meeting with Matthew about sponsorships for the 5K.
  - She is currently in progress working on getting the timing figured out, as well as getting in touch with the police department.
  - They are also currently in the process of getting the timing company there for the event.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to be presented.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- Allocations Manual Presentation
  - Chairman Cantrell is presenting the proposed changes to the allocations manual.
  - The majority of the changes he is presenting today are technical errors that needed to be fixed.
  - They have changed the allocations manual to where members of the Budget Oversight committee are now able to attend events for student organizations that were previously allocated for.

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- There were no articles of open discussion to be presented.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- He encourages everyone to finish out the semester strong!

- He reminds everyone to be taking care of themselves as the semester wraps up and finals are approaching. He reminds everyone about the importance of mental health.
- He tells the Senate about some upcoming events that are happening soon.
- He encourages the Senate to leave SGA better than it was found.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 11/12 – Nashville Hot (10:30 AM – 2 PM)
- 11/18 – Voodoo Wings Spirit Night (5 – 9 PM)
- 11/21 – Speaker Jim Page (Senate Meeting)

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Our SGA member of the week this week is Historian Plunkett and Senator Hanback!

XIX. PEP

- Pep to the Legislative Affairs committee!
- Pep to President Mardis!
- Pep to Freshman Forum!
- Pep to Student Forum!
- Pep to the Dreams to Reality mixer coming up!
- Pep to Pro-Tempore Fitz and Friendsgiving!
- Pep to Senator Joyner!
- Pep to Senator Hanback!

XX. ADJOURNMENT