



SGA Senate
Senate Minutes
21 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

- Voting In of New Senators
 - We are voting in two new senators today! We had general applications open, and the Elections and Recruitment committee narrowed these applications down.
 - The two new senators introduced themselves and were voted in. Congratulations to our two new senators!
- Tee and Tote Fundraiser

VIII. STUDENT FORUM

- Mallory Ebert comes to the Senate floor to present a policy change for parking.
- She has some suggestions she would like to make, and she thanks the Senate for allowing students to come speak to them.
- She brings forth her ideas regarding the parking committee and parking appeals.
- She feels as if the parking regulations should be more flexible and lenient in lieu of the construction and weather conditions that are currently taking place this semester.
- She has received a lot of tickets this semester. She submits her appeals, but there is an automated messaging system that automatically denies her appeals.
- She believes that the Police Department does not utilize the warning system that should otherwise currently be in place.
- If you are appealing a ticket, you are basically disagreeing with the parking regulations. She believes that UNA should be stricter with parking regulations and the way in which these regulations are being upheld.
- She thanks the Senate for opening Lot M to students. She asks the Senate if SNAP can find alternate routes to transport students from place to place at night, since their current routes are currently undriveable due to construction.
- President Mardis thanks Mallory for bringing up these issues to the Senate. The Senate currently has two representatives on the parking committee that can address these issues to this committee.
- Chief of Staff Britton informs the Senate that warnings are used, but she believes that the system is flawed. She informs the Senate that the appeal process is in place in case a situation arises where a student believes they should not have received a ticket.

IX. OFFICER REPORTS

- President Mardis
 - She is really proud of everyone and all the hard work they have put into this semester!
 - We have a rollover of the student activity fund this year. What we do with these funds, according to the Code of Laws, is decided by herself, Vice-President McGinnis, and Chairman Cantrell.
 - We are going to be donating \$2,500 to Student Counseling Services.
 - We are going to be allocating \$2,500 to international student support. We would like to host 5 events, and use \$500 for each event that is hosted.
 - We are setting aside \$25,000 for a parking account. We will have money here that is sitting and growing that will help fix this parking issue for students.
 - We are planning to leave the rest of the money untouched for the rest of the year.
 - We will have two more senator positions that are opening up over winter break. Please let anyone who is interested know that there are vacant seats opening up!
- Vice-President McGinnis
 - She loves seeing everyone in their festive outfits today!
 - This week, she met with some of the chairs for their one-on-one meetings. She is so proud of all of the chairs for their hard work, and for leading their committees this semester!

- Please share your end-of-the-semester reports with Secretary Kusz by 6 tonight.
- Due to the construction of Lagrange, we are revitalizing the originally planned SGA 5k.
- She shared the mid-year survey in the GroupMe. Please do it right now!
- Please make sure you are listening to everyone when they speak in Senate. Be respectful and be mindful!
- She hopes everyone does well on their finals and has a great winter break!
- Treasurer Batchelor
 - Thanks to everyone for listening to her presenting the fundraiser this semester.
 - She has been helping with the edits on the fall report.
 - We raised \$99.51 from the Nashville Hot food truck.
- Secretary Kusz
 - She will be starting preparations for inauguration in the spring.
 - She thanks everyone for a wonderful semester!
 - She reminds everyone that absences do not roll over into the spring semester from fall. Absences will be refreshed starting in January.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Anthony & Ballenger
 - Freshman Forum had their last meeting of the semester yesterday.
 - The Leadership Conference is tomorrow from 3-5 PM in the chambers.
 - The service committee wrote Christmas cards for Mitchell Hollingsworth, a nursing home right next to campus.
 - The student welfare committee is having a grateful pumpkins event in Olive Hall.
 - The outreach and philanthropy committee is selling finals candygrams for student counseling services.
 - The social committee is planning a Christmas party for December 4th.
 - Shoutout to all the delegates that are here today!
- Pro-Tempore Fitz
 - Thank you all for coming to the Friendsgiving event last Thursday!
 - We are going to have an internal bonding event in January.
- Chief of Staff Britton
 - She will be presenting FDOC table sign-ups in new business.
 - If you are currently a chair, please be on the lookout for a message from her.
 - The alma mater resolution planning for right now will mainly be focusing on laying the groundwork. She would like to get a resolution on President Kitts's desk before spring break next semester.
 - Mane Market has improved exponentially in dining visibility and marking updates. They are also having a fundraiser for the Colbert County Animal Shelter.
- Historian Plunkett
 - She has been working on the fall report, that will be presented in new business.
 - She wants to get everyone's feedback on the fall report!
- DIA Saunders
 - He has started receiving feedback from the RSO Outreach Initiative.
 - The entire premise of this initiative is to build relationships and provide information to student organizations that will ultimately make this campus a better place.
 - He encourages any and all SGA members moving forward to sign up and be a part of this initiative, as it greatly benefits the students.
 - He is awaiting other reports from other RSOs who have had senators attend their meetings.
 - He is looking at scheduling a training course for the executive council early on in the spring semester.
- Communications Director Sommer
 - She has been finishing up graphics to finish out the semester.
 - Over the break, she will be working on the graphics for the SGA 5k happening in the spring.
 - If you need anything over the break, be sure to text her!

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairman Hester
 - Their committee hosted a table today from 11-1 to find out more about tutoring options available to them.
 - On December 4, from 2-4, their committee will be handing out hot chocolate and goodie bags for finals.
- Budget Oversight Chairman Cantrell
 - No report.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Rhoades
 - Last week, she met with Matthew to redo the SGA website, create the elections timeline, and create the new senate apportionment for this year.
 - The interest meeting for this semester took place on Tuesday. It went really well!
 - Thanks to everyone for showing up at the interest meeting and showing your support.
 - Her committee made cards for everyone, because elections was a huge job. Without everyone, elections would not be possible!
 - She has had a great semester, and she is looking forward to next semester!
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman Hamilton
 - They just submitted their end-of-the-semester report.
 - They will be presenting the slideshow for Higher Education Day in new business.

- They went to the City Council meeting this week, and they are tearing down the old parking deck downtown.
- The Florence Christmas tree lighting is next Sunday at 5 PM on South Court Street.
- Student Welfare Chairman Holcombe
 - They turned in their end-of-the-semester report this morning.
 - They are partnering with Academic Affairs for the finals event with hot chocolate and goodie bags.

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- The Safety and Emergency Preparedness committee met yesterday. SGEC has created a form to make sure that the shared governance committees are currently meeting their charge. There were six fire drills on November 6. Out of six fire drills, four building coordinators did not know where to tell people to go. There will be another training course taking place for these coordinators.
 - There were strobe lights put into deaf professors' offices, because these strobe lights would tell them when a fire alarm is currently going off.
 - Please spread the word that another fire drill will be taking place on December 2.
- The Parking committee took a tour of the parking lots at 8 AM. They concluded that there is plenty of parking at 8 AM on Wednesdays.
- The Live Lions committee met again. President Kitts and the Board of Trustees are against asking students to pay for additional fees associated with getting more live lions on campus.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Parking
 - The committee met Monday to draft a parking referendum that consists of all the research that has been conducted over the course of the semester.
 - They have another session scheduled for the following Monday night. She will send the finalized memo before December 6.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- There is no old business to be presented.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- Elections Manual & Senator Apportionment
 - Chairwoman Rhoades will be presenting the important dates and senator apportionment for the upcoming SGA elections coming up in the spring.
 - Senator Gilliland asks why the Declaration of Candidacy closes the day before the Mandatory Candidate Meeting.
 - It allows us to check grades and make sure that candidates meet the mandatory requirements.
 - The College of Business has lost a seat, and the College of Nursing has gained a seat.
 - Pro-Tempore Fitz asks if the reapportionment was due to college sizes, or if it just simply made more sense.
 - Matthew says that they calculated the math, and this reapportionment made more sense.
 - The Senate moves to go into a vote for the passing of the elections timeline. The timeline is passed as presented.
 - The Senate moves to go into a vote for the reapportionment for elections. The reapportionment is passed as presented.
- Presentation of the Fall Report
 - Historian Plunkett is presenting the 2024 Senate Fall Report.
 - Everyone thinks she did an excellent job creating it this semester!
- Bill 24-22: Budget Oversight Composition Act
 - Senator Hanback is presenting this bill to the Senate floor.
 - He is rewording 604.1 of the Code of Laws, that states the composition of the Budget Oversight committee.
 - Chairwoman Hamilton thinks this is a great idea and urges the Senate to vote for this bill.
 - Chairwoman Hamilton motions to pass this bill as presented. The Senate passes this bill as presented.
- FDOC Tables & Shift Sign-Ups
 - This event will take place on January 8, 2025. This was a welcome back event that Chief of Staff Britton helped host last year in place of the Lucky Dip that takes place during the fall semester.
 - The tables consist of a food item, SGA stickers, feedback cards, and flyers for each committee and the executive council.
 - The tables are right inside the entrances of Keller, Buford, Cramer Way, Wesley, and outside of the Stone Lodge. There will not be one in Flowers Hall this year due to very small foot traffic last year.
 - These tables will be from 9-12, and we need 2-3 people always working at each table.
 - For this event, we will have to purchase plastic tablecloths, the food item we decide on, and flyers.
- Winter Break Chair Interviews
 - If you are interested in being a chair for a chair position that is vacant, please sign up for an interview!
 - This is only available for senators, and not for anybody that is currently serving on the executive council.
- Higher Education Day 2025 Presentation
 - Chairwoman Hamilton and Senator Gilliland will be presenting the Higher Education Day 2025 presentation.
 - This is a way for us to connect with local and state legislators.
 - Higher Education Day will be on February 20, 2025.
 - There is a parade. We get to march around with our signs and banners!
 - Everyone needs to sign up for this! This is a mandatory event. There will be a limited capacity for Freshman Forum to be able to attend as well.

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- West Hawthorne Safety Concerns

- President Mardis will be presenting safety concerns to the city council members who were present at the Dreams to Reality mixer last Thursday.
- A motion was made to move out of open discussion. The motion was heard and properly seconded.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- He reminds everyone that SGA runs until 5:30 on Thursday. We do not have to rush through things, so make sure that you are adhering to the correct timeline that you committed to.
- We already have a lot of allocations in the works for next semester.
- Thank you to everyone who has been participating in the RSO Outreach Initiative!
- All of the spaces have been properly booked for elections and for inauguration in the spring.
- The Flor-Ala wrote an article for disability visibility. We need to make a point to offer our input on this matter.
- If you had a chance to go to the Celebrating Camelot event on Monday, the City of Florence presented a proclamation to make November 18 the official Leo and Una Day!
- If anyone is interested in the Angel Tree, there are 5 angels left in the Student Engagement Center!
- He thanks everyone for a great fall semester!
- Dr. Tammy encourages everyone to run for the SGA officer positions. Give the students choices to vote!
- Dr. Tammy will give everyone who would like to run feedback for running for an officer position going forward into next year.
- Lions Lend-a-Hand is confirmed for January 7. If you are at all interested in this, RSVP in CampusGroups.
- Passport to the World started at 5. Go check it out!

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- FDOC College Outreach Event – January 8
- Speaker Jim Page at Senate – January 30

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Our SGA member of the week is Senator Joyner!

XIX. PEP

- Pep to everyone for a great semester!
- Pep to Mallory for Student Forum!
- Pep to Chairwoman Rhoades for the timeline!
- Pep to the new senators!
- Pep to Chief of Staff Britton!
- Pep to Senator Gilliland!
- Pep to Historian Plunkett!
- Pep to President Mardis!
- Pep to everyone for the end-of-the-semester reports!
- Pep to Secretary Kusz!

XX. ADJOURNMENT