



SGA Senate
Senate Agenda
22 January 2026

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

- Dr. Tammy Jacques speaking to senate
 - They are here to give a weather update.
 - The update is expecting to come in about midnight on Friday and still come in til Sunday.
 - Make sure to keep everything is charged.
 - Chartwells will be staying on site and facilities will be staying too.
 - Housing has been coordinating with residents about who will be staying.
 - The rec center is also on a generator, and they will have cots.
 - Appleby and Lafayette and they are opening a special mobile app for them, so they do not have to travel to go get food.
 - We have gotten an email about the operation status.
 - They are working with the weather service and what they are saying.
 - There is a lion connect app that your parents can join to get more information about campus.
 - Residents got text messages about if they are staying on campus this weekend or not.
 - For the parking deck it should be better to park in it.

- Susan Greer who is over Chartwells says they will have windows of time where they are going to deliver food from mane market.
- They encourage us stay alert and be prepared.
- UNA PD will be here the whole time.
- SNAP will not be running during the bad weather.

VIII. STUDENT FORUM

- There were no student present in student forum.

IX. OFFICER REPORTS

- President Rhoades
 - She has gotten most one on ones done.
 - She met with Mr. Matthew before her meeting with Kendra White about different questions she has not thought of for the classroom audit.
 - They just got a new system for work orders back in 2024. She has some data but not a lot due to the new system.
 - For the classroom audit she would like the work orders to be sent by room.
 - Kendra agrees with the classroom tables that need to change.
 - She met with Senator Anthony and Chairwoman McDonald about possibly making an ad hoc committee for the alma mater.
 - They have decided to create an ad hoc committee for this and to gather more information to create a resolution to change the alma mater.
 - Be mindful of the weather and check in with everyone and if you need something contact UNA PD.
- Vice-President Ballenger
 - She has a couple of meeting coming up.
 - Meeting with Juliana and she is the president of AMMI.
 - She wants to partner with us about doing a mental health event.
 - She will have the retreat location booked for next fall.
 - She will have chair one on one's next week.
 - DSS reached out to her about a partnership for an event in March and maybe April.
- Treasurer Hanback
 - There was only one senate purchase this week and it was for Trowbridge's.
 - He met with President Rhoades
 - He met with Sergeant Kirby about the 5K route.
 - UNA PD wants to help in any way that they can.

- During the executive council meeting they decided what we were going to do with helping students. We got weekend winter weather supplies to help with the weekend weather.
- Secretary Plunkett
 - She has been doing her regular secretary duties.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Ebert and Buford
 - They have filled the chair position.
 - They have been working with Pro-Tempore Winston about an event.
- Pro-Tempore Winston
 - She is still planning for the Valentine's mixer.
 - She was able to talk to the social chair from Freshman Forum about planning an event with them.
 - She was able to email a couple of faculty and staff about pride points.
 - She has been reaching out to different organizations on campus such as SOTA and Student Counseling Services.
 - She is trying to figure out the prize for Pride Points.
- Chief of Staff Thomas
 - She will be doing sign-ups for the Take What You Need event.
 - She talked to international student about how to better serve them and to create different events for them.
 - She had her one on one with President Rhoades.
 - She has sent an email to athletics about the Victory Flame.
- Historian Holcomb
 - She is hoping to present the newsletter and summary cards next week.
 - She had her one on one with President Rhoades.
- DIA Byrd
 - Dr. Ellis will be speaking February 5th.
 - She is having a meeting with Dr. Bishop soon.
- Communications Director Mwaura
 - The SGA 5K flyer is done with help from Secretary Plunkett.
 - She had eight media requests pending.
 - Historian Holcomb has been helping her with that.
 - She will be meeting with CPH executive council next week.
 - She says the food drive will still be in February.
 - Headshots for the new senators will be January 29th.
 - She had her one on one with President Rhoades.

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairwoman McMahan
 - They have been discussing goals, initiatives and Code of Laws changes.
 - She had people vote on a name for their initiative.
 - They met with the Student Success Center to help with their initiative.
 - Their initiative will start February 1st.
 - Her committee will start to write bills for the Code of Laws.
- Budget Oversight Chairman McCuiston
 - They met and they had eleven requests. There were six approved, three required modifications and two were denied.
 - The allocations deadline is the end of March or start of April, and then summer will start.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Vezina
 - She has sent a lot of emailing and graphic requests forms.
 - She is speaking to freshman forum on the 28th.
 - February 4th will be their future senators tabling event.
 - In the evening of February 4th, they will be having their campaign interest meeting.
 - She met with Becca Bush to advertise during Step Sing and Miss UNA.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman McDonald
 - She had each committee to send a goal for the semester.
 - She reached out to Representative Collins about coming to speak.
 - She went to the Florence City Council meeting.
 - She has a bill that she will be presenting.
- Student Welfare Chairwoman Strickland
 - They figured out two dates for their wheelchair walking on campus to help with accessibility.
 - She had a sign-up sheet.
- Philanthropy Chairwoman Gaertner
 - They are contacting Florence PD.
 - They are purchasing the Crews and Brews
 - She is meeting with Vice President Ballenger and Mr. Matthew.
 - April 13th is the Spirit Night at Taco Mama
 - She went over a power point for the 5K presentation for FSL sororities and fraternities.

- President Rhoades says it's a great power point presentation.
- Senator Anthony suggests having a costume contest.
- Chairwoman Gaertner says she is getting a quote for capes that will go in runner bags.
- Vice President Ballenger suggests adding another slide for talking more about the different races.

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- President Rhoades had the shared governance executive committee meeting, and they went over the shared governance policy that they will be presenting to President Kitts. It regards mainly training and a signed paper that will promise to give your best and be in attendance for all shared governance committee meetings. They also went over different interim policies. They also talked about going over all the chargers for the different committees.
- Secretary Plunkett attended the academic honesty committee, and they talked about the faculty listening session on what the faculty would like to change in the academic honesty policy.
- Communications Director Mwaura attended the safety and emergency preparedness committee, and they talked about the weather and different safety cameras. She thinks it would be great to create a resolution for all of the behind-the-scenes information being shared.
- Chairwoman McDonald attended the undergraduate readmissions meeting.
- Vice President Ballenger said that the ACA meeting did not meet due to lack of business.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Constitutional compliance
 - They met last week, and they already have three different bills that are coming out.
 - Communications Director Mwaura says she has been sending out emails about the committee.
- Alma Mater formation
 - Chairwoman McDonald and Senator Anthony will be the cochairs for the alma mater ad hoc committee.
 - They will be looking at changing the verbiage of the alma mater and making it more UNA focused.
 - They asked who would be interested.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business presented.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- Bill 26-03: Scholarship and Salary Clarification Act
 - Chairwoman McDonald went over the bill.
 - Senator Moore says there should be clarification of the fall and spring semester since they only get paid during fall and spring.
 - There was an amendment to adding a 404.3.10, and the amendment was not accepted.
 - There was a motion to table this bill and it was tabled.
- Bill 26-04: No Exec for Exec Act
 - Freshman Forum Advisor Buford explains that the executive chair from this year and last year did not find it beneficial to be at executive council meetings.
 - Vice President Ballenger agrees with this bill.
 - Senator Anthony thinks this is a great bill and has past experience with the information of this bill.
 - President Rhoades says it's a great bill.
 - The bill passes.
- Bill 26-05: One is a Must Act
 - This is to be in compliance with the Code of Laws that one Freshman Forum Advisor must be at attendance of executive council meetings.
 - Freshman Forum Advisor Ebert says that it is a great bill, and we have to pass it to be in compliance.

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Goals for SGA reviewal
 - President Rhoades went over the goals and areas that as a senate we decided on at retreat.
- Take What You Need Event bag making sign ups
 - People signed up for bag making for the Take What You Need event.
- Take What You Need Event sign ups
 - People signed up for this event.
- Future Senators Tabling event sign ups
 - People signed up for this event.
- SGA Interest Form
 - If you are interested in any core four or extended exec or a chair position, please fill out the form.
- 5K route
 - She went over the 5K route and is open to suggestions.

- Senator Faulkenberry would like to help run it if she needs to.
- President Rhoades says that Dr. Tammy has talked to the First Lady, and she says it needs to start at 6 PM and she will need people to work it.
- There will be more discussion on this soon.
- For allocations, the deadline is March 6th for this semester.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- He says be safe this weekend.
- Buckle down on academics.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Headshots for new senators – January 29th
- Mayor Ron Tyler speaking to senate – January 29th
- Step Sing – January 29-31st
- Sponsorship Day – January 31st
- Future Senators Tabling event – February 4th
- Campaign Interest meeting – February 4th
- Miss UNA – February 7th
- Take What You Need event – February 5th
- Dr. Ellis speaking to senate – February 5th
- Higher Education Day – February 19th

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Ian McCuistion won SGA member of the week!

XIX. PEP

- Pep to everyone at senate!
- Pep to bills!
- Pep to grocery Stores!
- Pep to Freshman Forum Advisor Buford for bills!
- Pep to Chairwoman McDonald!
- Pep to Senator Anthony!
- Pep to Chairwoman Gaertner!
- Pep to Freshman Forum Advisor Ebert!
- Pep to core four and extended exec!

XX. ADJOURNMENT