



SGA Senate
Senate Minutes
6 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
 - The agenda was passed with the amendment to add Constitutional Compliance to the ad hoc committee section.
- VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
 - The minutes were passed as presented.
- VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
 - Mr. Bishop Alexander speaking to Senate
 - He works at the alumni building.
 - He is also over homecoming.
 - They are already in talks about next homecoming.
 - He is from Mississippi, and he was in student council in high school.
 - He got most of his positions behind closed doors.
 - He did not get the first couple of positions he applied for, but he used it as a steppingstone to prove them wrong.
 - He says to never underestimate the underdog.
 - Dr Tammy told him he had to step down from SGA because he was not doing everything he was supposed to be doing.
 - Some of his greatest lessons he learned is when he was in SGA.
 - He says we are always learning which makes you an effective leader.
 - He says we are representing students, and the students are excited and want to get involved.
 - SGA is bigger than just planning events, it is to make change.

- He says never be afraid to ask a question.
- He says if you start a project, finish it.

VIII. STUDENT FORUM

- There were no students in student forum.

IX. OFFICER REPORTS

- President Rhoades
 - She says the last executive council meeting will be the November 18th and the last senate meeting will be the 20th.
 - Fall report is due on the 16th.
 - Her and Senator Hanback will be meeting with Sargent Kirby about all homecoming elections data.
 - They will also be speaking to them about the SNAP cart.
 - She emailed Ms. Bush about getting a contact for Dillard's for giving discounts to UNA students for business professional clothing.
 - She had her shared governance executive committee meeting, and they did not go over the IRB policy yet.
 - She had her Light the Fountain meeting this morning.
 - She had a homecoming wrap up meeting.
 - She says make sure to be on time, be attentive and not leave early if you can help it.
- Vice-President Ballenger
 - She went over a template for end of fall reports.
 - She says to make sure to fill out the event feedback form.
 - Make sure to put things in Teams.
 - She got to help Freshman Forum with their event.
 - Academic Affairs and Student Engagement will have an event on study day.
- Treasurer Hanback
 - He says shoutout to Mr. Bishop.
 - Dreams to Reality is next week.
 - He has started to receive pictures of receipts.
 - The Bicentennial subcommittee will be meeting with different departments.
- Secretary Plunkett
 - She has been doing her normal secretary duties.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Ebert and Buford
 - They had their committee meeting last night and they talked to chairs about p-card information.

- Freshman Forum delegates would prefer that the advisors submit the p-card forms.
 - They ask that we please bring t-shirts.
- Pro-Tempore Winston
 - She got food for the event.
 - She will be decorating after senate.
 - She says thanks to everyone for completing the homecoming survey.
 - For the December event she will be doing a coffee and chat.
- Chief of Staff Thomas
 - She got the facilities email sent out.
 - She's working on a couple ideas for next semester.
- Historian Holcomb
 - Summary cards are in, and the newsletter is up.
 - She is presenting the fall report today.
 - She is working on December's newsletter.
- DIA Byrd
 - She says she is putting things in Teams for the ice cream social.
 - She has been working on a survey to give out to different RSOs, international students and other students on campus.
- Communications Director Mwaura
 - She is working on doing a food drive next semester.
 - Lagrange hall is not planning to open until October 2026.
 - She says make sure to utilize Campus Groups.
 - She has made a master calendar with campus groups links.
 - She has sent an email out to the University of Alabama's SGA about the pay it forward program.
 - If you have ideas don't be afraid to pursue them.
 - She will be presenting a survey to give to CPH.

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chair
 - They will be having an event that will be on Study Day.
 - They have submitted the graphic and budget form.
 - They ask that we share the professor interviews.
- Budget Oversight Chairman McCuiston
 - They approved three allocations requests for spring semester.
 - They are working on the end of semester report.
 - They are working on the Coca Cola process to get it added to the budget manual.

- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Strait
 - SGA interest meeting is coming up.
 - She has been working on the end of semester report.
 - They will have two bills next week regarding the election's manual.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman McDonald
 - She has mailed out the letters to legislators.
 - They have received no word from legislators.
 - They have worked on the end of semester report.
 - They are working on Higher Education Day assignments.
 - Liz craig has sent out invitations for Dreams to Reality.
 - She attended the Florence city council meeting with the new council.
 - She is planning to reach out to the mayor to come speak to senate.
 - Dreams to Reality is next week during senate.
 - She has a form in GroupMe for Higher Ed Day attendance and sweatshirt size.
- Student Welfare Chairwoman Strickland
 - They have been planning the event for November for transfer students.
 - They have been working on end of semester reports.
 - They have started working on accessibility on campus.
- Philanthropy Chairman Moore
 - Spirit night went well.
 - They will be getting the check soon.
 - Student Side Hustle Expo went great.
 - They are starting the 5K planning.
 - Crews and Brews is still live.

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- Food service was supposed to meet but they didn't. On Study Day there will be a late-night breakfast at Mane Market.
- Emergency planning will have last meeting soon.
- You can only go to late night breakfast if you have a dining plan.
- The executive committee is going over the shared governance policy.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Student Transportation
 - They met at Taco Mama, and they are hoping to do a video that talks about the shuttle in January.

- President Rhoades and Senator Hanback are meeting with Sargent Kirby to go over data.
- Constitutional compliance
 - This will be to update the Code of Laws and Constitution
 - Matt and Mackenzie will be cochairing the committee.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business presented.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- Fall Report
 - It approved!

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Classroom Audit Sign-ups
 - People signed up to help with this.
- Tees to Tug Fundraiser Sign-ups
 - People signed up to help with this.
- CPH Survey
 - This will be sent out to all CPH members, and it is concerning Appleby dorms.
- Staggs says the robotics contest is Saturday if you want to volunteer.
- We went over chapter 14.4 of the election's manual. Senator Lachowicz states there is a problem with this section.
 - SGA members who run should be able to endorse themselves, but past members that are not running should not be able to endorse.
 - They should be able to run with others and endorse if you are running for president and vice president.
 - If you would like to help with this, you can attend the elections and recruitment committee meeting to help change it.
 - You have to present the manual to change it.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- All scholarships have been posted.
- Download the lion alert app.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Friendsgiving and Lip Sync Battle Internal Event – November 6th
- SGA Interest meeting – November 12th
- Dreams to Reality Caravan – November 13th
- Crews and Brews close – November 17th
- Pause for Paws – November 18th
- Live Streaming Senate – November 20th

- Christmas Candy Grams with DSS – December 2nd
- Cocoa and Crams – December 4th
- Take an Angel Tree if you feel led.
- DSS and the Pantry will be doing thanksgiving meals.
- ROTC is doing a food drive and bring them next week to senate.

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Senator Sharma won SGA member of the week!

XIX. PEP

- Pep to Communications Director Mwaura!
- Pep to Historian Holcomb!
- Pep to Freshman Forum Advisor Buford!
- Pep to Freshman Forum!
- Pep to Chairman Moore!
- Pep to Legislative Affairs!
- Pep to Bishop Alexander!
- Pep to Core Four!
- Pep to Vice President Ballenger!

XX. ADJOURNMENT