



## SGA Senate

### Minutes

24 April 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - Meeting was called to order at 3:30
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. PASSING OF AGENDA
  - There was a motion to pass the agenda.
  - The agenda is passed.
- VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
  - There was a motion to amend the minutes to say "minutes".
  - There was a motion to pass the minutes with the amendment presented.
  - The minutes is passed.
- VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
  - Appointment of Chair Positions
    - Student Welfare – Senator Strickland says she wants to be the chair for this committee and she enjoyed her time on the committee and Gracyn influenced her to take on the position and she would love to have this position.
    - There was a motion to vote Senator Strickland in.
    - The motion passes.
    - Senator Erica Strickland is now Student Welfare chair!
    - Academic Affairs – Senator Murray says this is his third year and he has a lot of ideas and he would appreciate if we would vote him in this position.
    - There was a motion to vote Senator Murray in as chair
    - The motion is passed.
    - Senator Grayson Murray is now Academic Affairs chair!
    - Legislative affairs- Senator McDonald says she loves the legislative affairs committee, and Victoria did a great job and there are big shoes to fill but she thinks she can handle it and she wants to get UNA out in the Florence and Shoals community
    - There was a motion to vote Senator McDonald in.
    - The motion passes.
    - Meadow McDonald is now Legislative Affairs Chair!
    - Elections – Senator Strait says she has served on the committee for the past two years and Alex was the previous and she did great and she wants to connect with the students again and get them to vote more and get people interested in senate and figure out why students are not voting in the elections.
    - There was a motion to vote Senator Strait in.
    - The motion passes.

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- Senator Strait is not Elections and Recruitment chair!
- Budget oversight – Senator McCuiston says he served as chair last semester and he wants to continue to serve and for the full year this time and continue to reach out to RSO's.
- Motion to vote in Senator McCuiston
- The motion passes.
- Senator McCuiston is now Budget Oversight chair!
- Philanthropy – Senator Moore says he felt very drawn to it with past experiences and he feels he is a great leader and good at creating ideas and succeeding them and thinks he is a great choice.
- Motion to vote in Senator Moore.
- The motion passes.
- Senator Moore is now Philanthropy chair!
- Appointments of Executive Council Positions
  - Every executive council position was interviewed by core four.
  - Communications – Mackenzie Mwaura says she's excited for the new senate and she was nervous about applying but she has admired Thea's work. She would love to help build on that and reach students who we haven't reached in the past.
  - There was a motion to vote Mackenzie in.
  - The motion passes.
  - Mackenzie Mwaura is now Communications Director!
  - Chief of staff- Senator Thomas says this is her third year in SGA, and this role stuck out to her and she would like to extend work that Olivia did.
  - There was a motion to vote Senator Thomas in.
  - The motion passes.
  - Senator Thomas is now Chief of Staff!
  - DIA – Chloe Byrd says she would love this position cause she loves that we are for students and she would love to do that too and would love to welcome differences.
  - There was a motion to vote.
  - The motion passes.
  - Chloe Byrd is now DIA!
  - Historian – Gilly Holcomb says she was on freshman forum and she was super excited to continue her SGA journey and she loved the community. She commends Kinsey and wants learn from her and get the skills to continue in college and her career and she has great marketing and communication skills.
  - There was a motion to vote.
  - The motion passes.
  - Gilly Holcomb is now Historian!
  - Freshman forum – Senator Ebert says she started in freshman forum and it's a great community to start in and she wants to create a great community for future freshman. She also wants to find success in other people.
  - There was a motion to vote.
  - The motion passes.
  - Senator Ebert is now Freshman Forum Advisor!
- Election of Pro-Tempore and second Freshman Forum Advisor
  - Pro tempore – Senator Winston says she's excited and she's going into her third year in SGA and she feels like Eleanor did a great job and hope to continue that and create a huge family. She feels like she can do this in this role.
  - There are no other nominations for Pro-Tempore.

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- Senator Winston is now Pro-Tempore!
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Freshman Forum Advisor – Senator Buford says she was in freshman forum and was the clerk and she wants to give back to next years group and has a bunch of great ideas.
- There are no other nominations for second Freshman Forum Advisor.
- Destinee is now the 2<sup>nd</sup> Freshman Forum Advisor!
- Swearing in of Associate Justices
  - Chief Justice Kusz has come up to the front to swear in new justices.
  - Carina Stewart is joining us on zoom to be sworn in.
  - Ivie Scott comes up to be sworn in.
  - Ivie and Carina are officially sworn in as the new Associate Justices!
- Swearing in of New Positions
  - Communications Director Mackenzie Mwaura, Historian Gilly Holcomb, and DIA Chloe Byrd are officially sworn in for their respective extended executive council positions!
- Parking Presentation by Kerigan Mardis
  - Former President Kerigan Mardis comes to speak about parking updates.
  - Core Four asked her to speak about timeline about parking to help new senators what the past administration has done.
  - On September 2024, Kerigan instated the parking ad hoc committee, and they met every other week.
  - Kerigan says they surveyed all three senates, and then after the ad hoc committee worked with the office of institutional research to gather date on parking, so they could form a resolution to present to President Kitts.
  - Core Four met with administration in January 2025. They all agree about locations for a parking deck.
  - The former senate passed 25-01 which talked about all information we had up to that point.
  - Mandy and Kerigan met with Cindy Conlon and Vice-President of Student Affairs KC White to discuss data.
  - We used all data from the administration and then the former senate put on a referendum vote this past Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - From the vote – 43% of the students were in favor and 57% were not in favor to establish a \$50 fee.
  - The former senate then proposed a new resolution that was passed at inauguration.
  - Communications Director Mwaura asked for Kerigan to explain who's all getting to see the new resolution?
  - Kerigan said copies will go to all of executive council with President Kitts, Vice-President KC White, Evan Thorton, Dean Ellis, etc.
- Student Leader Welcome Back Lunch
  - Mr. Matthew presents the welcome back lunch. We wanted to invite everyone who is a student leader and it will be August 19<sup>th</sup> in the Fall Semester. There is an RSVP.

VIII.

#### STUDENT FORUM

- Mandy said we are doing great!
- Kerigan says she is proud of us!
- Millie asked if SGA is going to videotape!
- Millie also says there is a decline in the food pantry.

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#### OFFICER REPORTS

- President Rhoades
  - She's excited, and she wants to calm everyone's nerves.
  - She says congrats to everyone who has been sworn in!

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- She has emailed who is a part of international affairs and hopes to meet with her soon.
- She wants people to think about ideas for SGA next year in open discussion.
- She hopes people have fun this year!
- Vice-President Ballenger
  - She's giving important dates.
  - Retreat is August 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>
  - Retreat will be at Earl Trent.
  - Lucky dip – august 20<sup>th</sup> and she will need volunteers from 7 AM - 2 PM.
  - She also asked if everyone would read up on the Constitution and Code of Laws before August!
- Treasurer Hanback
  - He wants to thank everyone who participated in helping with the 5K and to answer the feedback survey that he sent out.
  - He's been clearing up the charge for the police officers.
  - He wants us to know that the Florala talked about the 5K, and they gave us a good review.
  - He is actively working with Mia on his Treasurer training.
  - His motto for the year is Philanthropy, Interaction and Effectiveness (PIE).
- Secretary Plunkett
  - She has been actively getting spreadsheets made of all of the new senate members, and helping Nicole and Alex get that done.
  - She has also been working on minutes and agendas.

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## SHARED GOVERNANCE

- Appointments to Shared Governance Committees
  - There are different committees on campus that include faculty and staff, and we have SGA members on the committees as well.
  - Associate Justice Gilliland talks about his time on the committee he was on last year and he wants to be on this committee again.
  - Athletics talk about transfer portal and whoever is interested in sports would do great on this committee.
  - Senator Barnett knows a lot of people that is in this committee since he is from Florence.
  - Senator Byrd has a lot of insight and is a student athlete.
  - Senator Vincent thinks she has a lot of ideas facilities.
  - Senator Anthony wants to advocate for more accessibility.
  - Senator Vezina wants to serve because she was active in the parking committee and this committee would give her more knowledge for parking committee. She notes accessibility issues on campus.
  - Food services is a very low commitment committee
  - You will qualify for the study abroad committee if you are studying abroad in May.

XI.

## AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Student Transportation
  - Talked with Former Senator Kalombo, and there is no way for international students to go other places on that campus.
  - The new student administration would like to implement a new ad hoc committee to get ideas for creating new ways to transport students who do not have a way to do so.
  - People interested in this committee are Vice-President Ballenger, Chief of Staff Thomas, Senator Looney, Chairwoman McDonald, Chairman McCuiston, Senator Anthony, Senator Vincent, and Chairwoman Strait.

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XII. OLD BUSINESS

- No old business was presented.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- No new business was presented.

XIV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Pro-Tempore Winston is working on getting times for everyone's availability for next semester.
- Ideas for SGA next year
  - Chairwoman Strait recommends having senate outside one day.
  - Communications Director Mwaura wants SGA to be more seen.
  - Communications Director Mwaura wants to start a program where students can donate or give dining dollars to students who need them.
  - Senator Huffman thinks it would be fun to host an archive event for people to see the archives in the library.
  - Chairwoman McDonald says archives are tucked away but there is some cool stuff.
  - Student Forum says a great way to bridge the communication gap is to have a cookout.
  - Communications Director Mwaura says maybe having an optional class for Parliamentary Procedure.
  - Treasurer Hanback thinks it would be good for us to get information from students during high traffic areas.
  - Chairwoman Strait says before our meetings if we had a way to tell students about SGA and invite them to be a part of the student forum.
  - Senator Looney says we should communicate to students that there is a student forum.
  - Senator Vezina says maybe do "Pie an Senator".
  - Student Forum says when you go to the SGA Instagram, there is no place to give general SGA feedback.
  - Vice-President Ballenger says we should host a book drive.

XV. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- He wants to congratulate everyone on their new positions, and we have good ideas.
- He says if there is a problem with shared governance committee come to Core Four or him.
- SGA meetings are 3:30-5:30.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Spring Concert – April 24<sup>th</sup>
- Freshman Farewell – April 30<sup>th</sup>
- SGA Retreat – August 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>
- Lucky Dip – August 20th
- Student Leader welcome back lunch - August 19th

XVII. SGA OF THE WEEK

- Cool time to vote and choose a new member each week.

XVIII. PEP

- Pep to Vice-President Ballenger for an amazing meeting!
- Pep to Secretary Plunkett for typing away!
- Pep to 5K!
- Pep to President Rhoades!
- Pep to Student Forum!
- Pep to Treasurer Hanback!
- Pep to new positions!
- Pep to Mandy, Kerigan, and Mia

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

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