



SGA Senate
Senate Minutes
20 March 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- 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
 - There was a motion to pass the minutes as presented.
 - The minutes passed as presented.
- VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
 - There was no special business to be presented.
- VIII. STUDENT FORUM
 - The students did not have anything they would like to say.
- IX. OFFICER REPORTS
 - President Mardis
 - She has been doing a lot of work on the Lucky Lion Race alongside Senator Hanback and Matthew.
 - Please continue to repost graphics about the race registration reopening!
 - She is compiling an email to present to the university that compiles the parking data that was collected.
 - The university is building a track on Cox Creek Parkway! The university is also making significant strides in academics.
 - Vice-President McGinnis
 - She has been busy attending various meetings throughout the week.
 - She helped coordinate with the Academic Affairs committee for their tie-dye event. It went really well!
 - She will be helping with the Student Welfare committee event happening tomorrow!
 - We are quickly approaching the end of the semester, so everyone should begin work on their end-of-the-semester reports. Let's finish this semester strong!
 - Treasurer Batchelor
 - The Taco Mama check was mailed yesterday, and it will likely be in after spring break.
 - She has been working with the Endowed Scholarship committee to compile their picks for top scholarship recipients.
 - Cheeztah Chicks will be on campus the week after spring break!
 - She has been working with various SGA members concerning their budgets to allocate for their events.
 - Secretary Kusz
 - She has been working on preparations for inauguration.
 - She asks that everyone likes the messages she sent in the GroupMe if they apply to them.
 - Freshman Forum Advisors Anthony & Ballenger
 - The Social Committee will be having a Spring Social event coming up soon!
 - The Outreach & Philanthropy Committee collected donations at the Pause for Paws event today.
 - The Student Welfare Committee hosted the Pause for Paws event today!
 - Dr. Tammy offered helpful insight for the Student Welfare Committee to begin work on their student survey.
 - The Service Committee has their Earth Day event coming up soon in April! They are also planning a teacher appreciation event.
 - They are really proud of Freshman Forum for all of their hard work and dedication when planning their events!
 - Pro-Tempore Fitz
 - She has the food ordered for our party happening at the end of the year!
 - Tonight is our PowerPoint Night after Senate!
 - Chief of Staff Britton
 - No report.
 - Historian Plunkett
 - She will be presenting the April Newsletter in open discussion.
 - DIA Saunders

- He was interviewed by the Flor-Ala about the constitutional amendments that were passed in Senate!
- He has been working with Senator Gilliland on more legislation.
- Communications Director Sommer
 - Please be reposting the graphics on the SGA Instagram.
 - If you need anything over the break, please let her know!

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairwoman Winston
 - Their Tie-Dye event was a success!
 - She met with Matthew about getting the Pride Points initiative on the UNA website.
 - They are thinking about doing a survey at the end of Pride Points to see how they can make it better!
- Budget Oversight Chairman McCuiston
 - The summer allocations period ends on April 11.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Rhoades
 - Their committee is working on upcoming changes to the elections manual.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman Hamilton
 - Their committee attended this week's city council meeting.
 - They are looking forward to beginning their committee's end-of-the-semester report.
- Student Welfare Chairwoman Thomas
 - Their Stock Up with Student Welfare event is happening tomorrow!
 - They are also looking at more upcoming events happening soon!

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- The Shared Governance Executive Committee has been reviewing the importance and structure of the shared governance committees.
- There will be one residential student, one international student, one student athlete, and the SGA President serving on the Food Service Committee from this point forward.
- There have been ten amendments that have been made to academic requirements in the kinesiology department.
- The Multicultural Advisory Committee has been awarding scholarships throughout the semester.
- The SEP Committee is looking to replace Lion Alerts with something that is directly connected to National Weather Services.
- The Bicentennial Planning Committee has its first meeting on April 9.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- SGA 5k
 - Our team met to discuss our plans going forward for the race.
 - Registration is now back open again! Please share this with everyone interested in running. We are not searching for more sponsors, but we are searching for more runners.
 - The flyers have been made with the new date, and we are ordering more shirts for our new runners.
 - We are looking at potential food trucks who can come to the race, since some of the other food trucks that we had for the original date can no longer be there.
- Parking
 - We are looking at a new electric vehicle, the GEM e6, to replace the SNAP golf cart.
 - This is a pretty cost-efficient option, and it has plenty of seating for multiple students to ride in it.
 - President Mardis explains the benefits of these electric vehicles, and how much one might cost.
 - DIA Saunders thinks implementing the use of this vehicle would be a great idea!
 - Chairwoman Rhoades asks what training would look like for students to be able to use one of these vehicles.
 - Matthew thinks this is a good idea because this expands the reach of SNAP.
 - President Mardis also discussed the idea of adding specific locations on campus for this vehicle to stop at.
- Constitutional Compliance
 - They are nearing the end of everything. They still have some legislation they are working on but they are starting to wrap up! They will not be meeting any more this semester.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to be presented.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- Bill 25-13: Freshman Spring Social T-Shirt Funding Bill
 - Freshman Forum Advisor Anthony and Freshman Forum Advisor Ballenger will be presenting the sole piece of legislation on the docket on the Senate floor today.
 - This bill will be allocating funds from the miscellaneous line so that Freshman Forum can have branding for their event!
 - They both described what this bill entails and what all will be happening at their event.
 - Chairwoman Rhoades asks how much money is left in the miscellaneous line.
 - There is an amendment on the floor for this bill. The amendment is accepted by the authors of the bill.
 - Pro-Tempore Fitz appreciates the effort for this amendment, but she thinks it would be more straightforward to pass this bill as it was originally written.
 - Treasurer Batchelor informs the Senate that North Alabama Screenprint says something different every time an invoice is placed for shirts.
 - Chairwoman Thomas thinks that if something is up for subjection, we should actively work to combat this subjection.
 - There was a motion to vote on this amendment. The motion was heard and properly seconded.

- The amendment was passed by the Senate. This amendment will now be included in the bill.
- There is another amendment on the floor for this bill. The amendment is accepted by the authors of the bill.
- DIA Saunders believes that verbiage that is currently in the bill may be up for conjecture by the student body. He asks the Senate to keep this in mind when voting on this bill.
- There was a motion to vote on this amendment. The motion was heard and properly seconded.
- The amendment was passed by the Senate. This amendment will now be included in the bill.
- Freshman Forum Advisor Ballenger would like to reiterate that this bill will be for the children (Freshman Forum).
- Senator Joyner asks who will receive the remaining shirts from this event.
- President Mardis says that we do have the funds to provide shirts for this event. She thinks this is a good event that showcases Freshman Forum's initiatives and is a great opportunity for them.
- Freshman Forum Advisor Anthony says that this event will provide a way for Freshman Forum to create a bigger splash on campus and getting their name out there to students.
- Chairwoman Winston makes a motion to go into a vote on this bill. This motion was heard and properly seconded.
- This bill was passed by the Senate as amended. Congratulations!
- Review Allocations Manual
 - Chairman McCuiston will be presenting the revised allocations manual to the Senate.
 - He explains the committee's reasoning for each of the suggested changes that were made to the manual.
 - Senator Huffman asks if there is still an appeal process during the allocation process.
 - Chairwoman Hamilton thinks the manual looks great and that the Senate should vote in favor of it.
 - Matthew provides clarification surrounding the reasoning for these changes.
 - Chairwoman Hamilton moves to go into a vote on the revised changes. This motion was heard and properly seconded.
 - The changes were passed as presented. Congratulations!

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- CampusGroups Contract
 - Matthew is explaining the CampusGroups Contract again to the Senate.
 - DIA Saunders asks what contract UNA was using previously.
 - Communications Director Sommer asks if we are paying for it all at the same time. Matthew says that it will not all be paid at the same time.
 - Chairwoman Hamilton says that she is in full support of the 5-year contract. Freshman Forum Advisor Ballenger agrees.
 - Vice-President McGinnis provides insight on the program that was in place before CampusGroups.
 - The Senate took an informal vote and voted in favor of the 5-year plan.
- April Newsletter
 - Historian Plunkett is presenting the April Newsletter to the Senate!
 - The Senate provided their feedback so that she can continue to work on the newsletter during spring break.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- He reminds the Senate of upcoming events happening soon.
- He encourages everyone to stay safe over the spring break!

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PowerPoint Night – March 20
- Send Silence Packing – April 1
- Cheeztah Chicks – April 3
- Lucky Lion Race – April 19

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Our SGA member of the week is Senator Hanback!

XIX. PEP

- Pep to our Freshman Forum Advisors!
- Pep to Pro-Tempore Fitz for PowerPoint Night!
- Pep to Historian Plunkett!
- Pep to Chairman McCuiston!
- Pep to Dr. Tammy!

XX. ADJOURNMENT