



SGA Senate  
Senate Minutes  
3 April 2025

- 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 pass the agenda.
  - The agenda was passed as presented.
- VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
  - There was a motion to pass the minutes as presented.
  - The minutes were 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 working on finalizing some details for the Lucky Lion Race.
    - She attended the oral argument and luncheon for the Alabama Supreme Court yesterday.
    - She is working on getting the stoles embroidered for the executive officers.
    - If you want to pursue SGA in the future, please ask her any questions you may have about any of the positions!
    - She contacted Senator McDonald to get into contact with the chair of the parking shared governance committee.
    - She is planning to schedule a parking ad hoc committee meeting next week.
    - She thanks the Senate for all of the hard work they have been putting in this semester.
  - Vice-President McGinnis
    - The Send Silence Packing event went great and was a success! Thank you to everyone who volunteered to work it!
    - UNA would like to host this event in years to come, because there was a great turnout.
    - She has been working on the healthy campus inventory to compile the answers the executive officers wrote down.
    - End-of-semester reports deadlines are quickly approaching! These need to be done within the committees and for each of the executive council positions. Please be engaged and active in your committees.
  - Treasurer Batchelor
    - She emailed out the March expense report yesterday. If you have any questions let her know!
    - She also attended the Alabama Supreme Court oral argument and luncheon held yesterday.
    - She has been working with Freshman Forum on getting their t-shirts ordered for their event.
    - The Endowed Scholarship Selection committee will be making their final selections for scholarship recipients tomorrow.
  - Secretary Kusz
    - She has started ordering the official awards for inauguration through Florence Trophy Company.
    - She has completed the finishing touches for the inauguration programs and will be ordering them through the Print Shop.
  - Freshman Forum Advisors Anthony & Ballenger
    - Freshman Forum is working hard on their events to finish out the semester!
    - The Outreach and Philanthropy committee is holding a campus-wide event on April 17.
    - The Service committee is having an Earth Day Spectacular event being held on April 15!
    - The Student Welfare committee is hard at work getting the logistics ready for their survey.
    - The delegates voted on their Delegate of the Year yesterday at their meeting!
  - Pro-Tempore Fitz
    - Tomorrow, she is meeting with President Mardis to negotiate prices for the SNAP vehicle.
    - Please remember to show up for your SWAG Wagon times that you signed up for!
  - Chief of Staff Britton
    - No report.

- Historian Plunkett
  - The April Newsletter is now out everywhere!
  - She will be presenting the Annual Report in new business.
- DIA Saunders
  - He is working with Senator Gilliland on new legislation for the code of laws.
- Communications Director Sommer
  - She worked with Chairwoman Winston on posting Pride Points on social media.
  - Please repost the graphics to your social media!

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairwoman Winston
  - Pride Points is now officially open! Please advertise this to your friends and everyone on campus.
  - Their committee talked about a survey that will be gathering feedback after Pride Points closes.
- Budget Oversight Chairman McCuiston
  - They are currently working through requests for the final funding period for the summer.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Rhoades
  - Their committee is working on their end-of-semester report and organizing everything in Teams.
  - She will be presenting the revised elections manual changes in new business.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman Hamilton
  - Their committee attended the city council meeting on Tuesday.
  - She updated the code of laws with all of the new legislation that has been passed.
  - She filmed some educational videos for the next chair who takes over the committee.
  - Their committee will now start working on their end-of-semester report.
- Student Welfare Chairwoman Thomas
  - Everyone is more than welcome to come out to their event happening at McFarland Park on Saturday!

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- The Shared Governance Executive committee will be meeting on Monday to continue evaluating each of the shared governance committees.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- SGA 5k
  - They got some new flyers for the Lucky Lion Race posted around campus!
  - Registration for the race is now closed for the new date.
  - They are working on making some signs for the race. They have all the t-shirts that they need!
  - They have been working on writing thank-you notes to all of the sponsors.
- Parking
  - This committee will be meeting next week!
  - They will be working on compiling all of the parking data and information.
- Constitutional Compliance
  - Senator McDonald would just like to thank everyone for the time and work everyone in this committee has put into writing new legislation!

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business to be presented.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- Annual Report
  - The annual report has to be presented at least three weeks before inauguration.
  - Historian Plunkett will be presenting the annual report to the Senate today!
  - The Senate applauds Historian Plunkett for all of the hard work she has done!
- Elections Manual
  - Chairwoman Rhoades and Senator Joyner will be presenting the elections manual to the Senate today!
  - They explain the changes that were made, and why these changes were made.
  - Chairwoman Rhoades will be conferring with the Judicial branch to talk about some more potential changes.
  - The Senate commends them for all of their hard work!
  - There was a motion to pass the elections manual as presented. The motion was heard and properly seconded.
  - The elections manual was unanimously passed by the Senate. Congratulations!

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Informal Vote on SNAP Vehicles
  - President Mardis is presenting the quotes she has received for both the GEM e4 and e6 vehicles we are looking into purchasing to replace the SNAP golf carts.
  - There were questions during our last meeting about charging. These vehicles will charge in the same way that the golf carts are currently charged on campus.
  - The total cost of the GEM e6 vehicle is estimated to be \$33,141.24 USD.
  - President Mardis and Pro-Tempore Fitz will be trying to negotiate lower prices tomorrow.
  - The total cost of the GEM e4 vehicle is estimated to be \$29,191.76 USD.
  - She explains the reasoning behind how each vehicle could potentially benefit the students.

- Senator Hanback asks how many seats will be available in these vehicles that do not include the two drivers. President Mardis states that there are two drivers required to be in the SNAP vehicles, so these vehicle options include 2 seats or 4 seats for students.
- Chairwoman Rhoades believes that the GEM e6 would be the best option for us to purchase. This way, more students can be transported at one time. This also allows more room to be used in case students need to transport their things from one location to another.
- Senator Mwaura asks if SNAP will be expanded from one vehicle to two vehicles. President Mardis says that there will be two vehicles per shift, and there will be four SNAP drivers instead of two.
- Chairman McCuiston asks if SNAP vehicles will operate during football games at the new football stadium. President Mardis states that these vehicles will allow for the reach of SNAP to extend farther out from campus, which will include the new football stadium.
- Chief of Staff Britton believes that we should purchase the GEM e6 vehicle. She also thinks that we could reach out to other organizations on campus to see if they would also like to fund the purchase of a new SNAP vehicle. President Mardis thinks this would be a great idea, but she is also hesitant because she would like to complete this within a relatively quick timeframe.
- Freshman Forum Advisor Ballenger believes the GEM e6 is the best option, and that we should purchase this vehicle.
- Senator Moore believes that there will not be as much of an issue with mobility as there is the benefit that this vehicle will provide for students being chauffeured on the roads instead of walkways.
- Chief of Staff Britton thinks it is great that these vehicles can go on the roads and keep up with traffic.
- Senator McDonald thinks this vehicle will be great for students who are carrying groceries to their dorms.
- Senator Mwaura asks if we are still considering having pick-up locations where the vehicles can pick up students.
- Senator Vezina believes the bigger vehicle is more beneficial, because it will not be having to make as many loops due to seat capacity being larger.
- Senator Huffman is in favor of the bigger battery for the vehicle but asks if there will be the same amount of mileage. This is something that will have to be calculated at a later date.
- Senator Strickland asks if this vehicle can go to the classes that are located downtown instead of the main campus.
- Freshman Forum Advisor Anthony does not see why going downtown will be an issue for these vehicles.
- President Mardis provides updates on the pricing for each of the batteries available for these vehicles.
- Senator Joyner asks if SNAP will only pick up students from campus-related areas in downtown Florence.
- The Senate will now take an informal vote on the purchasing of these vehicles.
- The Senate unanimously approved the informal vote for the purchasing of the GEM e6 vehicle.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Dr. Tammy will be giving the advisor's report today since Matthew is not here.
- Tame Your Mane will be happening soon! Bingo Bango is also coming up soon.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pride Points – April 2 – May 2 (Open Now!)
- Cheeztah Chicks Food Truck – April 3
- Hope Walks Here Suicide Prevention Walk – April 6

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Our SGA member of the week this week is Freshman Forum Advisor Ballenger!

XIX. PEP

- Pep to Treasurer Batchelor for the food truck today!
- Pep to the Elections and Recruitment committee!
- Pep to Pride Points starting back up!
- Pep to Historian Plunkett!
- Pep to Vice-President McGinnis!
- Pep to Secretary Kusz!
- Pep to Chairwoman Thomas!
- Pep to the Annual Report being done!
- Pep to President Mardis!
- Pep to Senator Vezina!

XX. ADJOURNMENT