



SGA Senate  
Senate Minutes  
30 January 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
  - Voting In of New Senators
    - We have had some general seats open after we initially closed the deadline for the seats at the beginning of the semester.
    - We held interviews and selected three potential candidates who would like to fill these seats.
    - Our three candidates introduced themselves and stated why they would like to serve the student body in Senate.
    - There was a motion to move into executive session. The motion was heard and properly seconded.
    - There was a motion to move out of executive session. The motion was heard and properly seconded.
    - There was a motion to vote on the selected candidates. The motion was heard and properly seconded.
    - Two of the three appointments were approved by the Senate.
  - Black History Month Schedule Presentation
    - Mr. Matthew Jones will be going over the Black History Month events happening this February!
    - He encourages the Senate to participate in these events and allow SGA to be visible for this initiative.
- VIII. STUDENT FORUM
  - Our students did not have anything they would like to say.
- IX. OFFICER REPORTS
  - President Mardis
    - She does not have any further updates regarding parking. She, along with the rest of Core 4, will be meeting with President Kitts tomorrow.
    - Step Sing will be promoting the SGA 5K! This is great news.
    - She held the interest meeting for potential candidates running in the Senate elections next year.
  - Vice-President McGinnis
    - She contacted different ambassador groups throughout the colleges here at UNA to promote SGA elections and the Declaration of Candidacy.
    - The College of Business invited her and President Mardis to come speak to them about elections.
    - She is working on ordering the backpacks and the new member checklist for our new senators.
    - Core 4 has a meeting with Student Counseling Services on Monday to partner on future initiatives for the rest of this semester.
    - She helped Senator Hanback put up Lucky Lion Race flyers all throughout campus.
    - Keep pushing through this semester and working hard on the events you are putting on!
    - She had a student reach out to her about the Big-Brother and Big-Sister initiative for the Shoals area! This runs through the academic year. This is a really great volunteer opportunity in the community.
  - Treasurer Batchelor
    - She is passing out the super-secret surprise to anyone who helped support the Tee & Tote Fundraiser!
    - She placed the t-shirt order for our new senators here this spring.
    - We are currently at 83 items ordered! We are currently beating our profit from last year by \$200.
    - She is helping prep for Core 4's meeting with President Kitts tomorrow.
  - Secretary Kusz
    - She has been working on ordering the new nametags for our new senators this semester.
    - If you have not registered with the Inauguration RSVP in CampusGroups, please do this ASAP!

- She has been working on incorporating the graduation cords into the Inauguration script for this year.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Anthony & Ballenger
  - They had some Freshman Forum delegates sign up for the FSL Campus Clean-Up.
  - They had a bill pass yesterday for a hot chocolate event!
  - The Service committee is working on planning a service relay.
  - The Public Relations committee is working on their flyers!
  - They have been scheduling one-on-one meetings with the chairs.
- Pro-Tempore Fitz
  - No report.
- Chief of Staff Britton
  - She has been working on doing more research regarding the student activity fee.
  - For those of you who do not know, we pay \$56 a semester for student activity fees.
  - If you would like to see a detailed list of percentages, please let her know and she can share that with you.
  - She has emailed all of the points of contact on the list to learn more about their budgeting methods. She requested to see how all of these groups are using their budget.
  - Once she receives all of this information, she will be able to go in to see how much we need to adjust the student activity fee.
  - She met with FSL Director Anna Leigh Rossi to see how we can incorporate FSL into the student activity fee.
  - If you have any questions or concerns about the student activity fee, please reach out to her and let her know!
- Historian Plunkett
  - She has been working on the February newsletter.
  - She has been also helping out with sponsorships for the Lucky Lion Race.
  - We received our first prize for the Lucky Lion Race!
- DIA Saunders
  - He went to a class today to speak about SGA elections and how to submit the Declaration of Candidacy.
  - He is also working with President Mardis to propose new legislation for the direction of the DIA position.
- Communications Director Sommer
  - She has been working on graphics for SGA elections and our upcoming events.
  - Please be reposting anything regarding SGA elections, the Lucky Lion Race, or the Tee & Tote Fundraiser.

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#### CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairwoman Winston
  - Their committee has started compiling a rough draft of how they would like to restructure Pride Points.
  - She contacted the person who is over Mane Benefits to receive more feedback for Pride Points.
  - They are talking about hosting a tie-dye event during midterms that also incorporates SGA merch!
  - They sent in their fact for their "Did You Know" post!
- Budget Oversight Chairman McCuiston
  - He took over the position of Budget Oversight chairman.
  - At their meeting, they had 8 allocations approved, 2 modifications, and no denials!
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Rhoades
  - She met with Mr. Matthew to talk about the Declaration of Candidacy, SGA elections, and the SGA elections manual.
  - She has been working with Communications Director Sommer on various SGA elections graphics.
  - Be sure to repost the graphics and advertise elections to the student body! We need students who will be advocating for the rest of the student body.
  - She had her one-on-one meeting with Vice-President McGinnis.
  - The mandatory candidate meeting for anyone who is running will be on February 4. Please send in your excuse as soon as possible so that she can schedule an alternate meeting time. If you do not schedule an alternate meeting time, you will no longer be eligible to run for Senate.
  - Their committee will be coming up with a "Did You Know" fact for Instagram.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman Hamilton
  - Their committee has ordered the Higher Education Day sweatshirts.
  - Congratulations to our new senators!
- Student Welfare Chairwoman Thomas
  - Their committee is super excited for their event that is happening tomorrow!
  - They have started planning their second event, which will be happening in February. They will be going to Huntsville!

XI.

#### SHARED GOVERNANCE

- The Safety Emergency Preparedness committee met this week. Fire drills will be conducted throughout the remainder of this week and all of next week.
- The International Program Offerings committee will be having a meeting on February 5. Applications for scholarships will be closing tomorrow.
- The Academic and Student Affairs committee had a self-evaluation meeting. They have not had many meetings. They talked about UNA's free speech policy.

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#### AD HOC COMMITTEES

- SGA 5k
  - They had their sponsorship day on Saturday! He would like to thank everyone who helped out with this.

- They are currently running a flash sale – this means that the registration price for the time being has dropped from \$35 to \$30.
- We need more runners! Please recruit anyone and everyone!
- Senator Joyner thanks Secretary Kusz for the work that her and her dad are putting in.
- President Mardis urges the Senate to recruit more runners!
- Parking
  - There is nothing new to report.
- Constitutional Compliance
  - Their first meeting will be after the Legislative Affairs committee meeting tonight.
  - They are going to be looking over the DIA, Communications Director, and Historian positions.
  - They will also be looking at a potential justice appointment timeline change.
  - They will be looking at potentially adding a philanthropy committee.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- SWAG Wagon Sign-Ups
  - We need to see if anyone else can sign up for the SWAG wagon!
  - Vice-President McGinnis explained the concept of the SWAG wagon to our new senators.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- There was no new business to be presented.

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- February Newsletter
  - Historian Plunkett is presenting the February newsletter to Senate!
  - Our SGA Member Spotlight is Chairwoman Thomas!
  - This will be sent out on February 1.
  - Senator Joyner loves this newsletter and how it is Valentine's Day themed!
  - There was a motion to move out of open discussion. The motion was heard and properly seconded.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Light the Fountain is on March 13. This is only 6 weeks away!
- Allocations has proved 20 events and 12 travel opportunities this semester.
- The University Awards Gala will be happening in April. He reminds the Senate of the awards available for nomination and encourages them to send in their nominations. The deadline for these nominations is February 24. FSL deadlines are February 10.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tee & Tote Fundraiser Preorders – January 31
- Declaration of Candidacy Deadline – February 3
- Step Sing – February 6 - 8
- Boona's Food Truck – February 18
- Higher Education Day – February 20

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Our SGA member of the week is Senator Hanback!

XIX. PEP

- Pep to Senator Strait!
- Pep to Chairwoman Rhoades!
- Pep to Historian Plunkett!
- Pep to Vice-President McGinnis!
- Pep to the Lucky Lion Race!
- Pep to our new senators!
- Pep to Senator McDonald!
- Pep to Chief of Staff Britton!
- Pep to the Academic Affairs committee!
- Pep to the Student Welfare committee!
- Pep to Core 4!
- Pep to President Kitts!

XX. ADJOURNMENT