



The University of North Alabama

Student Government Association

Senate Minutes

October 1st, 2026

- 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
 - Agenda passed as presented.
- VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
 - Minutes passed as presented.
- VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
 - Voting in of new senators.
 - ◆ President Hanback announces that Senator Ray has left senate and President Hanback has appointed three new senators.
 - ◆ Barthelemie Bena says that he wants to join SGA because he wants to help UNA and pursue leadership on campus.
 - ◆ Anna Mae Metcalf introduces herself to SGA and says government is very important to her and she looks forward to working with SGA.
 - ◆ Senate voted in favor of the appointments.
 - ◆ Senate moved to vote on Sandeep.
 - ◆ Sandeep was voted in by senate.
 - ◆ Senate moved to vote on Barthelemie.
 - ◆ Barthelemies was voted in as a senator.
 - ◆ Senate moved to vote for Anna Mae.
 - ◆ Anna Mae Metcalf was voted in as a senator.
 - Swearing in of new senators.
 - ◆ The chief of Justice was not able to swear the senators in.
- VIII. STUDENT FORUM

- No students in forum.

IX. OFFICER REPORTS

- President Hanback
 - ◆ Had a paper exec meeting this week.
 - ◆ Dr. Minette Ellis came to speak to SGA's exec. She shared some updates about west campus.
 - ◆ Worked with Senator Pounders on the new constitutional amendment and it is being presented today in senate.
 - ◆ Next Monday, Dr. Tammy is speaking to exec about Light the Fountain.
 - ◆ Talked to some students about the Student Recreation Center. The facilities feel too small and outdated and President Hanback is looking to see if improvements can be made.
 - ◆ He drew on Mia's cast and hopes she gets better.
- Vice President McDonald
 - ◆ Trained new senators.
 - ◆ Met with chairs.
 - ◆ Got ideas for event with Kilby. Meeting with Mr. Matthew to talk more about it.
- Treasurer Woods
 - ◆ New budget has gone into effect.
- Secretary McMahan
 - ◆ Sent invitations to Print Shop.
 - ◆ Met with Mr. Matthew last Friday and on Wednesday to finalize guest list and the invitation was sent out on Thursday morning.
 - ◆ Inviting around 70 past officers and so hopefully the guest list will be bigger this year. President Kitts is coming!
Working with freshman forum clerk on absences for freshman forum.
 - ◆ Ordered nametags for new senators and for freshman forum delegates.
 - ◆ Speaking to freshman forum next week.
 - ◆ Reminder to be posting events on CampusGroups and to maybe get events on the GUC tvs.
 - ◆ SGA photos are in! Check the GroupMe.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Lachowicz and Chauncey
 - ◆ Have a lot of bills next week in Freshman Forum.
 - ◆ A lot of committees are planning events right now.
 - ◆ Student Welfare is working a CampusGroups manual for students.
 - ◆ Shoutout to Ana Kathrine and Gilly for coming to the PR committee meeting and training the PR committee!
 - ◆ SGA Big/Little reveal today!
 - ◆ Thinking about doing an SGA/Freshman Forum bonding event.

- Pro-Tempore Ebert
 - ◆ Swag Wagon bill is being presented today!
 - ◆ In light of all the bills being presented today, please remember what we're debating on and what we're voting for. Encourages everyone to be kind and use their context clues.
- Chief of Staff Vezina
 - ◆ Met with Mae about Freshman Forum Leadership conference. It's going to be November 8th at the University of Auburn in Montgomery.
 - ◆ Meeting with people tomorrow to talk about intentional students and how to represent them.
- Historian Whisnant
 - ◆ October newsletter is out! She's so excited to present it in Open Discussion today.
- DIA Winston
 - ◆ Lots of meetings with the ROAR Access Center.
 - ◆ For RSO outreach, she's trying to plan something around the crazy campus schedule.
 - ◆ Shoutouts Parker Lachowicz for helping her.
- Communications Director Holcomb
 - ◆ Got stationery and info graphics ordered!
 - ◆ Met with Freshman Forum yesterday and got to train PR committee!
 - ◆ Ordered more stickers and buttons for SGA.
 - ◆ Starting Monday, she will be doing "Meet SGA Mondays" Instagram posts!
 - ◆ Make sure if you submit a media request, submit the request two weeks ahead of time.
 - ◆ Making custom key-chains for SGA!

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairwoman Powell
 - ◆ Moved midterm event to October 7th.
 - ◆ Met with Payton and Meadow with Funding Form.
 - ◆ Has new stickers and so excited to share them!
- Budget Oversight Chairman Huffman
 - ◆ Had eight requests. Only accepted one request.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Zaharko
 - ◆ Homecoming nomination form is live!
 - ◆ Is going to do a tabling event during homecoming event through homecoming elections.
 - ◆ Candidates for homecoming will go up on the sixth.
- Legislative Affairs Chairman Douglas
 - ◆ Next month is Dreams to Reality!

- ◆ If you know you're going to be absent on the day of Dreams to Reality, let him know soon!
- ◆ Updating website with new bills.
- Philanthropy Chairwoman Gaertner
 - ◆ Promote Tees and Totes!
 - ◆ Side Hustle signup sheet will be available soon for vendors.
 - ◆ On October 26th Donut NV is coming to campus.
- Student Welfare Chairwoman Staggs
 - ◆ Had Transfer Party on Monday and got to talk to a lot of transfer students.
 - ◆ Got a lot of feedback on what transfers need to put on transfer resource sheet.
 - ◆ Have some exciting ideas about accessibility project.
 - ◆ Had some scheduling conflicts about international shopping trip.

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- No Shared Governance reports presented.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Appleby Safety Committee
 - ◆ Emailed director of facilities. Having a meeting on October 6th in the GUC.
- Homecoming Committee
 - ◆ Met on Monday and finalized designs for homecoming float and banner.
 - ◆ Meeting next Monday.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- Bill 26-46: Original Rules Test Revision
 - ◆ Bill was tabled.
- Bill 26-47: Senate Rules Test Revision
 - ◆ Bill was tabled.
- Bill 26-48: Judicial Rules Test Revision
 - ◆ Bill was tabled.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- CAB 26-03: Mandatory Internal Training
 - ◆ Senator Pounders explains what this constitutional amendment does and reminds Senate about the previously passed constitutional amendment.
 - ◆ Chief of Staff Vezina says that this is a good bill, and she thinks SGA should pass this bill. She says that SGA is what you make it. She says nothing in the rules test taught her what it meant to be a senator.
 - ◆ Chairwoman Staggs reexplains that each committee will now have to read their committee section of the Code of Laws which will help the committee.
 - ◆ Advisor Chauncey says that she thinks this is a good bill and will help senators understand what they are doing in senate.
 - ◆ Secretary McMahan asks why the secretary is in place to be the one to say that a senator has completed their training instead of the Vice President.

- ◆ Chairwoman Staggs says that can be an amendment.
- ◆ Chairwoman Zaharko asks if governing manuals can be a part of this constitutional amendment.
- ◆ Chairwoman Staggs says yes.
- ◆ Vice President McDonald says that manuals are not part of the Code of Laws.
- ◆ Vice President McDonald encourages debate.
- ◆ An amendment is made on the floor.
- ◆ The authors accept the amendment.
- ◆ Senate passes the amendment as presented.
- ◆ The amendment is passed.
- ◆ Communications Director Holcomb asks if there should be a summer session section in the Code of Laws regarding the committees since there is already one for the executive council.
- ◆ Senate moves to pass the constitution.
- ◆ Chairwoman Staggs seconded.
- ◆ The constitution amendment passes as amended.
- Bill 26-51: Swagon Funding Bill
 - ◆ President Hanback asks if SGA has to follow the prize or giveaway limit.
 - ◆ Advisor Mia Batchelor says that it has to do with one student. SGA will have to be careful as anything above \$20-25 as a form will have to be filled out.
 - ◆ Chairman Huffman asks if prize amount is more than giveaway amount.
 - ◆ Advisor Batchelor says that there is a difference between the two.
 - ◆ Pro Tempore Ebert asks how Senator Fitz was able to do her initiative in years past.
 - ◆ Secretary McMahan says that this bill looks amazing and Pro Tempore Ebert did great.
 - ◆ Vice President McDonald suggests more questioning on this bill.
 - ◆ Advisor Batchelor says that we would have to be careful, but the process might look longer.
 - ◆ Chairwoman Staggs asks if it would be easier to strike the items that are above \$20-25.
 - ◆ Advisor Chauncey says that this bill looks amazing and it would do a lot of good on campus. She asks if this has happened before and would we still have to do the form.
 - ◆ Pro Tempore Ebert says that the form wouldn't be a problem because she works in the business office.
 - ◆ Chairman Huffman moves to pass the bill as presented.
 - ◆ An amendment is presented to the floor.
 - ◆ The author of the bill does not accept the bill.
 - ◆ Senate moves to go into a vote.

- ◆ The motion is moved and seconded by Chairwoman Staggs.
- ◆ The bill is passed as presented.

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- October Newsletter Presentation
 - ◆ Historian Whisnant presents the newsletter!
- Swag Wagon Sign-Up Sheet
- Freshman Forum Little Reveal
 - ◆ SGA found out who their littles are!
- Senator Turner invites SGA to come to the UNA choral showcase.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- In his booking page, double check time zones before scheduling a meeting.
- Please use CampusGroups! Post all events, surveys, etc. on CampusGroups. Started a whiteboard about CampusGroups. Creating videos about how to use CampusGroups.
- Haunted GUC is coming up this month! Suggests SGA be a part of it.
- Who are the seniors graduating.
- Please be updating Teams as well. If you stay organized, you don't have to get organized.
- If you want him to be at a meeting, let him know!
- The generator SGA purchased for UPC has been going well!
- SGA fun fact of the week: in 1966 SGA began to raise funds for an organ in Norton Auditorium.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Midterm Event – October 7th, 6-8pm in Collier Library
- Slims on campus – October 8th, 10am-2pm
- UNA Preview Day – October 9th, 10-12:15
- Homecoming Nominations Close – October 5th
- Homecoming Court Elections Rd 1 – October 12-14th
- Homecoming Court Elections Rd 2 – October 12-14th
- Swag Wagon – October 12-16th
- Battle of the Bands – October 15th, 6pm in Norton Auditorium
- Mrs. Johnson Speaking to Senate – October 8th
- Dr. Ellis Speaking to Senate – October 29th

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Is Nick Pounders!

XIX. PEP

- Pep to Mae and Parker!
- Pep to Nick!
- Pep to Madeline!
- Pep to Ana Kathrine!
- Pep to our senators!

- Pep to ending pep!

XX. ADJOURNMENT