



SGA Senate
Senate Minutes
23 October 2025

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - Called to order at 3:29 PM.
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. PASSING OF AGENDA
 - The agenda was passed as presented.
- VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
 - The minutes were passed as presented.
- VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
 - Chief Jackson – Lion Alert Presentation
 - He came to speak with us about the new Lion Alert app.
 - This a new solution that will get out information to students.
 - RAVE mobile safety of Motorola is the company we are using.
 - There are three solutions from the same provider that we are using– rave alert (mass notification system), Apparmor Safety (custom branded safety app), and Apparmor alert (desktop notifications)
 - If you have a UNA email you are automatically enrolled in the program, but you will need to put your phone number in.
 - It has a multilanguage support option.
 - You will be able to download this on any app store. It's called Lion Alert 360.
 - The features include calling 911, SNAP escort, mobile blue light, virtual walkhome, emergency contacts, friend walk, report a tip, safety toolbox, campus maps, emergency plans, and support resources such as shuttle routes.
 - They can give out desktop notifications and it is completely customizable and accessible.

VIII. STUDENT FORUM

- Nothing was said during student forum.

IX. OFFICER REPORTS

- President Rhoades
 - She has been working on a mid-semester recap.
 - She is going to send information to Communications Director Mwaura soon.
 - She had shared to the Shared Governance Executive committee meeting.
 - Mr. Matthew has put the information all together from Lion's Lend a Hand.
 - Flowers, Wesleyan and Stevens are the buildings with the most need and facilities will be emailed about those buildings.
 - She has been emailing people about more commencement ticketing information.
- Vice-President Ballenger
 - DSS had their Disability Visibility event.
 - There was a senator that participated in the panel.
 - She is done with all one on ones.
 - She met with Core Four and Mr. Matthew about legislation changes.
- Treasurer Hanback
 - Budget is going well.
 - Campus groups funding have been approved.
 - He attended a bicentennial sub-planning committee. They went over the data that was on the king and queen ballot.
 - He reached out to Housing and Residence Life about an event they have to see if they are still having it. Student welfare had a similar idea.
 - There have been incidents that tax has been added, but we are tax exempt.
 - Make sure to take a picture of the purchase so we can catch tax exempt policy and he can update the excel sheet.
- Secretary Plunkett
 - Past Officers' Breakfast is over, so she has been back on track of normal secretary duties.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Ebert and Buford
 - Freshman Forum Advisor Buford presented the checkout form, and

- Social committee is doing their Spooky Social event.
- Bill writing is happening.
- Shoutout to erica for collaborating with them.
- They are getting their own Teams set up.
- Shoutout to Mia.
- Pro-Tempore Winston
 - Homecoming is over.
 - We got second in Co-Ed.
 - November 6th is the day of Friendsgiving/lip sync extravaganza.
 - She has a bill to get the food catered.
 - She put everyone's name in a generator for lip sync battle.
 - If you want to do step sing let her know.
- Chief of Staff Thomas
 - Sign-ups for driving the van for the Arx Mortis event.
- Historian Holcomb
 - She is still getting the newsletter done for November.
 - She will be presenting it next week.
 - Make sure to take summary cards to events.
- DIA Byrd
 - Ice cream social went well.
 - She met with President Rhoades about future plans.
- Communications Director Mwaura
 - The ice cream social was a great event.
 - She says to continue to try and take pictures from events.
 - There is a great camera checkout process now if she can't be at events.
 - She is looking to live stream in November.
 - Let her know if you need something on a GUC TV.
 - She is wanting to do a reel for the lion alert.

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairman Murray
 - They have videos they need to put together from professor interviews.
- Budget Oversight Chairman McCuiston
 - They did not meet.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Strait
 - November 12th will be the SGA interest meeting for anyone wanting to run next year.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman McDonald

- She has tweaked the call template for voicemails.
- Her and Senator Lachowicz went to the Florence city council meeting.
- First Tuesday in November is when new council comes in.
- Called the Birmingham office to her legislator but she left a voicemail.
- They are going to print their letters to the legislators next week.
- She is going to start assigning people to Higher-Ed day jobs.
- Speeches are due to her by November 1st for Dreams to Reality.
- Student Welfare Chairwoman Strickland
 - They had the Halloween movie night.
 - Shoutout to the people who helped with her event.
 - Had her one on one with Vice President Ballenger and they talked about goals for herself and her committee.
 - Met with Treasurer Hanback and Vice President Ballenger about the thanksgiving event they talked about earlier.
- Philanthropy Chairman Moore
 - November 3rd will be Taco Mama spirit night.
 - He will be coming up with a group to go.
 - Side hustle expo signs up are closed and they had quite a few people sign up.
 - There is a snag in the flyer that they will be working out soon.
 - They are slowly starting to work on 5K planning.
 - He had his one on one with Vice President Ballenger about goals.

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- The Shared Governance Executive committee meeting met, and they went over manual changes.
- President Rhoades had sent information and approval of IRB policy.
- Justice Gilliland attended the ASA meeting and the work group to evaluate.
- The Student Preparedness committee met and went over goals. There should be a recommendation to the university by spring about mandating test scores or not.
- They talked about how the university is currently taking care of no test scores.
- Technology advisory committee emailed about taking another vote for a good meeting time.

- Safety and emergency preparedness – Communications Director Mwaura has the lion alert test app.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Student Transportation
 - They met and they discussed data from the king and queen ballot.
 - They showed the signage they are thinking about. They are inverted of the police signs on campus.
 - Signage is about \$60 each.
 - They are talking about promoting SNAP on Instagram.
 - There is a little bit of a hiccup in the data, with the SNAP cart times.
 - President Rhoades is going to meet with officer Kirby about all the data that we have gotten so far from the surveys.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business presented.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- Bill 25-26: Distribution of Funds Clean Up Act
 - There was a lot of discussion last semester about updating our contract with campus groups.
 - Former Chief of Staff Britton made the student activity resolution that was approved over the summer, and it needs to be updated in the Code of Laws.
 - Chairman Moore says we have to pass this to be compliant with the Code of Laws
 - The bill passes.
- Bill 25-27: Friendsgiving Bill
 - This is funding for the Friendsgiving internal event.
 - Senator Huffman asks if we have plates in storage, and we do.
 - Senator Looney says it's a great idea.
 - Bill passes.

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Lapel pins – Light the Fountain
 - Went over the different lapel pins for Light the Fountain and they love the one with the mascots.
 - Firework one with gold background – most people liked the purple background better but love the idea of this one.
 - Purple background – people like the purple it is the more visually appealing one.

- College Outreach
 - Hopefully by November 6th there should be a discussion from each college about what they could do to help their college.
- ROTC is having a thanksgiving canned food drive, and he would love people to bring cans.
- Keelan Sealy from university marketing is having a photoshoot on October 29th at 10 am in the Commons. She needs extras for the photoshoot.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Coca-Cola – we are not allowed to buy products from stores, we have to buy from their website.
- They have a need to have a lot of drinks at any given time, they will purchase in bulk and will store them in the Student Engagement office.
- We can purchase from stores until we get the delivery in.
- There have been some changes in Student Affairs, and they have added a retention office. Jocelyn Wright is the director and Becca Bush is moving out of UPC and being the associate director and she will be over SOAR.
- Chase Wise will be working on data collection and retention records.
- The admin assistant is Olivia Oliphant.
- There is a Light the Fountain t-shirt competition.
- We need to make sure we are checking people in at events for data collection and outreach.
- He will be removing the homecoming elections off the website and adding SGA elections.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Get Spooked with SGA - October 24th
- Spooky Social Freshman Forum event – October 27th
- Liz Craig Speaking at Senate – October 30th
- Taco Mama Spirit Night – November 3rd
- Friendsgiving and Lip Sync Battle Internal Event – November 6th
- ONE Table – November 6th
- SGA interest meeting – November 12th
- Dreams to Reality Caravan – November 13th
- Campus Worship Night tonight.

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Chairwoman Strait won Senator of the Week!

XIX. PEP

- Pep to Chairwoman Strickland!

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- Pep to DIA Byrd!
- Pep to Pro-Tempore Winston!
- Pep to Freshman Forum Advisor Buford!
- Pep to Treasurer Hanback!
- Pep to Mr. Matthew!
- Pep to Chief of Staff Thomas!
- Pep to Communications Director Mwaura!
- Pep to Senator McMahan!
- Pep to people on the live stream!
- Pep to Senator Anthony!

XX. ADJOURNMENT

- There was a standing vote to end the meeting.