



SGA Senate
Senate Agenda
17 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 amend the agenda.
 - The agenda was unanimously passed as amended.
- VI. **PASSING OF MINUTES**
- There was a motion to pass the minutes.
 - The minutes were unanimously passed as presented.
- VII. **SPECIAL BUSINESS**
- **Leadership Training with Dr. Byrd**
 - Dr. Byrd will be presenting a leadership presentation to the Senate today!
 - She is a professor in the college of business, who primarily teaches management classes.
 - She reiterates to the Senate that we all have our special, unique characteristics that make everyone better at some things than other things.
 - Your organization is only going to be as high as its leadership lid.
 - The true measure of leadership is influence – nothing more, and nothing less, as quoted by John C. Maxwell.
 - Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower, as quoted by Steve Jobs.
 - Networking is powerful, and you can actually become wealthy by connecting with the right people.
 - Leadership develops daily, not in a day!
 - Don't be in such a hurry to condemn a person because he doesn't do what you do, or think as you think or as fast. There was a time when you didn't know what you know today, as quoted by Maya Angelou.
 - According to Theodore Roosevelt, people do not care how much you know until they know how much you care.
 - A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but where they should be.
 - If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.
 - You are always responsible for how you act, no matter how you feel.
 - No matter what you are good at, give it all and give everything your best.
 - **End-of-Year Survey**
 - The Senate will be conducting their end-of-the-year surveys for each of the committees and the executive council!
 - These answers will be compiled for the improvement of Senate next year.
- VIII. **STUDENT FORUM**
- The students did not have anything they would like to say.
- IX. **OFFICER REPORTS**
- **President Mardis**
 - This week, she has been helping with the preparations for the Lucky Lion Race.
 - She has been communicating with various groups to coordinate the combined efforts for the race.
 - We are working on finalizing the efforts for the purchase of the GEM e6 vehicle for SNAP! She is proud of everyone who helped in the process of this purchase.
 - She has sent the final question format to Matthew for the parking referendum vote. The Qualtrics survey will be going out to students on Monday.
 - We will be filming promotional videos for the parking referendum vote at McFarland Park tonight.
 - We have been able to accomplish almost all the goals we set at the beginning of the year, and she would love to see the initiatives we began this year continue to thrive in coming years.
 - She thanks the Senate for an amazing year and wishes everyone well going forward.
 - **Vice-President McGinnis**
 - She thanked everyone for being attentive to our guest speaker today.
 - She has been working on creating signs and posters for the race happening this weekend.
 - She has been assisting with the referendum vote.
 - The chairs had dinner last night to finish out the academic year!

- She would like to say thank you to everyone for all of their hard work this year in Senate! She especially commends the chairs for doing so well in their roles this year.
- **Treasurer Batchelor**
 - It has been an honor working with everyone, and she cannot wait to see what everyone will accomplish in the future.
 - The Endowed Scholarship committee has decided to award three lucky students with scholarships this semester!
 - She has been working with Freshman Forum to deposit the funds they raised on Monday.
 - She has been working with Senator Hanback to purchase items for the 5K, and Pro-Tempore Fitz to purchase items for the event happening at McFarland Park tonight!
- **Secretary Kusz**
 - Just planning everything for Inauguration!
- **Freshman Forum Advisors Anthony & Ballenger**
 - The Social Committee had their event Monday, and it was a really big success!
 - The Service Committee had their event on Tuesday, and the delegates got to learn for their event-planning experience.
 - Freshman Forum had their last meeting of the year yesterday.
 - The Student Welfare Committee will be giving out goodie bags to the freshman class on April 30.
 - They will be presenting a bill later in new business.
- **Pro-Tempore Fitz**
 - She would like to thank everyone for their hard work this year!
 - Please come to the end-of-the-year party at McFarland Park after the meeting today!
- **Chief of Staff Britton**
 - It has been a pleasure working with everyone this semester!
 - The student activity fee is officially out of her hands. We are working on printing the resolution and finalizing it.
 - She is proud of everyone. Amen.
- **Historian Plunkett**
 - She is still working on the Annual Report for this year.
 - She has been organizing her files into Teams for the next Historian.
- **DIA Saunders**
 - He would like to thank everyone for the time they have invested in Senate this year.
 - He believes everyone has done an excellent job in leaving a positive mark on UNA's campus.
- **Communications Director Sommer**
 - She has been working with President Mardis on the script for the parking referendum video.
 - She is posting a graphic tomorrow morning about the parking referendum vote.
 - She is continuing to work on all the stuff in the Teams for the next Communications Director.

X.

CHAIR REPORTS

- **Academic Affairs Chairwoman Winston**
 - She will be presenting a bill today that will be funding an award for the winner of Pride Points this semester.
 - She will be getting with Communications Director Sommer to create a post about the award for Pride Points.
- **Budget Oversight Chairman McCuiston**
 - He would like to thank his committee for all of the hard work they have done this semester.
 - They had 19 requests that were reviewed in their last meeting.
 - This semester, they had 75 funding requests and allocated \$75,000 over the course of the spring and summer.
- **Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Rhoades**
 - The speakers were picked by the winners who were randomly selected from SGA elections.
 - She thanks everyone for the part they have played in how successful elections were this year!
- **Legislative Affairs Chairwoman Hamilton**
 - She would like to commend the senators in her committee that have done an exceptional job in their roles this year.
 - They attended the City Council meeting this week.
- **Student Welfare Chairwoman Thomas**
 - They had their committee meeting this week and reflected on their end-of-the-semester report.
 - She is proud of all of the hard work everyone has done to make this year so successful!

XI.

SHARED GOVERNANCE

- The Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee had their last meeting and discussed what the safety procedure would be in an active shooter situation. The meeting basically detailed navigating emergency situations during the construction taking place.
- The Athletic Director of the Athletics Committee was concerned with some details of the NIL transfer portal. There is issue right now with agents convincing athletes to enter the transfer portal.
- The Live Lions Committee will be meeting for the last time this semester on April 21.
- The Academic and Student Affairs Committee will be meeting for the last time this semester on April 22. They will be discussing whether or not the university will be reinstating the requirement of standardized test scores.

XII.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

- **SGA 5k**
 - It's race week! The weather looks good, so we are all set for having the race this weekend.

- He would like to thank everyone who has helped with the last-minute details to make this race happen!
- We will be having our preparation party tomorrow to get the bags ready for the runners.
- We plan to have everything at the fountain on the day of. Make sure to get there on time!
- Matthew will be taking you to your exact shift location in the van when your shift group arrives.
- In the case of an emergency, make sure that you call Matthew!
- Senator Hanback is sending out an email to everybody containing information and shift assignments.
- **Parking**
 - The committee met on Monday to discuss the statement that was sent out to students.
 - If you are on this committee, you will be meeting on Monday to go over some final details for the referendum.

XIII. **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Referendum Vote**
 - Please make sure that you are spreading the word about the parking referendum vote happening soon!
 - If you have signed up to work at the GUC table or walk around campus, make sure you show up!
 - The target goal for this vote is 1,000 votes.

XIV. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Bill 25-17: Freshman Forum Inter-Collaboration Act**
 - The first piece of legislation on the Senate floor today is being presented by Freshman Forum Advisor Anthony and Freshman Forum Advisor Ballenger.
 - This bill basically outlines in the code of laws what has already been done in the past: the hosting of a large-scale event once a year by Freshman Forum.
 - Freshman Forum really enjoyed collaborating on the big event they held this year, so this is the reasoning behind why the advisors have chosen to write this bill.
 - President Mardis believes that this bill is great, especially since Freshman Forum already does this anyways.
 - There was a motion to move into a vote on this bill. The motion was heard and properly seconded.
 - The Senate unanimously approved the passing of this bill as it was presented. Congratulations!
- **Bill 25-18: 2025 Pride Points Prize Bill**
 - The second piece of legislation on the Senate floor today is being presented by Chairwoman Winston.
 - The purpose of this bill is to allocate funding from the miscellaneous line item for a prize, given to the 2025 Pride Points Winner at the end of this semester.
 - Treasurer Batchelor informs the Senate that we currently have roughly \$1,400 left in the miscellaneous line item.
 - Pro-Tempore Fitz asks why there was not an exact price put on the bill. Chairwoman Winston clarifies that it was for shipping purposes.
 - Senator Gilliland asks if taxes would apply to this purchase. Vice-President McGinnis informs him that it would not.
 - Senator Murray asks why we are pushing for a prize when we would probably not see the engagement we want from the Pride Points initiative.
 - Senator Strait asks how many applicants we currently have for Pride Points. Senator Strait would also like clarification on what Pride Points is, and how someone can earn this prize.
 - Senator Vezina believes we need to pass this so that we can offer an incentive to the student body.
 - Pro-Tempore Fitz thinks we have done a really good job advertising this initiative this year, and she thinks this award would be a good incentive for students to participate.
 - Senator Gottman reiterates that this award is a really good incentive for this initiative this is merchandise that can easily be found on other places here on campus.
 - Senator Strait believes it may be beneficial to do many smaller prizes instead of one big prize.
 - DIA Saunders thinks that the award presented in the bill is a good incentive for this year's Pride Points, and we could try to implement different incentives in the coming years.
 - Senator Moore asks how many people have participated in the Pride Points initiative so far this semester.
 - There was a motion to move into a vote on this bill. The motion was heard and properly seconded.
 - The Senate voted to pass this bill as it was presented. Congratulations!
- **Allocations Manual Changes**
 - Chairman McCuiston will be proposing potential changes to the Student Allocations Funding Manual.
 - He clarifies that RSOs are limited to 5 approved events in an academic year, not just requested events.
 - There was a motion to move into a vote on the changes. The motion was heard and properly seconded.
 - The Senate unanimously voted to pass the changes as they were presented. Congratulations!

XV. **OPEN DISCUSSION**

- Pro-Tempore Fitz asks for a volunteer to carry a cornhole board to the event at McFarland Park tonight.

XVI. **ADVISOR'S REPORT**

- He would like to shoutout for Dan for always coming to Senate meetings! He would also like to shoutout Andrew from the Flor-Ala!
- He would like to commend all of the student workers in the room for their hard work.
- He appreciates each and every person in the room for all the hard work they have put into this year in SGA.
- He is excited for the race happening this Saturday!
- He also commends Dr. Tammy for mentoring him throughout his transition period as advisor of SGA this year.
- He finally commends Dasha for what she has poured into Freshman Forum this year as his graduate assistant.

XVII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Pride Points – April 2 – May 2 (Open Now!)**
- **McFarland End-of-the-Year Party – April 17 (After Senate!)**
- **Lucky Lion Race – April 19**
- **Inauguration Ceremony – April 23 @ 5:00 PM**

XVIII. **SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK**

- **Our SGA member of the week is President Mardis!**

XIX. **PEP**

- **Everyone**
- **Seniors**
- **Mandy and mia**
- **Matthew**
- **Dr. Tammy**
- **Dan**
- **Advisors**
- **Jada**
- **Andrew**
- **Dasha**
- **All of core 4 and extended exec**
- **Chairs**
- **5k committee**
- **Mia**
- **Nicole and grace**
- **Early morning warriors**

XX. **ADJOURNMENT**