The University of North Alabama

Student Government Association

Senate Minutes

October 29th, 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 was amended to include the November Newsletter in Historian Whisnant's report.
- Agenda passed as amended.

VI. PASSING OF MINUTES

- Minutes passed as presented.

VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS

- Dr. Ellis speaking to Senate.
  - Thanks to DIA Winston for letting her come speak to SGA.
  - Thank you to SGA for the resolution. There will be a spring ROAR next semester.
  - The new LaGrange Hall is going to be open soon. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in December to open it.
  - Create will be moving to LaGrange Hall.
  - Veteran's Week is coming up and the band will play at the event at the amphitheater.
  - Miss UNA is coming up and she is very excited.
  - Homecoming just finished and it was great to see the stadium packed.
  - Bicentennial celebrations started this past weekend.
  - Next Founders' Day is January 11th. There will be really good food!
  - Greek Life has 1,011 members and is the largest it has ever been on campus.
  - Dr. Ellis says that Moe's is closed during Spring Break and will become Sonic.

- Doesn't know how Purple Pie is doing, but she thinks its great.
- Wendall's Place is doing very well. Working on signage to better promote it.
- Dr. Ellis says that the Rec Center is about to be renovated.
- Dr. Ellis explains that Wesleyan is about to undergo some changes. Dr. Ellis is also working with the Bicentennial committee to promote and make Wesleyan beautiful again.
- Unveiling of a solar powered clock that counts down to bicentennial that will be unveiled on Founders Day.
- Mane Market will be undergoing changes this summer. There will be tables outside for students to use.
- New elevators will be put into Rice and Rivers this December. They will also be getting access to the Mane cards.
- The new tiered parking lot coming up before the Engineering Building.
- The Engineering building is expected to be done in 18-24 months. Perhaps Fall of 2028.
- Construction on Pine Street will continue and the speed bumps will have reflectors. Side walks and lighting are coming as well.
- Things SGA can work on: look into student tickets for Football games.
- Talks to SGA about West Pine Street. UNA just bought houses in west Florence and are looking into how to use the new space. Dr. Ellis promises to loop SGA into the discussions of this project.
- Twin Oaks is about to be renovated for students.
- Looking at into spreading civility and maybe a "Keep Campus Beautiful" campaign so campus always looks good.
- Dr. Ellis says she'll inquire about ticket stand being closer to the stadium.
- Music building is going to be updated in the next few years.
- Dr. Ellis says that she has been working on Campus Transportation. She is looking into buses or trams.
- Dr. Ellis thanks SGA again for listening to her and reminds SGA to let her know if they need anything.

VIII. STUDENT FORUM

- No student forum.

IX. OFFICER REPORTS

- President Hanback
  - Introduces Haley who is filming SGA's senate meeting.
  - Thank you to everyone on the homecoming committee.
  - Bicentennial launch was very great, and President Hanback thanks everyone for their help.
  - First Year Retention Reception was a hit. Thank you to Vice President McDonald.

    - Freshman Forum Big/Little reveal was so fun. Had over twenty senate members at Freshman Forum.
    - Looking ahead, meeting with Chairwoman Gaertner about the 5K.
- Vice President McDonald
    - Had one-on-ones with most of the chairs.
    - Thank you to our senate.
    - Committees will be writing end of the semester reports. Vice President McDonald explains what this process will look like.
    - Senators need to make sure they have a one-on-one with their chairs.
- Treasurer Woods
    - Pie a Delegate was so fun!
    - Got to pie Delegate Seal and he had so much fun.
    - Next week he will have a budget update.
    - Very excited to meet his littles.
    - Go ahead and get funding request forms in.
    - Go vote on November 3rd!
- Secretary McMahan
    - Past Officers' Breakfast went very well. Had a lot of past officers show up and the partnership with the Honors College was a great change.
    - Thank you to Mr. Matthew and everyone who helped with the event.
    - This week, she is catching up on absences and updating Teams.
    - Working with Treasurer Woods to make sure all the receipts for Past Officers' Breakfast are good.
    - Reminder that after today there is only two more Senate meetings.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Lachowicz and Chauncey
    - On Monday, Freshman Forum had their Spooky Social.
    - Tuesday, Freshman Forum had Welfare social.
    - Freshman Forum raised a lot of money at their Pie a Delegate Event.
    - Bigs and Little Reveal was so fun! Please remember to encourage Freshman Forum.
- Pro-Tempore Ebert
    - She had a blast last week!
    - Thanks everyone for helping with Homecoming.
    - Wrote a bill with DIA Winston to clarify some of their roles.
    - Sent out a welfare survey and she asks that everyone try to do it.
- Chief of Staff Vezina
    - Attended the Student Retention Council's event last week.
    - Has been planning SkyZone outing for the international students.
    - Submitted funding request form for the event.
    - Hope everyone has a fun Halloweekend!

- Historian Whisnant
  - Presented the November newsletter to Senate.
  - Been working on SGA History project.
  - Looking into getting all 96 years of SGA history and putting it into a booklet.
- DIA Winston
  - Sent emails to students about Pride Points prize.
  - Wrote a bill to clarify roles between DIA and Pro-Tempore.
- Communications Director Holcomb
  - Had a meeting with Mr. Matthew about the resolutions.
  - Figuring a meeting out with Chairwoman Staggs.
  - Emailing Treasuer Woods about getting more merchandise.
  - Loved attending Big/Little reveal.

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairwoman Powell
  - Emailing back and forth with Dr. Brewton.
  - Looking to do a finals event. It will be a hot chocolate bar.
- Budget Oversight Chairman Huffman
  - Had one request. It was excepted. $1,000 were given out.
  - Working on the semester's report.
  - So far, $24,000 has been given out to RSOs.
  - Funding for early spring semester ends on November 13th.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Zaharko
  - Working on Homecoming candidate feedback form.
  - Working on Manual changes as well as Code of Law changes.
  - Planning interest meeting for SGA elections.
- Legislative Affairs Chairman Douglas
  - Dreams to Reality is two weeks away!
  - Reminder to email him or Secretary McMahan if you are going to be absent.
  - Wear business professional. Try to wear something UNA-themed.
  - Having meetings with Mr. Matthew and Higher Ed partnership to make sure everything is planned.
  - Election day is next Tuesday!
- Philanthropy Chairwoman Gaertner
  - If anyone wants to write a blog, she needs someone to write a blog about the outdoors.
  - Six people signed up for the Side Hustle.
  - Tees and Totes is going well!
  - 5K planning starts this week.
- Student Welfare Chairwoman Staggs

- Sat down with the ROAR access center to talk about an accessibility on campus.
- Looking into what needs to be done to purchase on ADA accessible golfcart.
- International event is coming up!

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- Chairman Huffman shared from the Strategic Planning and Budget Meeting that some plans regarding the capital projects. Having a meeting next month.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Appleby Safety Committee
  - Chairwoman Zaharko is working on a feedback form via CampusGroups for the sororities. Presenting next senate meeting.
  - Speaking to sororities this Sunday and Monday about the project.
- Homecoming Committee
  - The committee is concluded.
- Academic Honesty Committee
  - Looking into when/where to meet. The meeting will probably be after senate next week.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- No Old Business presented.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- Bill 26-57: Jump Around the World Funding Bill
  - Chief of Staff Vezina says that she needs Senate to pass this bill as it will help international students.
  - Freshman Forum Advisor Chauncey says that this is a great idea. She asks if SGA is going to be included in this event.
  - Chairwoman Staggs says no, because of van space.
  - Vice President McDonald asks if SGA can come on their own to the event.
  - Chairwoman Staggs says yes, SGA can come on their own.
  - Senator Turner asks how much money is in Miscellaneous.
  - Treasurer Woods says there is $3,000.
  - Secretary McMahan asks about the wording of the bill.
  - Chairwoman Staggs explains that Welfare means the whole committee.
  - Senator Turner asks the reason for this event.
  - Chairwoman Staggs says that this event would help get international students out of their dorms.
  - Senator Atkins says she thinks this is a great bill. She moves to pass this bill.
  - Vice President asks how many international students there are on campus.
  - Advisor Jones says around 500 but the number has grown smaller this semester.

- Chairman Huffman asks if the students will have to sign a waver for riding in the van.
- Chairwoman Staggs says no.
- Senator Smith moves to vote on this bill.
- Senator Turner seconds the motion.
- The bill passes.

- Bill 26-58: Role Clarification Bill
  - Senator Turner says that she thinks Senate should pass this bill as this bill is only beneficial to senate.
  - Chairwoman Staggs asks if there is anything that the Pro-Tempore is currently doing that might make this bill not right in the future in regards to RSO outreach.
  - Pro-Tempore says no.
  - Chairman Douglas moves to pass the bill.
  - Chairwoman Staggs seconds the motion.
  - Senate passes the bill.
- Bill 26-59: Executive Council Financing Act
  - Treasurer Woods says there was a hiccup for the Past Officers' Breakfast. And the Cracker Barrel order was more than expected. The whole executive budget would go to funding the Past Officers' Breakfast, so he encourages SGA to pass this bill so there will be funding left. This is the only budget ceiling in the Code of Laws, and this change needs to be made.
  - Vice President McDonald asks if there needs to be a separate section for the new budget. Or if the current budget would have to be changed.
  - Advisor Jones says that SGA is not compliant with the Code of Laws right now and Section 406 needs to be gotten rid of.
  - Chairwoman Gaertner asks that if the money from Past Officers' Breakfast would need to be voted on.
  - Advisor Jones says technically not, as Code of Laws is a bit unclear.
  - Vice President McDonald asks how this money would usually be used.
  - Advisor Jones says that this fund is kind of used as a "pick me up."
  - Senator Smith asks if there was a reason that it was set to $500.
  - Advisor Jones says he does not know.
  - Chairwoman Staggs asks if it would be necessary to keep some sort of limit within the Code of Laws for this budget.
  - Chairman Douglas asks for clarification.
  - Chairwoman Staggs that just like a limit for committees.
  - Chairman Douglas says that it would prevent the budget from being used.
  - Senator Smith moves to into a vote.
  - Chairman Huffman seconds the motion.

- ♦ Senate passes the bill as presented.

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Night at the Bank Sign Up Sheet
- Senator Beasley shares a message from Big Mike.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Keep up the good work, SGA!
- Reminder that Light the Fountain t-shirt design contest is still live. Alternative Breaks application is still open as well.
- Please stay off your phones and computers inside the Senate chambers and be respectful!
- Happy Halloween! Be safe and be smart!
- Daylight Savings Time is on Sunday!

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Night at the Bank – November 3rd, 6pm at Bank Independent Stadium
- Alabama Midterm Elections – November 3rd
- Kicking Off Kindness – November 9th, 9-11am
- Dreams to Reality – November 12th, 3:30pm at Bank Independent Stadium
- Miss UNA – November 14th, 5pm

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Is Mia Batchelor!

XIX. PEP

- Pep to Madeline for the breakfast!
- Pep to Bigs and Littles!
- Pep to Owen!
- Pep to our bills!

XX. ADJOURNMENT