



SGA Senate

Senate Minutes

September 10th, 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - At 3:30
- 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
 - Austin Henderson was approved by senate to become a senator.
 - Karen Nagashima was approved by senate to become a senator.
 - Chief Justice introduced herself to senate.
 - Senators Henderson and Nagashima were sworn into senate by Chief Justice Thomas.
 - Senate photos were taken.
 - Senate rules test was taken.
- VIII. STUDENT FORUM
 - No students on the forum.
- IX. OFFICER REPORTS
 - President Hanback
 - ◆ It is crazy that it is September!
 - ◆ Had paper exec meeting this week.
 - ◆ Congrats to new senators Austin and Karen.
 - ◆ Looking to fill last senate seat.
 - ◆ Has Microsoft Booking page for senate to use.
 - ◆ Attended Shared Governance meeting. There is current state legislation about the role of the faculty senate at the university about how to continue with the Shared Governance system.

- ◆ University is forming an AI task force. Vann Shipp has been appointed to serve on that committee.
- ◆ Excited for Freshman Forum retreat on September 11th.
- Vice-President McDonald
 - ◆ Has Microsoft bookings page.
 - ◆ Office hours are now posted on the doors of the chamber.
 - ◆ Senate has access to the SGA calendar so chairs and exec members need to add their events to the SGA calendar.
 - ◆ Had typical chair meeting.
 - ◆ Trained Senator Henderson this week.
- Treasurer Woods
 - ◆ If senate has anything, use the budget survey.
- Secretary McMahan
 - ◆ Has been updating teams, Campus Groups, and Microsoft groups to include the new senators.
 - ◆ Please email her with not only things for the agenda but all presentations, sign up sheets, etc.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Lachowicz and Chauncey
 - ◆ They had their retreat this weekend!
- Pro-Tempore Ebert
 - ◆ Is having communication problems due to new phone so please be patient.
 - ◆ Has event coming up in October to help with homecoming elections.
 - ◆ Is proxying for DIA Winston on September 11th.
 - ◆ SGA Sunset Social is coming up.
- Chief of Staff Vezina
 - ◆ Voter registration event is at amphitheater.
 - ◆ Booked Wifi hotspot.
 - ◆ Looking into absentee ballot applications.
 - ◆ Working with Communications Director Holcomb about QR codes for her voter registration event.
- Historian Whisnant
 - ◆ Presenting monthly report in a few weeks.
 - ◆ Working on stationary for senate.
- DIA Winston
 - ◆ Happy Thursday!
 - ◆ Pride Points has 2-3 events this week.

- ◆ RSO outreach is going well and getting lots of feedback.
- Communications Director Holcomb
 - ◆ Met with Pro Tempore Ebert to discuss Swag Wagon.
 - ◆ Met with Chairwoman Zaharko about delegating with more tasks for Freshman Forum delegates.
 - ◆ Getting homecoming banner ready.
 - ◆ Is going to order anything having to do with info graphics, stickers, buttons.
 - ◆ Scheduling meetings with Core Four.
 - ◆ Working on media requests.
 - ◆ Working with Historian Whisnant about stationery.
 - ◆ Working on “Meet SGA Mondays” for the Instagram.
 - ◆ Emailed everyone who hasn’t filled out info form.

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairwoman Powell
 - ◆ Meeting with President Hanback about deans and connections.
 - ◆ Midterm event and working with library.
- Budget Oversight Chairman Huffman
 - ◆ Had 8 submissions.
 - ◆ 5 submissions were rejected.
 - ◆ 1 needed revision.
 - ◆ 2 got passed.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Zaharko
 - ◆ Working with Pro-Tempore Ebert about Swag Wagon.
 - ◆ Has updated nominations form.
 - ◆ Has been looking and revising elections manual.
 - ◆ Meetings are moved to Mondays at 3pm.
- Legislative Affairs Chairman Douglas
 - ◆ Apologizes for not being here this week.
 - ◆ Dreams to Reality is in the new football stadium.
 - ◆ Working on invite list for Dreams to Reality.
 - ◆ Working with Jason Cochran to get invitations list.
 - ◆ Talked to Treasurer Woods about budget.
 - ◆ Finalizing speakers for Dreams to Reality.
- Philanthropy Chairwoman Gaertner
 - ◆ Smile Bev is coming next week.
 - ◆ Tees and Totes are coming up

- Student Welfare Chairwoman Staggs
 - ◆ Transfer party is coming up and there is a sign up sheet in open discussion.
 - ◆ Hoping to have event in Atrium.
 - ◆ Met with Chase Wise about how SGA can help with transfer ambassadors.
 - ◆ Meeting with Chief of Staff Vezina.
 - ◆ Working with Mr. Matthew about a “be kind” campaign.
 - ◆ Meeting with Housing to talk about accessibility on campus.

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- ◆ No shared governance was reported.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Appleby Safety Committee: reached out to all sorority floor representatives. Senators need to reach out to their organizations about their floors. President Hanback reached out to IT about locks/doors for Appleby.
- Homecoming Committee: President Hanback shared that a new Ad Hoc is forming between SGA and Freshman Forum. Pro Tempore Ebert is leading the Ad Hoc committee.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- No Old Business presented.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- No New Business presented.

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Family weekend sign up sheet
- Transfer social sign-up sheet.
- Mr. Matthew presented UNA football tickets. Tickets will be available via CampusGroups. Students will check in via CampusGroups, via their QR code.
- Mr. Matthew presented the new stadium map. Athletics are putting it on their new website on Sunday. The football section has 1400 student seats.
- Mr. Matthew reminds senate about the tailgate map.
- Student Engagement is hosting an event next week about the stadium.
- Tees and Totes presentation: all of the money will go to the SGA greatest needs fund. Philanthropy committee is selling totes and tees.
- Added SGA helping with preview day to open discussion. SGA Helping with Preview Day: seeing if SGA members are interested.

XVI. ADVISOR’S REPORT

- Check access to door of chambers.

- Reminds senate to CC Mr. Matthew on emails to directors at university of north Alabama.
- Let Mr. Matthew know if you need access to Campus Groups, etc.
- Encourage SGA to represent SGA at Preview Day.
- HGTMI 1= computer.
- Toner for the printer is ordered.
- Senate was extended to 6pm.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mane Month - August 19th-September 19th
- Bonnamu – September 12th
- Smile Food Truck at UNA – September 16th, 10am-1pm
- Purple Night – September 17th, 5-9pm at Coby Hall Lawn
- SGA Voter Registration Tabling Event – September 17th, 9:30-1pm
- Board of Trustees – September 18th 9am
- First UNA Home Game – September 19th
- SGA Sunset Social – September 24th 6:30-8:30pm.
- UNA Family Weekend – September 26th
- SGA Transfer Party – September 28th, 9-11am

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

XIX. PEP

- Pep to new tv!
- Pep to new senators!
- Pep to Mia!
- Pep to Freshman Forum retreat on Friday!

XX. ADJOURNMENT