SGA Senate
Senate Minutes
26 February 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER
- Called to order at 3:31 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 was passed as presented.

VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
- Chief Justice Kusz and Justice Gilliland speaking to senate
  - She went over what the Judicial Branch is and what they do.
  - The Judicial branch consists of the Chief Justice, four justices and one court clerk.
  - They have one mandatory meeting a month. Sometimes they have more than that if they need to.
  - She went over the judicial manual a little bit and it is organized like the elections and budget oversight manual.
  - She also went over all the requirements and responsibilities of every position in the Judicial Branch.

VIII. STUDENT FORUM
- There were no students present.

IX. OFFICER REPORTS
- President Rhoades
  - The cups have been ordered for the Light the Fountain giveaway.
  - We got 250 cups that we will be giving away.
  - She will be making a sign-up sheet for that soon.

    - She worked with Megan Dye to get the 5K advertised at the athletic games.
    - She worked with Chief Justice Kusz and Justice Gilliland to administer the rules test.
    - She talked to Vice President Ballenger and Chairwoman Gaertner about ideas on how to get people to run the 5K.
    - She met with Historian Holcomb about going over information for the Annual Report.
    - She met with Korey Balrumple about information for the Alma Mater.
    - She said please answer your email if you helped with the audit.
    - The debate is going to be coming up.
    - The stoles were dropped off at North Alabama Screen Print.
    - She met with Chairwoman Strickland about going over her bills that will be presented.
    - She reminds everyone to be mindful of people who want to still debate on bills.
- Vice-President Ballenger
    - She has looked at the notes from the Freshman Forum Code of Laws meeting.
    - She shoutout the Freshman Forum Advisors for their hard work on the CAB bills.
    - She is meeting with Chairwoman Gaertner soon.
    - She has emailed all the previous sign-ups for the 5K last year to encourage them to run.
- Treasurer Hanback
    - He has been working on the budgets this week.
    - He has a lot of people ordering things.
    - He reminds everyone to fill out the budget request form.
    - He reminds everyone to take a picture of the receipt so he can keep track of it.
    - He has been working on the budget request form and revamping it.
    - He has also been talking to 5Star this week and how they will be sending the 5K runner bibs.
- Secretary Plunkett
    - She has been doing her normal duties.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Ebert and Buford
    - They had a meeting and they passed two bills this time.

    - Outreach and Philanthropy's event is getting postponed.
    - They are still having meetings for Freshman Forum Code of Laws changes meeting.
    - They are going to create a freshman Forum manual.
- Pro-Tempore Winston
    - She has been working on Pride Points.
    - She sent out flyers to give out in the residence halls.
    - She has a bill for pride of points incentive bill.
    - She says if you want to help let her know.
    - She met with Freshman Forum Social Committee to help them plan an event.
    - She is wanting to do a beach volleyball tournament in either March or April.
    - She is going to post a reel for the SGA 5K as Miss UNA.
- Chief of Staff Thomas
    - She met with Student Counseling Services about inquiring in an online booking system and they are not planning on doing it right now. They have the software for it they are not going to do it right now.
    - She has been working on Stock Up with SGA and Housing does want to help us if they can. They will be helping us with advertising.
    - She emailed someone from the SRC about reserving another van for the trip.
    - She has been talking with Communications Director Mwaura about her CPH survey and what she can help with it.
    - She has been updating Teams as well.
    - She is still waiting on a reply from FAME about the alma mater committee.
- Historian Holcomb
    - She will be meeting with Mr. Matthew about getting more information for the annual report.
    - She is also presenting the newsletter and summary cards in her report.
    - She has been coordinating with the PR committee about helping them advertising.
- DIA Byrd
    - No report
- Communications Director Mwaura

        - She has been working on marketing materials for elections and the SGA 5K.

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairwoman McMahan
    - She has been sending emails to the library and the success center for the campus initiative.
    - She has had a lot of entries for their campus initiatives.
    - Their midterm event had to get moved.
    - Her, Vice President Ballenger, Senator Powell and Senator Miller have been working on a student survey.
- Budget Oversight Chairman McCuiston
    - They met and they had 10 requests. They approved 5 requests, 4 required modifications and 1 was denied.
    - They have been working on manual changes and he will be presenting those changes soon.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Vezina
    - They started filming a promotional video for elections.
    - They have been working on a script for the SGA debate.
    - She says to please fill out the RSVP form if you are running in elections.
    - They just submitted an equipment checkout form for the Honors Elections Breakfast.
    - They will be having a tabling event on March 11th.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman McDonald
    - They have a Florence City Council meeting.
    - They have a Higher Ed Day event survey.
    - They will be brainstorming smaller events that Legislative Affairs can host.
    - She has not updated the Code of Laws yet.
    - She has read a CLEG strike bill.
    - She will be assigning portions of the end of semester report.
- Student Welfare Chairwoman Strickland
    - Her committee met this past week and they talked about their accessibility information that they have gathered.
    - They have been working on some legislation.
- Philanthropy Chairwoman Gaertner
    - Crews and Brews shirts are in.
    - They have been working on getting the Florence Police Permit.
    - They have thirty runners as of right now.

        - Blue Coast Burrito fundraiser is still going well.
        - Slim Chickens Spirit Night is next week.
        - They have signs figured out for the 5K.

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- Chairwoman McDonald says the undergraduate readmissions committee will be meeting and they will be discussing with Amber Fite-Morgan about being in compliance with the law.
- Vice President Ballenger attended a meeting that worked on the refund policy.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Constitutional compliance
    - They are still working on writing legislation and staying in compliance with the Code of Laws and Constitution.
- Alma mater
    - They have been still trying to gather information about the Alma Mater.
    - Senator Hanback has met with Shoals National Heritage group, and they are wanting to help us work with us on this project.
    - Senator Youngblood heard back from Muscle Shoals sound about helping with ideas.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business presented.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- Bill 26-13: Pride Points Bill
    - This purpose is to allocate funding for the Pride Points incentive.
    - Senator Anthony asks where we are buying the incentives from.
    - Treasurer Hanback looked up some of the items to double check the prices.
    - Chairwoman Vezina asks why Olive Hall is the trial group. The author says that Olive Hall is all Freshman and freshman have not heard anything about pride points and they will have a fresh mind.
    - Senator McMahan asks how the prizes will be distributed and they will be distributed in order of how they are placed on the bill.
    - There was an amendment on the floor that was accepted by the author to take out the gift card and make it four air tags not five.

        - Senator Moore asks if this will be eliminating the third prize. The author says they could potentially have enough money to get another prize, but she would have to add another bill.
        - Senator Huffman suggests tabling the bill and let the author gain more information about the prizes.
        - The amendment was not passed.
        - Chief of Staff Thomas says since its still in the planning stages of this maybe we should not spend as much on a prize.
        - There is a new amendment on the floor to add another item to the list and to fix the total of the bill.
        - Senator Huffman says that the amendment needs to be more of an out of senate discussion.
        - The amendment was not passed.
        - This bill was tabled.
    - Bill 26-14: Student Welfare Party of Four Act
        - This is to increase the input of the Student Welfare committee from different types of students.
        - Secretary Plunkett suggests adding a freshman to this committee as well.
        - President Rhoades says this is a great idea.
        - Chief of Staff Thomas says this a great idea and it's great to put this in writing.
        - This bill passes.
    - Bill 26-15: Fill the Fridge Act
        - The purpose of this bill is to specify the Student Welfare Committee's involvement with the food pantry.
        - Senator Huffman likes the wording of this bill.
        - This bill passes.
    - Bill 26-16: Welfare for All Act
        - This is to add a paper trail to having transfer and international student events.
        - Senator Moore says this is a great bill.
        - Chief of Staff Thomas says this is a great bill.
        - Senator Barnett says it's a great bill.
        - This bill passes.

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Voter Tabling event sign ups
    - This is for a voter tabling event on March 11th.
- Pro Tempore Winston says to support her Miss UNA initiative.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- Dr. Tammy and Him met with the person over the student activity fee and she praises SGA for her hard work.
- He is working on getting the constitutional amendment on the website.
- He is at a hold with the SGA branding.
- He says SGA does give out a couple of awards at the Award Gala.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- College of Business Slim Chickens Spirit Night – every Thursday in February
- Blue Coast Burrito Fundraiser – Now – Till the end of February
- SGA Debate – March 2nd
- Slim Chickens Spirit Night – March 2nd
- SGA 5K – March 7th
- Campaigning closes – March 9th
- Stock Up with SGA – March 14th
- Blvd Nutrition – March 20th
- Midterm Event – March 3rd

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Senator Whisnant won member of the week!

XIX. PEP

- Pep to our advisors!
- Pep to Higher Ed Day!
- Pep to Peach Park!
- Pep to Senator Lachowicz!
- Pep to newsletter!
- Pep to 5K committee!
- Pep to laugh!
- Pep to the communications student!
- Pep to Miss UNA!

XX. ADJOURNMENT