



SGA Senate
Senate Agenda
5 March 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
 - The agenda was amended to add the 5K itinerary to open discussion.
 - The agenda was amended to change the announcements to say voting opens on March 9th.
- VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
 - The minutes were passed as presented.
- VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
 - Sheena Burgreen and Glenda Richey speaking to Senate
 - Mrs. Burgreen talked about how she is over health and well-being.
 - They are talking about a new bike program.
 - Mrs. Richey is over the Student Recreational Center.
 - They are here to request money for new e-bikes for campus.
 - She is wanting to add 50 bikes as well as 50 helmets to their current fleet.
 - They started the e-bike program started in 2022 and they were given a generous donation of 25 bikes and 25 helmets.
 - Having these bikes gives them a new way of transportation and they have more opportunities to do things off of campus.
 - She talked about the setback that happened a couple of months ago because of a battery recall.
 - It can go up to 28 mph and can do about 40-50 hours before you need to charge again.
 - Each bike is right at \$1000.

- Each student can reserve a bike for a semester, and they can reapply.
- They work alongside the international program and the athletic program.
- University Award Voting
 - This is to vote on the SGA Senator of the Year and the W.T. McElheny award.

VIII. STUDENT FORUM

- Freshman Forum Executive Chair talked about his position, and he appreciates SGA.

IX. OFFICER REPORTS

- President Rhoades
 - Everyone has passed the senate rules test.
 - She had her food service committee meeting today.
 - She had an email sent to her about a marketplace website.
 - Light the Fountain cups should be coming in any day now.
 - There will be a sign-up sheet for a table for Light the Fountain.
 - There will be some more updates about the e-bike information.
 - The 5K is this Saturday.
 - She had her Shared Governance Executive Committee meeting.
 - There have been multiple communication students film senate.
- Vice-President Ballenger
 - She appreciates everyone for voting on Senator of the Year and W.T. McElheny award.
 - There will be another Freshman Forum Code of Laws changes meeting.
 - Blue Coast fundraiser has ended.
 - In her chairs meeting, they want to do a promotional video about pine street renovations.
- Treasurer Hanback
 - He has been working on the 5K and SGA budgets.
 - He worked with Mr. Matthew and Communications Director Mwaura about print shop totals.
 - There have been some things that were ordered that are in now.
 - We have raised over \$1000.
 - He will be working on the endowed selection committee and looking through the inventory.
- Secretary Plunkett
 - She has been working on her secretary duties.

- She will be taking attendance at 7:30 the day of the 5K.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Ebert and Buford
 - They are telling everyone to update their Teams and get bills passed.
 - They spoke to them about inauguration.
 - They are doing a Delegate of the Year and the Spirit of Freshman Forum awards.
 - Executive Chair Martin asked all of the Freshman Forum members why they joined Freshman Forum to help with information for the future.
 - They will be having a Pause for Paws event.
- Pro-Tempore Winston
 - She went to Freshman Forum to talk about Pride Points.
 - She has a bill to go for Pride Points prizes.
 - Freshman Forum is having a mini golf internal event on March 19th and SGA is invited.
 - The April event will be beach volleyball.
- Chief of Staff Thomas
 - She has been working on getting things together for the Stock Up with SGA event.
 - We did not have to pay for any of these vans.
 - She has been organizing Teams.
 - She has been looking through the information from the CPH survey.
- Historian Holcomb
 - She had a meeting with Mr. Matthew, and they talked about the newsletter and annual report.
 - They have ordered a lot of summary cards for Light the Fountain.
 - She has been working on elections cards to also put in the Light the Fountain cups.
 - She has been trying to get the annual report done.
- DIA Byrd
 - No report
- Communications Director Mwaura
 - She has had a lot of graphic requests that are coming in.
 - She sent an email to Dining services about different dining options.
 - Elections opens this coming up Monday.

- Senator Whisnant gave her a great idea for a reel.

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairwoman McMahan
 - They had their prize drawing for their initiative.
 - They had their midterm event.
 - The student success center and them will have an event.
 - They are collecting all the data from their survey.
 - They are starting emails to the provost and the dean.
- Budget Oversight Chairman McCuiston
 - They had 8 requests, 5 approved, 1 required modification, and 2 were denied.
 - He gave some of the events that were approved by allocations.
 - There are only two weeks till spring break so he will be presenting half of the manual changes.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Vezina
 - She appreciates everyone who went to their events this past week.
 - She shouted out Senator Barnett for helping with the officer questions for the debate.
 - Elections is next week.
 - They are doing a voter tabling event this week.
 - They will be working on the election's manual.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman McDonald
 - They met and they were winding down from Higher Ed day.
 - They attended the Florence City Council.
 - They are assigning tasks for the end of semester report.
 - They were brainstorming small events that they could do.
 - She also drafted an email for Pine Street Renovations for controlled interviews to explain the process of this.
- Student Welfare Chairwoman Strickland
 - Her committee met and they went around campus to test all the accessibility doors on campus.
 - She emailed Jeremy Martin and Dr. Dean Ellis, and she has a meeting with them about the accessibility problems.
 - They were able to see some of the issues that they talked about are fixed.
- Philanthropy Chairwoman Gaertner
 - They are in the final stretch of the 5K.
 - They will be talking about the 5K itinerary.

- They have a face painter and Kona Ice coming.

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- Pro Tempore Winston went to the multicultural advisory board, and they were moving their scholarship to the endowed scholarship list.
- Freshman Forum Advisor Buford attended the undergraduate readmissions. They will be moving out of a shared governance perspective and doing more of an executive council.
- Senator Hanback is in a subcommittee for the Bicentennial Planning committee, and they are working on legacy projects. They are wanting to do a tree planting ceremony.
- President Rhoades attended the Shared Governance Executive committee met and they talked about the last couple of committees to decide if they should be shared governance committees.
- President Rhoades attended the food service committee and they talked about how we have the license to convert to a “We Proudly Serve Starbucks” instead of “Starbucks”. They will be sending out a survey for this. UNA was approached by Turbo Coffee to see if they want them to replace the coffee at Café Leo. We would still be able to use dining dollars for this. There was a question about what would happen to the Café Leo employees? The response was the Café Leo employees would not lose their jobs. Would entering a contract would it still be the same process just like the ten-year contracts? President Rhoades is not necessarily sure. Chairwoman McDonald asks if Turbo was asked to fill Café Leo a couple years ago, but we could not support it? It is true that that did occur. We would like to know the revenue per location of Turbo. We want to ask if we could do a “We proudly serve Turbo”. We also want to look at any local coffee shops that have been in Florence for a while. There was an informal vote if they would like Turbo to come on campus and replacing Café Leo. There were zero in favor of bringing Turbo to campus, there were majority in favor into looking more options, and then there was a small majority that were in favor into not looking into any different options.
- Senator Sharma says there are looking for a marketing intern for the food service committee.
- Communications Director Mwaura says she needs an official proxy for her food service committee and Senator Anthony can go for her.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Constitutional compliance
 - They said if you have an idea, please let them know.

- Alma mater
 - They have a meeting after the 5K.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- Bill 26-13: Pride Points Bill
 - Senator Huffman asks if the prize is like a voucher, and you can get anything from the bookstore.
 - Senator Anthony asks what the historical engagement process for Pride Points. There were about 20 people that did it last year and since it will be a smaller group, they are hoping to get some more engagement and then broaden it to Mane Month next semester.
 - Vice President Ballenger says it has had some ups and downs, but Pro Tempore Winston has completely changed the purpose of Pride Points and it looks different. She says it is easier to do now and there is more marketing for it.
 - Senator Sharma says Pride Points has helped him. He also says that the marketing has made it better.
 - Chairwoman McMahan says that she likes the idea of the bookstore scholarship.
 - Freshman Forum Advisor Ebert says Pro Tempore Winston has completely reshaped this and she has come to Freshman Forum to gauge their opinion.
 - Treasurer Hanback says that there is plenty of money in the miscellaneous line for this bill.
 - President Rhoades wanted to give input about what exec talked about. She says Pride Points has had a lot of interest already and it has already been posted. She wants us to focus on the main point of this bill.
 - This bill passes.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- Bill 26-17: CLEG Strike Bill
 - This is to strike the mandatory attendance of UNA SGA attending CLEG.
 - Senator Moore says CLEG should be stricken since it does not exist anymore.
- Bill 26-18: Freshman Forum Election Act
 - This is to align the Code of Laws with a previous bill that was passed in Fall 2025.

- Senator Anthony says the Code of Laws needs to be in compliance.
 - This bill passes.
- Bill 26-19: Academic Affairs Committee Representing All Amendment Act
 - This is to change the Code of Laws to keep the Academic Affairs committee in compliance.
 - Chairwoman McDonald asks if the committee members have to be in the college to represent it, and they do not.
 - Senator Barnett says this is a great bill.
 - This bill passes.
- 5K Rain Date Mandatory Attendance
 - This is to vote on the mandatory attendance of the 5K rain date that is on March 28th.
 - The race is still to continue to be on March 7th.
 - Historian Holcomb says that she is against it because it is close to time of the event, and it is during Spring Break.
 - Chief of Staff Thomas says you can appeal to judicial if you cannot make that date.
 - Senator Anthony says she will not be in attendance, but vacations do not count towards an actual appeal to judicial.
 - Chairwoman Gaertner understands everyone's point and she needs a lot of people to help host the event.
 - The attendance for the rain date of the 5K is not mandatory.

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Light the Fountain SGA table sign-ups
 - People signed up for this.
- Light the Fountain Bounce House sign-ups
 - People signed up for this.
- Driver sign-ups for Stock up with SGA
 - People signed up for this.
- 5K Itinerary
 - This is to go over information for the 5K.
 - Chief of Staff Thomas asks if there is a key for the buildings.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- He will be here at 6 AM on Saturday for people who need in early that morning.
- He wants to let everyone know that the website has been updated with the constitutional amendment.

- The ballots are almost done.
- He wanted to commend Pro Tempore Winston and her Pride Points initiative.
- He reminds everyone that we need a timely request for Coca-Cola products.
- Purchase orders need about two weeks.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- March Out Hunger Month - March
- SGA 5K – March 7th
- Pride Points – March 7th-14th
- Voting opens – March 9th
- Board of Trustees meeting – March 13th
- Stock Up with SGA – March 14th
- Freshman Forum Mixer at Killen Time – March 19th
- Blvd Nutrition – March 18th

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Chairwoman Strickland won SGA member of the week!

XIX. PEP

- Pep to everyone!
- Pep to Secretary Plunkett!
- Pep to Student Forum!
- Pep to Chairwoman Gaertner!
- Pep to Pro Tempore Winston!
- Pep to Mr. Matthew and Mia!
- Pep to Student Engagement Student Workers!
- Pep to Chairwoman Vezina!

XX. ADJOURNMENT