



SGA Senate  
Senate Minutes  
16 April 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 strike the historian duties act.
  - The agenda was amended to change the names of Bill 26-31 and Bill 26-32 to Officer Rules Test Act and Senate Rules Test Act.
  - The agenda was amended to change the numbers of the following bills after the removal of the historian duties act.
  - The agenda was passed.
- VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
  - The minutes was passed as presented.
- VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
  - There was no special business presented.
- VIII. STUDENT FORUM
  - There was nothing to report from student forum.
- IX. OFFICER REPORTS
  - President Rhoades
    - She met with Historian Holcomb to go over the annual report.
    - She has everything to put in her Teams.
    - She called Goodmans and the backpacks are going to be ready tomorrow.
    - She picked up and paid for the stoles and extra 5K shirts from North Alabama Screen Print.
    - She has gotten all the information together for the classroom audit and there will be a resolution on it later.
    - She met with DIA Byrd on changing her position.

- If there was anything you did not get to accomplish then bring it up to the next administration.
- The e-bikes that they were able to purchase, the money got sent over to formally buy the bikes.
- She met with Chairwoman Strickland to go over the information for the resolution.
- Vice-President Ballenger
  - She wants to thank everyone who came to the suicide prevention walk.
  - Wacky Dogs is confirmed for April 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - They are partnering with the digital ambassadors to give free headshots for students.
  - Please bring blazer to help with that event.
  - She had her last chairs meeting.
  - A lot of the chairs are putting how to tips in their Teams.
- Treasurer Hanback
  - He said shoutout to Pro Tempore Winston for the great Lock in.
  - He has been working on updating the budget.
  - He took some money to the agency account.
  - He worked on the inventory in the chambers.
  - There are two recipients for the SGA endowed scholarship.
- Secretary Plunkett
  - She has been working on last minute details for inauguration.
  - She has been working on updating her teams.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Ebert and Buford
  - They have been working on a how to be a freshman forum advisor document.
  - They are going to get the super-secret surprise for Freshman Forum.
- Pro-Tempore Winston
  - No Report.
- Chief of Staff Thomas
  - She finished the executive council audit that will get the ball rolling for next year.
  - She has been updating her Teams.
  - She is working on different things to finish out.
  - They have an alma mater meeting on Saturday.
- Historian Holcomb

- She had a meeting with President Rhoades to go over the annual report.
- She also worked with Mr. Matthew to go over the annual report again.
- She is working on ideas for the next Historian.
- She appreciates everyone who has helped her this year.
- DIA Byrd
  - She had a meeting with President Rhoades, and they talked about her part of the Code of Laws.
  - There will be a bill presented on her part of the Code of Laws.
- Communications Director Mwaura
  - They are working on a giveaway, and they have multiple sponsors.
  - She is working on some last-minute graphics.
  - She is working on a video for Chairwoman McDonald.
  - She is working on some notes for the next Communications Director.

#### X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairwoman McMahan
  - She has been updating Teams.
  - They are looking at what academic affairs will look like for next year.
  - She wrote a bill for an event that they have.
  - She has been emailing to confirm the giveaway basket.
- Budget Oversight Chairman McCuiston
  - They have reviewed over 50 funding requests and have given out a lot of money to student organizations for events and conferences.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Vezina
  - She has been finishing up in Teams.
  - They have event evaluations in there.
  - She is working on a how-to document.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman McDonald
  - She is meeting with Mr. Matthew to go over the Code of Laws formatting.
  - She says the last Florence City Council meeting of this administration is next Tuesday.
  - She is working on a how-to document for a Code of Laws formatting and chair document.

- Student Welfare Chairwoman Strickland
  - She has been sending final emails to facilities.
  - She is working on a how-to document for the next chair.
  - She met with President Rhoades to finalize the resolution.
- Philanthropy Chairwoman Gaertner
  - They have been working on Code of Laws updates.
  - She is working on a how-to document for the next chair.

#### XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- The safety and emergency preparedness committee met, and Communications Director Mwaura attended, and they went over how they would be prepared for emergency situations.

#### XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Constitutional compliance
  - They are appreciative to who has worked in this committee.
- Alma mater
  - They met to work on the memorandum that will be presented later.

#### XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- Resolution 26-02
  - This is to advocate for student accessibility on campus.
  - President Rhoades said she combined both the classroom audit accessibility project and working on accessible maps project.
  - Chairwoman Vezina commends Student Welfare and President Rhoades on their work on this resolution.
  - The resolution was passed.

#### XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- Bill 26-29: The Budget Cushioning Act
  - This is to allocate funding from the miscellaneous line to support an Academic Affairs event that is in collaboration with Collier Library and the Math Center.
  - This bill passes as presented.
- Bill 26-30: DIA Obligations Act
  - The purpose of this bill is to amend Chapter 3000 of the Code of Laws pertaining to the position and obligations tasked to the SGA Diversity and Inclusion Advocate.
  - Senator Anthony says this is a great bill but there is one potential issue, but DIA Byrd says it is for any collaboration on campus.

- Senator Sharma says that the Alabama state law should not be in an issue in this case.
- Senator McMahan fact checks the Alabama state law.
- Chief of Staff Thomas says this is a great bill and she gives some background information about what the DIA position discussion was like last year.
- There was an amendment to strike 3000.4.1 that says “department” from the bill.
- The amendment passes.
- The bill passes as amended.
- Bill 26-31: Officer Rules Test Act
  - The purpose of this bill is to amend the Code of Laws Chapter 100 to establish a clear timeline and maximum attempt limits for the mandatory knowledge test required of all SGA Executive Officers.
  - Senator Lachowicz says this is a great bill and it is some of the best pieces of legislation.
  - The bill passes.
- Bill 26-32: Senate Rules Test Act
  - This purpose of the bills is to amend the Code of Laws Chapter 101 to establish a clear timeline and maximum attempt limits for the mandatory knowledge test required of all SGA senators.
  - Vice President Ballenger says this is a great bill.
  - Senator Staggs asks if they will have an additional four weeks if they do not pass it the first time.
  - This bill passes.
- Bill 26-33: Judicial Rules Test Act
  - This purpose of this bill is to amend Code of Laws Chapter 900 to establish a clear timeline and procedures for the Senate Rules test administered by the Judicial Branch.
  - President Rhoades commends Senator Sharma for his hard work.
  - Chief of Staff Thomas asks if the Judicial branch needs to inform on the first formal meeting of the semester, and he said it is up to the discretion of the judicial branch.
- Bill 26-34: Keeping the Right to Vote Act
  - The purpose of this bill is to amend the Code of Laws to change who shall presided over a meeting in case that the Vice President is absent.

- Senator Vincent asks if they could still vote, author says no.
- Senator Looney says it's a great bill.
- Senator Huffman says he does not think it will be informal for the Pro-Tempore to count their vote.
- Vice President Ballenger says she admires where the idea is coming from, but the section she is trying to edit it from is not editing another section of the Code of Laws and if this bill passes than we will be out of compliance to another section of the Code of Laws.
- Chief of Staff Thomas says she does not necessarily see a problem with the chain of command.
- Senator Lachowicz says that pro tempore in Latin means "for the time being" and we would need to look into the role of the pro tempore role would need to be looked at.
- Chairwoman McMahan asks if the newly elected officer could still fill in if needed, and the author says it needs to stay consistent.
- This bill was attempted to table, it was denied.
- Senator Vincent asks if the vice president counts herself if informal votes count and they technically count.
- Communications Director Mwaura says she likes the authors point of being consistent, but saying she will write a bill is inconsistent. There is also a direct contradiction in Chapter 502.1. She does not think this bill is completely necessary.
- Senator Woods says he does not believe that the pro tempore should be moved from this position.
- This bill does not pass.
- Bill 26-35: Who Shall Serve Act
  - The purpose of this bill is to amend the Code of Laws to establish who shall serve in the place of the SGA Secretary in the case that they may be absent form a Senate meeting.
  - Historian Holcomb says that she thinks that is a great role to choose and it does align with the historian portion of the Code of Laws.
  - Communications Director Mwaura says she thinks that there hasn't been an issue for this bill, so she thinks that this bill is putting these officers more in a box.
  - President Rhoades does not think that this is the best way to go about it.

- Chairwoman McDonald says we have seen this in the past.
- Chairwoman McMahan asks to clarify that the treasurer would take the minutes.
- Senator Moore says that we are reading into it too much.
- There was an amendment on the floor to switch the line up to historian then treasurer.
- The amendment passes.
- Chief of Staff Thomas agrees that consistency is key.
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XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Alma Mater Memorandum
  - They are waiting for feedback from Mr. Matthew and Dr. Tammy.
  - This is for current precedents that concern the current UNA alma mater.
  - President Rhoades says they have worked so hard.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- The SAAC conference is next week which is an accreditation for UNA.
- He is so proud of us and can't wait to celebrate us at Inauguration.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Wall of Encouragement with the UNA Success Center – April 16-29<sup>th</sup>
- Raffle Prizes with Math Center and Library – April 16-29<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Concert – April 16<sup>th</sup>
- Last day for summer allocations request – April 17<sup>th</sup>
- AFV Video – April 19<sup>th</sup>
- Inauguration – April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- SGA x Digital Ambassadors Free Headshot Day – April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Miss UNA Ring Ceremony – April 24<sup>th</sup>
- Academic Affairs' Fuel for Finals – April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Wacky Dogs Food Truck – April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Call for Mane Month, Big Deal and ROAR tables – open now

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Senator Looney won SGA member of the week!

XIX. PEP

- Core Four!
- Pep to everything to end pep!
- Pep to our student in student forum!
- Pep to Senator Anthony!
- Pep to Historian Holcomb!
- Pep to chairs!

- Pep to Communication Directors Mwaura!
- Pep to Senator Sharma!
- Pep to everyone!
- Pep to seniors!

XX. ADJOURNMENT