



SGA Senate  
Senate Minutes  
9 April 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 amended to say “minutes” instead of “agenda”.
  - The minutes was then passed as presented.
- VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
  - There was no special business presented.
- VIII. STUDENT FORUM
  - There were no students present.
- IX. OFFICER REPORTS
  - President Rhoades
    - She had a meeting with two students regarding commencement. She also talked with them about Bank Independent stadium.
    - The audit information is almost complete.
    - She will be putting together a resolution that will be presented next Thursday.
    - She went over information with Chairwoman Strickland for her resolution.
    - She has been gathering information on how to pay for the stoles at North Alabama Screen Print.
    - She said the Bingo Bango event went well.
    - She had a homecoming committee meeting.

- She had a budget rollover meeting, and they came to the conclusion that they will be buying 15 e-bikes and helmets for the students who lost theirs in the recalls and to get some students off the waitlist.
- She is also getting her Teams finished up and putting it together.
- She is meeting with Historian Holcomb after senate to go over the annual report.
- They talked more about the Safe Student Marketplace in exec.
- Vice-President Ballenger
  - She met with Ianthe from Digital Ambassadors to create an event for getting free headshots on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - They will be having another a freshman Forum refresh meeting.
  - She tells people to register for the Suicide Walk.
  - She has been communicating with Wacky Dogs and Duell to get them to come on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - She says thank you to her chairs.
- Treasurer Hanback
  - He has been working with different chairs and other members of SGA with budget requests forms.
  - They are looking at the Student Life Marketplace.
  - They are looking at different platforms than just the one that reached out to President Rhoades.
  - He had a bicentennial planning meeting.
  - The launch for bicentennial will be at next years homecoming.
  - He heard back from financial aid about the endowed scholarship.
  - He is going to start looking through the inventory.
- Secretary Plunkett
  - She has been working on her regular duties and has been getting ready for inauguration.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Ebert and Buford
  - She thanks Senator Powell and Chairwoman McMahan for coming to speak on their Lions Love Learning initiative.
  - They will be updating Teams.
  - They will have an end of the year gala for Freshman Forum.
- Pro-Tempore Winston
  - She encourages everyone to go to the last internal bonding event.
  - She sent her end of the year report.

- She is still working on getting the prizes to the winners for Pride Points.
- Chief of Staff Thomas
  - She has been trying to get in touch with Housing still with the answers from the CPH survey.
  - She has fully updated her Teams.
  - She has been working with Chairwoman Strickland.
  - She sent her end of the year report to Presidents Rhoades.
  - They had a really productive Alma Mater meeting, and they will be finishing up the information for that.
- Historian Holcomb
  - The new newsletters are out.
  - She will be meeting with President Rhoades to finish up information for the annual report.
  - She has updated her Teams.
- DIA Byrd
  - She said a lot of people came for Bingo Bango.
  - She will be meeting with President Rhoades about information to help with changing the DIA role.
- Communications Director Mwaura
  - She only has a couple of media requests pending.
  - She asks everyone to repost Instagram posts.
  - Applications are open for Executive Council.
  - She is wanting to do a small giveaway on the Instagram page to get to 3,000 followers.

#### X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairwoman McMahan
  - She heard back from the Math Center, and they will be helping with the raffle prizes.
  - She has been in contact with the success center is able to do the wall of encouragement wall.
  - They also spoke to Freshman Forum for the future of Lions Love Learning.
  - They have amazing ideas from Freshman Forum.
- Budget Oversight Chairman McCuiston
  - They have two more meetings.
  - They had three travel requests and all three were approved.
  - April 17<sup>th</sup> is the last day to approved requests for summer.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Vezina

- They passed the manual last week.
- The elections winner picked up their gift recently.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman McDonald
  - She went to the Florence City Council meeting.
  - Senator Anthony is working on a bill.
- Student Welfare Chairwoman Strickland
  - She was able to send in her end of semester report to Vice President Ballenger.
  - She is sending emails to facilities about their work orders.
- Philanthropy Chairwoman Gaertner
  - They met last week, and they completed the end of the year report.
  - They brainstormed changes to their section of the Code of Laws.
  - They also brainstormed some tips and tricks for the new chair of the committee.

#### XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- President Rhoades attended the last homecoming committee meeting. The bicentennial launch is happening during homecoming.
- President Rhoades had a Shared Governance Executive Committee meeting.
- President Rhoades had a shared governance executive work group meeting.
- Communications Director Mwaura said they have to submit their vote for two requests for the strategic budgeting planning meeting.

#### XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Constitutional compliance
  - Historian Holcomb suggests rewording the Code of Laws in regard to the Historian role.
  - They are wanting to put a certain time limit on when you take office.
- Alma mater
  - They had a meeting to go over the memorandum.
  - They are meeting this weekend over teams to finish the memorandum.
  - Chairwoman McDonald has sent the almost finished the copy of the memorandum to Mr. Matthew.

#### XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- There is no old business presented.

#### XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- Bill 26-25: Freshman Forum Executive Chair Role Expansion Act
  - This bill is to create new legislation for the Freshman Forum Executive Chair to create a new role for this position. They will be adding collaboration with the treasurer of SGA as well as working with Freshman Forum exec to create one internal event.
  - Freshman Forum Advisor Buford gives more information about how it gives this position more charges.
  - This bill passes.
- Bill 26-26: Impact Over Interval Act
  - This is to update the language for how many events this philanthropy events should host and when they should host them.
  - Senator Anthony says this is a great bill.
  - Communications Director Mwaura says this bill needs tweaked just a tad because there is repetitive language in a different part of the Code of Laws.
  - Treasurer Hanback gives a little context on the addition of the philanthropy committee.
  - There was an amendment to strike the 2 large scale fundraising events from the bill.
  - The amendment passed as presented.
  - The bill was then passed with the amendment.
- Bill 26-27: Volunteerism Clarification Act
  - This is to clarify the terminology section of the philanthropy section of the Code of Laws.
  - Senator Looney says it's a great bill.
  - President Rhoades asks if the wording should be aligned.
  - Pro-Tempore Winston asks what the goal is of the volunteerism aspect of the committee, and this states clearly what the committee will do in regard to volunteerism.
  - Chief of Staff Thomas fully supports the purpose of this bill.
  - This bill passes.
- Bill 26-28: PR Core Four Act
  - This is to give a certain role to each person in the PR committee in Freshman Forum.
  - Freshman Forum Advisor Ebert says this is a great bill.
  - Communications Director Mwaura says this a great bill and it will be a very purposeful bill.
  - Senator Staggs asks if the chairperson is the fourth member.

- There was an amendment that reads that it will strike the “no less than” part of the bill.
- The amendment was passed.
- Senator Moore says it’s a great bill and he asks if the author would like an amendment on a different part of the bill.
- Senator Looney asks if someone left the committee, then what would happen to that role, and the author says it’s up to the advisor’s discretion.
- There is a new amendment to add committee chair to the list of roles.
- The amendment passes.
- The bill passes.
- Resolution 26-02
  - This a resolution to advocate for student accessibility on campus.
  - They are charging the upcoming student welfare chair to continue the accessibility initiative.
  - Treasurer Hanback asks what the main goal of this initiative is, and the author says to get updated signage and updated the maps on campus.
  - Chief of Staff Thomas says it’s a great resolution, but maybe also talk about a call to action in this resolution.
  - This resolution was tabled to next week.

#### XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Executive Council Applications
  - There were QR codes for the executive council applications and the GroupMe for next year.
- Communications Director Mwaura brings up a point about breaking compliance with the PR committee in Freshman Forum and a bill needs to be made.

#### XVI. ADVISOR’S REPORT

- He is working with Vice President Ballenger about getting the letters you wrote to yourselves at retreat.
- He is proud of us for our hard work.
- He says Dining did announce that the Starbucks “we proudly serve” is out.
- He says to never sell yourself short and don’t let a rejection put you down.

#### XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SGA Lock-in – April 9<sup>th</sup>
- Wall of Encouragement with the UNA Success Center – April 10-29<sup>th</sup>
- Raffle Prizes with Math Center and Library – April 10-29<sup>th</sup>
- Taco Mama Spirit Night – April 13<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Concert – April 16<sup>th</sup>
- Inauguration – April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Academic Affairs' Fuel for Finals – April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Lambda Sigma Phi Worship Night – Tonight
- Ring Ceremony for Miss UNA is on the last week.
- Chairwoman Strickland is putting on a concert for her class and some of the brothers of Phi Gam will be performing.

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Chief of Staff Thomas won SGA member of the week!

XIX. PEP

- Pep to Executive Chair Martin!
- Pep to Mr. Matthew!
- Pep to Freshman Forum!
- Pep to Chairwoman Strickland for resolution!
- Pep to everyone who helped with the audit!
- Pep to Student Engagement Workers!
- Pep to Freshman Forum's Secret!

XX. ADJOURNMENT