

SGA Senate  
Minutes  
22 August 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3.30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. PASSING OF AGENDA

Chief of Staff Britton proposed to pass the agenda as presented.

Chairwoman Hamilton seconded the motion.

VI. PASSING OF MINUTES

Senator Gilliland proposed to pass the minutes as presented.

Chief of Staff Britton seconded the motion.

VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS

Provost & Executive Vice-President Brien Smith

Provost Smith explained his role as provost.

He makes sure the degrees earned at UNA are the best quality possible, and that in the realm of student affairs, that the students have the best time here as possible.

He supports learning through leadership opportunities in college, as we have the opportunity to be special and make special things happen by representing the student body.

Generosity is the key to success.

VIII. STUDENT FORUM

There were no students present for student forum.

IX. OFFICER REPORTS

President Mardis

Thanked everyone for being here.

Mentioned attending College Colors Day and meeting the Governor.

#### Treasurer Batchelor

Mentioned working with Freshman Forum Advisors, Chairman Cantrell, and Chief of Staff Britton on event funding for August and early September.

Has been working on fundraisers for our philanthropies, including a tee/tote/sweatshirt fundraiser, spirit nights, and food trucks on campus. She encouraged anyone interested in assisting with this to let her know.

She is working on our budget for the next fiscal year and will present this in September.

#### Secretary Kusz

She is beginning work on Past Officers' Breakfast for Homecoming this year and will be sending an RSVP out soon.

She reminded everyone to let her know if they are absent, and that everyone has four absences for the semester.

#### Freshman Forum Advisors

They mentioned that they are w

Their committee is also contacting people about events for finals.

Chairman Cantrell

Their first in-person committee training will be this Friday.

A new allocation manual has been compiled.

Chairwoman Rhoades

Their committee is brainstorming ideas for getting as many people to vote in Homecoming and SGA elections as possible

She would like to figure out a budget for her committee.

They have selected a time set after Senate for their committee meetings.

Chairwoman Hamilton

Their committee has set their meeting time for Monday.

Chairman Holcombe

Their committee is brainstorming ways for students to come into contact with them through surveys, etc.

#### X. SHARED GOVERNANCE

Pro Tempore Fitz says her committee is setting a meeting time and appointing a new co-chair.

Chief of Staff Britton says her committee is appointing a co-chair.

President Mardis says that her committee has decided on a meeting time.

Senator McDonald says her committee is voting for when they are meeting.

Senator Vezina says her committee is getting some surveys out to the Shoals community.

#### XI. AD HOC COMMITTEES

Nothing was to be presented for the ad hoc committees.

#### XII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to be presented.

#### XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Freshman Forum Pancake Dinner Sign-Ups

- o Freshman Forum Advisor Ballenger says that the Pancake Dinner will be in Olive Hall.
- o She also says that if you have not signed up and you would like to come talk you can!

Cramton Bowl Sign-Ups

- o President Mardis says they are sponsoring buses to go to the football game this Saturday at 2 in the afternoon.
- o You will just be volunteering to help make sure people get on the buses.
- o You will still be able to enjoy the football game!

Meet Your Senators Sign-Ups

- o Chief of Staff Britton is taking charge on the Meet Your Senators Sign-Up sheet.
- o We need four people from each college for both time slots.
- o This will be on September 10<sup>th</sup> (a Tuesday) during exec meeting times.
- o This is on the Rivers Patio – you are expected to wear your SGA shirt and your SGA nametags!
- o The whole idea of this event is to get to know students and let them meet you!

#### XIV. OPEN DISCUSSION

Chief of Staff Britton brings up the Know Your Resources Scavenger Hunt and would like ideas for this event that can advertise SGA.

Treasurer Batchelor says last year Bethany Green sat outside last year with SGA merch.

Senator Miller says we can do a sticky note mural on the wall that says SGA.

President Mardis likes the idea of an information station.

Vice-President McGinnis says that we can leave the door open to differentiate Student Engagement from SGA.

Senator Jada Winston says we should wear silly hats!

Senator McDonald says the library offers free posters and we can pin a poster on the corkboard.

Pro-Tempore Fitz says we should have our pictures and rosters outside and that in order to get credit, they need to take a picture of their senator.

Chief of Staff Britton says that they will just have to take a picture of the chambers.

Senator Miller says that for this event maybe we could do a sticky note mural.

Matthew says that photos are next week during Senate and that we should be mindful of this.

