



SGA Senate
Minutes
12 September 2024

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.
 - II. ROLL CALL
 - III. MOMENT OF SILENCE
 - IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - V. PASSING OF AGENDA
 - There was a motion to amend the agenda.
 - The agenda was passed as amended.
 - VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
 - There was a motion to amend the minutes.
 - The minutes were passed as amended.
 - VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
 - Voting and Swearing In of International Seat
 - Unfortunately, Senator Raisa has stepped down from Senate.
 - We have appointed Carmel to the International seat.
 - He says that he has always been passionate about impacting his community and ensuring student welfare on campus.
 - The appointment was approved. Carmel was appointed to the International seat by unanimous vote of the Senate.
 - Carmel took his oath to officially swear him in
- the Senate Rules Test. Results should be in today!
- Report for Live Lions
 - Senator Vezina is giving everyone the report on the live lions in her shared governance committee.
 - This committee has been established to determine whether UNA will continue its tradition of keeping live lions here on campus.
 - We have a timeline for every step we complete in this procedure.
 - Standards have changed since the initial purchase of our lions back in 2002.

Dr. Tammy says that this is more of a gauge from a student viewpoint as to whether we should continue pursuing this topic or not.

Senator Miller says we should be mindful of how the words in the alma mater reflects the students we represent now.

STUDENT FORUM

- Kenneth Daves introduces himself. He is enrolled in a class that uses a third-party system for payment. He must pay to get his classwork on top of the tuition he is already paying. He is bringing this to Senate to see what can be done about this issue.
- Senator Strait asks what third-party system it is.
 - The third-party system is called Top Hat.
 - He does not have to buy a textbook, but he has heard that other people have had to buy the textbook in addition to the third-party software.
- Senator Miller asks how much the program costs.
- Senator Gilliland asks if the professor communicates through this third-

- She has been working on the invitation graphic with Thea to get it sent out to past officers, the executive council, and Deans.
- She encourages everyone to attend Past Officers Breakfast!
- She reminds everyone that they are allowed four absences a semester, and to email her if they cannot attend an event or meeting.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Anthony & Ballenger
 - Interviews have been going great! We have had them on Monday and Tuesday, and we'll have some on Saturday as well.
 - We are talking about an SGA and Freshman Forum mixer with Pro-Tempore Fitz.
- Pro-Tempore Fitz
 - She met with the Freshman Forum advisors to plan our bonding event for September!
 - This is a great chance for Freshman Forum to get involved with SGA early on to improve retention and keep everyone more engaged.
 - She met with Communications Director Sommer on Friday to figure out more details on the Swag Wagon.
 - She submitted our Homecoming details to UPC.
- Chief of Staff Britton
 - She is looking into allergen QR codes for dining hall menus.
 - She thanked everyone for coming to Meet Your Senators!
 - The votes came back for the Alma Mater – the majority vote was no. This means that we are trying to move forward with singing it with dixie in it.
- Historian Plunkett
 - She wants light purple fabric and gold on the corkboard outside!
 - If you want anything added, please email her!
- DIA Saunders
 - We have gotten four new sign-ups for the RSO Outreach Initiative.
 - We have about 26 RSOs signed up in total.
 - We will begin speaking to everyone in October!
- Communications Director Sommer
 - Her and El submitted a document for their swag wagon plans.
 - She has posted the homecoming and spirit night graphics.
 - She will start posting headshots and group pictures soon.
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- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman Hamilton
 - We need to investigate the overflow light because that light is funded through the University, not through the city of Florence.
 - We are rewriting legislation to allow Legislative Affairs to attend city council meetings.
 - Come with us to the city council meeting next week!
 - We are going to use our leftover money for UNA gear.
- Student Welfare Chairman Holcombe
 - No report.

XV. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- October 10, we will have people coming to talk about class rings! They are giving away one free class ring.
- Make sure to be aware of the weather this weekend.
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