



SGA Senate
Senate Minutes
19 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 "alma mater vote" to open discussion.
 - The agenda was then passed as presented.
- VI. PASSING OF MINUTES
 - The minutes was passed as presented.
- VII. SPECIAL BUSINESS
 - Mock Hearing with Chief Justice Kusz
 - There was a mock hearing that is led by Chief Justice Kusz.
 - Chief Justice Kusz says that his is completely fake.
 - President Rhoades was accused and found guilty of purchasing a Pink Lincoln Navigator.
- VIII. STUDENT FORUM
- IX. OFFICER REPORTS
 - President Rhoades
 - She met with Chairwoman McMahan and Senator Whisnant about the resolution that they wrote.
 - She met with DIA Byrd and her bingo event.
 - She got an update on the stoles for core four officers.
 - She had her last Board of Trustees meeting.
 - They are expecting the Shine on Gold campaign will be ending soon.
 - She emailed two students back about information for Commencement.

- She met with Chief of Staff Thomas and Freshman Forum Advisor Ebert about the information from the Classroom Audit.
 - She has been working on things for the mock trial.
 - She says Light the Fountain went amazing.
- Vice-President Ballenger
 - She has been telling her chairs about the annual report.
 - She has been updating Teams.
 - She sent in some information about the Suicide Prevention Walk.
 - She reached out to Digital Ambassadors to give out free headshots.
 - She reached out the Wacky Dogs about coming on Study Day.
- Treasurer Hanback
 - He has been updating the budgets.
 - He has taken a couple of checks to Student Accounts.
- Secretary Plunkett
 - She has been working on her normal secretary duties.
- Freshman Forum Advisors Ebert and Buford
 - Killen Time event is tonight.
 - Pause for Paws is April 7th.
 - All of the committees have things they are working on.
 - They are getting things together for the annual report.
- Pro-Tempore Winston
 - Pride Points is done, and they are going over data.
 - She has been in contact with people who hosted certain events.
 - There are 25 people who submitted Pride Point requests.
 - For the April event we will be doing a lock in on April 9th.
- Chief of Staff Thomas
 - She emailed HRL about the CPH survey data.
 - She said that the Campus Life and Athletics met, and they went over a lot of updates about campus life.
 - In the Athletics realm they talked about updates with the new stadium.
 - Stock Up with SGA ended up going well.
 - She has been updating Teams.
- Historian Holcomb
 - She will be presenting the annual report.
 - She sent a QR code for SGA favs.

- She will be presenting the annual report to Freshman Forum for them to look at their part.
- DIA Byrd
 - She has been working on her Bingo night and she is partnering with UPC on their Bingo Bango night.
 - She also talked to Conversation Partners about helping support the event.
 - They are exploring different goodie items to give out.
- Communications Director Mwaura
 - She said she only two pending requests, but she will not have much service due to her being in Guatemala.

X. CHAIR REPORTS

- Academic Affairs Chairwoman McMahan
 - She has been writing the Spring report.
 - She has been working in the Teams a lot.
 - She has been working on a PowerPoint presentation on their initiative.
 - Her committee has been working on a reel.
 - She going to be sending some budget requests forms.
 - They heard back from the math center about partnering with them on a raffle for the end of the semester.
- Budget Oversight Chairman McCuiston
 - They reviewed 5 requests; they had four approved and one denied.
 - They worked on the funding manual.
- Elections and Recruitment Chairwoman Vezina
 - They have been working on the election's manual.
 - The elections winner has reached out about their prize.
- Legislative Affairs Chairwoman McDonald
 - They finished up their event evaluation for Higher Education Day.
 - She has been working on the Pine Street renovation project.
 - They have written the majority of the end of semester report.
 - The city council meeting got moved.
 - She spoke with Mrs. Eubanks, and she meets with the president of the university, and she wants to get SGA more involved in city affairs.
- Student Welfare Chairwoman Strickland
 - She met with Paul Graham with facilities.

- He makes the campus maps, and he is helping her update the accessibility maps.
- They talked about getting A.D.A signs posted in the restrooms.
- She attended the Bank Independent Brainstorming session.
- Philanthropy Chairwoman Gaertner
 - She is currently on the Soak the Senators.
 - They are working on the end of semester report.
 - They are getting the check from Blvd Nutrition.
 - They have the Taco Mama Sprit Night on April 13th.

XI. SHARED GOVERNANCE

- Chairwoman McDonald attended the safety and emergency preparedness committee, and they talked about the highs and lows of security for Light the Fountain. They also got to use the Lion Alert apps for severe weather.
- She had her Shared Governance Executive committee meeting, and they were just approved minutes and agendas for the next meeting.

XII. AD HOC COMMITTEES

- Constitutional compliance
 - They will be starting this committee back up soon.
- Alma mater
 - They are still working on the memorandum.
 - The rough draft will be done tomorrow.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no old business presented.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- Bill 26-21: Not Changing Absenteeism Policy Act
 - This is for changing the absentee policy to just concern executive and legislative branches of SGA.
 - This bill passes.
- Bill 26-22: The Declaration of Freshman Forum Absenteeism Act
 - This is to specify the absentee policy for Freshman Forum.
 - This is to make the absentee policy less strict on Freshman Forum.
 - Senator Looney approves of this bill.
 - The bill passes.
- Resolution 26-01: Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of Light the Fountain
 - This is to appreciate the work that went into Light the Fountain.
 - President Rhoades approves of this resolution.

- This resolution passes.
- Annual Report
 - This is the annual report that will be presented at the Board of Trustees meeting.
 - This vote is tabled and will be voted on when we come back from Spring Break.
- Budget Oversight Manual
 - Budget Oversight Chair went over the new changes to the budget oversight manual.
 - The manual passes.

XV. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Judicial Interest form
 - This is for anyone in Senate who is interested in the judicial branch.
- Alma Mater vote
 - This is to change the wording to more UNA branded wording.
- Soak the Senators sign-up sheet.
 - This is to see who else is interested in this event.

XVI. ADVISOR'S REPORT

- If you are interested in speaking on a panel at Rogers High School and Lauderdale County Schools let him know.
- He appreciates the judicial branch for doing the mock hearing today.
- He wishes everyone a safe spring break.
- He wants everyone to know that if you need someone to talk to he is always here.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Freshman Forum Mixer at Killen Time – March 19th
- Spring Break – March 23rd – March 27th
- Step Show – March 31st
- Soak a Senator – April 2nd
- Taco Mama Spirit Night – April 13th
- Spring Concert – April 16th
- Inauguration – April 22nd

XVIII. SGA MEMBER OF THE WEEK

- Chairwoman Vezina won SGA member of the week!

XIX. PEP

- Pep to Spring Break!
- Pep to Judicial!
- Pep to Senator Lachowicz!

- Pep to bills!
- Pep to Historian Holcomb!

XX. ADJOURNMENT