


Senate Meeting Minutes

Student Government Association Meeting

Thursday, March 12th, 2026

 SGA Parliamentary Procedure

- I. Call to Order by Braden Carr at 5:01pm
- II. Roll Call of the Senate
- III. Special Guests
 - A. Dr. Rebekah White - Graduate Student Association
 1. GSA Senators are appointed first come first serve and represent every college, along with Bowen Law School.
 2. The GSA is to support and build a sense of community for Graduate Students.
 - a) Some GSA events include: Workshops, community activities, coordinating carpools, and helping people find places to rent.
 3. Q&A
 - a) Marchello: How can undergraduate students connect with the graduate school?
 - (1) Contact Dr. Kuralt, there is also an interest meeting upcoming.
 - b) Jeffrey: How do you recruit off-campus students?
 - (1) GSA Recruitment: Any student can subscribe to the GSA listserv, Grad Focus listserv. The GSA also puts flyers around campus and visits classrooms.
 - c) Xavier: How should we contact you?
 - (1) Please email Rebekah at (rkwhite1@ualr.edu)
 - d) Ainsley: What were some of the events GSA held when you were president?
 - (1) Cafeteria Vouchers for Graduate Students and a Thesis/Dissertation Formatting Workshop
 - e) LaShauntee: We have Trojan Engage, would GSA be willing to

make posts on Trojan Engage?

(1) Yes

- IV. Discussion and Approval of Previous Minutes: **Approved**
 - A. **2/26 Senate Meeting Minutes**
 - B. Motion to Approve Minutes by James McMath II
 - 1. Motion seconded by LaShauntee Kallestewa
- V. Airing of Concerns and Congratulations (5-minute limit)
 - A. Marchello: Potential AR Baptist SGA collaboration with UALR SGA
 - B. Carlee: Congratulations to Ainsley, Braden, and Vice Chancellor Cox, for securing the Exec field trip to the Capitol.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - A. EOC - Xavier Parker
 - 1. Appointed a new senator: CHASSE Senator Ainsley Atwood
 - 2. New CHASSE senator position open
 - a) Reach out to Xavier if you are interested
 - B. Special Events - Jacey Hale
 - 1. Had a meeting with Marla Johnson and discussed RSO banquet planning.
 - a) Let Jacey know your thoughts about award criteria and ideas
 - b) Need more student involvement
 - (1) Please spread the word to RSOs
 - C. Finance - Reanna Harris
 - 1. Has a list of finance committee interested people, you will all be receiving an email in the next two days for meeting dates.
 - D. Campus Outreach -Bannon Jones
 - 1. Made G-Chat, still have 3 seats open if anyone is interested
 - E. Social Media - Julie Magana
 - 1. Have not met this week
 - F. JRC - Gabe Wilmoth
 - 1. Have not met this week
 - G. Non-Traditional Committee
 - 1. Met last week, discussed the bill that is being proposed today.

H. University Committees

1. AI Council Committee: Ainsley Kendall
 - a) Drafting an AI policy draft document
2. Centennial Committee: Xavier Parker
 - a) Discussed ideas: Summer Send-off, Easter Egg Hunt, 100 days of school.
 - b) Let Xavier know about your fun ideas!

I. Senator Reports

1. Jacey: Has been in contact with Kindra Clay of Sodexo, discussing the opening of the C-Store, Starbucks, enhancements to the Cafe, and discussed food options in the Village.

VII. Executive Reports

A. Dean Harper

1. If you're running for SGA next semester, please fill out the candidate form.

B. Ainsley Kendall

1. Senator Roundtable

a) Demerits

- (1) Put in place to hold everyone accountable and ensure fairness.
- (2) Appeals should be for religious reasons, school events (department travel), and deaths in the family.
- (3) Members will not receive demerits for executive mis-communication.

b) Q&A:

- (1) Marchello: How long does the appeals process take?
 - (a) Assigned a pending demerit on Monday, have Mon-Wed to appeal, Student Court meets Thursday/Friday and then you will be notified the following Monday.
- (2) Val: Do proxies mean no demerits?

- (a) Yes, proxies will take your place. Please get a proxy or sit online if you can.
- (3) Carlee: What about if people have classes and have to leave early?
 - (a) Please let the Secretary know if you have to leave early. Demerits will not be given if someone leaves the meeting less than 20 minutes early.
- (4) Marchello: Will we receive demerits for attending online?
 - (a) You have 4 allotted online meetings; after 4 online meetings, one demerit will be given for each additional online attendance.
- (5) Val: Online meetings are difficult to hear in.
- (6) Eshaal: Should we email/inform if we have to leave early?
 - (a) Yes please!
- c) Position overview
 - (1) College Senators (CHASSE, DCSTEM, CBHHS) you can meet with your deans and your colleges.
 - (2) Senators-at-large represent everyone
- d) Questions about talking during a Senate Meeting
 - (1) Generally during executive reports, we try not to have questions unless it is opened up for questions. You can always send the executive board a g-chat.
- e) Q&A:
 - (1) Xavier: Who all can speak during questions to the author and during debate?
 - (a) Anyone who is in the room, as long as you are called on by the chair of the meeting.
 - (2) Julie: What comments should be made at the end of the meeting during the Announcements?
 - (a) The airing of concerns and congratulations should be used to make everyone aware of campus issues

ex. The parking deck not letting people in.

2. What can Senators do? What can non-senators do?
 - a) SGA is under the University Assembly, and part of the three tier
 - b) We can write bills, resolutions, statements, and proclamations to the Chancellor that can be passed as legislation to the University.
 - c) Non-senators should bring these concerns to the senate meeting, we are here to hear student concerns.
3. Town Hall
 - a) [Spring 2026 Town Hall Meeting Minutes 3/5](#)
 - b) Thank you! Everyone did a great job at Town Hall!
 - c) Question Submission Concerns
 - (1) We submit questions so we can prepare the speakers for the meeting.
 - (2) It was not optional because we needed people to submit questions.
 - d) How to express concerns outside of a Town Hall
 - (1) Express concerns during the meeting during the airing of congratulations and concerns. This helps us write legislation and understand student needs.
4. Executive Meetings
 - a) [3/2 Executive Meeting Minutes](#)
5. Executive Member of the Month: Xavier Parker

C. Lindsey Koch

1. Service Hours
 - a) 10 hours due by March 20th by 5 pm
2. Senator of the Month: Jacey Hale

D. Xavier Parker

1. X-Period insight form
 - a) Expect this in your emails very soon, and please share your feedback.
 - b) Will be meeting with the Academic Calendar and Schedules

Committee before Spring Break.

E. Gabe Wilmoth

1. Bylaw Editing Update
 - a) Has been reviewing bylaws for the past couple weeks.
2. Candidate Orientation for ALL positions
 - a) Tomorrow via Google Meet 12-1pm
 - b) Mandatory if rerunning - join the Google Meet or watch recording and take the quiz which will be released with recording.
 - (1) Must score 80% in order to run for a position
 - c) You cannot campaign until orientation and quiz is completed
 - (1) Due March 20th
3. Associate Justice of the month: Luke Cornelison

F. Ella Campbell

G. Braden Carr

1. Executive Trip to the Capitol
 - a) If anyone wants to get involved, you can attend state meetings or watch them online.
2. Runoff Elections
 - a) Making a list that explains where the elections are.
 - b) Voting is March 31st, early voting starts the Tuesday before

H. Carlee Felty

1. If you are an Exec, Senator, or Associate Justice of the month please get with Carlee to schedule an interview with you!

VIII. New Business

A.  Non-Traditional Student Committee Membership Bill

1. Author's rights (5min)
 - a) James: There has been a large influx of interest in the non-traditional student committee, and a large committee will help us serve the large number of non-traditional students on our campus.
2. Questions and Debate

3. Voting
 - a) Motion to vote by placard by Ainsley Kendall
 - b) Seconded by Ryan Gillenwater
4. Bill **Approved**

B. **☰ Volunteer Hours Bylaw Amendment**

1. Author's rights (5min)
 - a) James: Our students are diverse, so the way we serve our students should be diverse. We should be serving in as many places as we can, while also doing the work on campus to serve students.
2. Questions and Debate
 - a) LaShauntee: Volunteers at disaster programs and women's clinics, how would hours be given through this bylaw?
 - (1) James: There are many ways to serve like SGA Tabling or working at the desk. The purpose of the minimum is to help mitigate the issues of the caps.
 - (2) Ainsley: Clarification-volunteering off campus is allowed, but attending events off campus does not count as service hours.
 - b) Marchello: If UA Little Rock is collaborating with other organizations, would volunteering for it count as service hours?
3. Amendments
4. Julie: Current wording is confusing
 - a) Amendment Accepted
5. Voting
 - a) Motion to vote by placard by Ainsley Kendall
 - b) Motion Seconded by Val Bell-Ovwiomoriemu
 - c) Amendment **Approved**

IX. Announcements

- A. Amaya: IPCC is planning Greek Week from April 13th-17th
 1. Kappa Delt Shamrock Week, March 16th-20th
- B. Oscar: School of Education Career Fair Tomorrow 9am-5pm at the DSC, and next



week is STEM Career Fair on Tuesday 3/17 from 9am-5pm at Jack Stephens Center.

- X. The next Meeting will be Thursday, March 19th, in the Leadership Lounge at 5pm.
- XI. Meeting Adjourned by Braden Carr at 6:00pm



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