Senate Meeting Minutes

Student Government Association Meeting

Thursday, September 24, 2026

SGA Parliamentary Procedure

I. Call to Order @ 5:03 PM in Leadership Lounge

II. Roll Call of the Senate

III. Discussion and Approval of Previous Minutes *Approved*

A. 09/17/2026 Meeting Minutes

IV. Airing of Concerns and Congratulations (5-minute limit)

A. American Chemical Society Congratulations

B. Bannon: Congratulations to Senator Avana for winning Miss Grant County this weekend.

C. Concern from Senator Michael: Drink machines in cafe are always down

D. Concern from Senator Rashid: Left east elevator has been out for a while

E. Concern from Senator: Elevator button has been broken off, cannot be used. 4th floor.

F. Concern from Senator Otto: Last night at 11PM someone woke him saying he was having a room check done. The resident assistant had facetimed and told him to tell everyone they were having a room check. A lot of people were woken up. Last year was not like that so that was crazy but a lot of Resident Assistants just have a weird power play they do. I talked to Dean Harper.

1. President Ainsley said to send her a message.
2. Someone else had the same exact issue [Facetime room check].

G. Concern from Senator Abby: There was a man on her floor opening her door. He did room checks for her Resident Assistant and she was concerned a man was doing the room checks and she did not know him.

H. Senator Luke: I have friends in South Hall. Recently there was a fire alarm warning. It goes off 4-5 times a month. One may go off and it gets shut off but sometimes the whole system will go off.

I. Senator Ian: A student said the air conditioning in one of the dorms went out and nobody went to go fix it. They plan to get information about what hall.

J. Senator Luke C. - Village A/C has gone out about 9 times. Everytime maintenance comes it goes out a day later. Senator reports they gave them a portable unit in the living room but it has not been fixed since.

K. Concern from Senator: The West Hall elevator breaks all the time on the men's side. On the 4th floor, there is still no down button.

L. Concern from Senator: West Hall button can stop working inside, the doors close and then it gets stuck and people get trapped inside.

M. Chief of Staff Xavier: Congratulations to all new members, Associate Justices, Senators, and committee members. Thank you for being here!

V. Committee Reports

A. Senator Bannon Jones: The Social Media Committee met last week.

1. SGA Birthday Form - please submit your birthday and 4 pictures of yourself so we can highlight you on your birthday.
    a) https://forms.gle/ucDqFbMLiKfDPG3E9
2. Follow Me Friday Interest Form - it's an Instagram story takeover. Members would record it on Thursdays, it would be posted on Fridays.
    a) If you are interested, fill out the form if you can do it and you are free.
    b) https://forms.gle/mTfgN6RagAVFErzi9

B. Community Service Committee met on Monday

1. Senator Lydia: We will need 10 volunteers on October 13th from 10:30am - 5:30pm.
2. Reach out to Lydia Thomas or Ella Campbell to volunteer or if you would like any more information.

VI. Senator Reports

A. None

VII. Executive Reports

A. Ainsley Kendall

1. Executive Meeting Minutes 09/21/26

2. University Assembly
    a) September 25th at 1pm
        (1) Dickinson 100
        (2) There will be a lot of very information from departments such as Athletics, enrollment services and the Centennial Campaign,
        (3) President Ainsley: It will be a different speech than usual, so please come if you can.
    b) Information
        (1) Total Volunteer hours
            (a) On-campus total
            (b) Off campus total
            (c) Please be sure to be keeping track and tally these!
        (2) How many non-SGA members are in your committees
        (3) RSO and Group involvement.
    c) Importance
3. President Silveria - President of UA System
    a) Monday September 28th at 2:15pm
    b) Link to form for concerns and questions.
4. New member retreat - for New Senators and Associate Justices
    a) If you are new at all, please attend.
    b) Saturday September 26th
        (1) 4pm to 6pm
5. Dining Committee
    a) The Committee used to meet Thursday at 5PM
    b) The meetings have been moved to Tuesdays at 5pm so Student Government can attend.
    c) Students can receive free dinner for attending and get to talk about any concerns regarding sodexo
    d) Student Government will need two representatives for this.

B. Julie Magaña

1. Welcome 2026-2027 Freshman Senators
    a) Rashid Shabazz
    b) Michael Willis
    c) Graydon Anderson
    d) Gracyn Ziegler
    e) Silas Sandh
2. Freshman Senator Oath - *Completed*
3. Bill Numbering
    a) Julie will handle this when bills are sent to her.
4. Legislation Idea Document
    a) Link
    b) Please look over this document if you would like to write a bill, but are unsure where to start.

C. Xavier Parker
1. Legislation Push
    a) We have a lot of money in the budget, please write bills and spend it.
2. SGA Budget Report 26 - 27
3. Academic Calendars and Schedules Committee Update
    a) Met on Tuesday to see when they could do proposal
    b) X-period: 12:15PM - 1:30 PM on Mondays and Wednesdays. They don't hold regular classes on Friday afternoons.
    c) The proposal will be presented at the next Faculty Senate meeting on October 2nd at 2pm.

D. Braxton Fox
1. Appointed New Associate Justices
    a) Anari Barrett
    b) Georgia Brooks
    c) Javion White
    d) Lilie Hernandez
    e) Luke Abbott

E. Braden Carr

1. Voter Registration
    a) Check your registration status!

VIII. New Business

A. UA Little Rock SGA Homecoming Parade Committee : *Passed*

1. Author's rights: Last meeting we spoke to the men's basketball coach, Coach Ford and this idea came up. There were logistical and time concerns from athletics. We asked if SGA could do this and would they partner with us and they said yes. This committee will focus on the execution of this task.
2. *Questions and Debate*
    a) Does this mean that a homecoming parade *is* happening? Or just planning?
        (1) Ainsley: We are just planning, but the idea is to have a parade as long as there is nothing interrupting the ability for it to happen.
    b) Follow up: would this committee work this semester?
        (1) Ainsley: The idea is that they would start as soon as possible.
    c) Who would handle funding?
        (1) Ainsley: Athletics would handle funding, we are handling planning and logistics.

B. Awards Committee as Standing Committee Bill *Passed*

1. Author's rights by Senator Divija Vijay: Last semester was the 1st banquet - so many were recognized for all their hard work. The awards committee handled all of this and voted on who should get awards. Since we will be doing a semesterly banquet, it may be better as a standing committee for the continuation of recognitions at events and banquets.
2. Chief Justice Braxton: Will the people already in the committee need to be re-appointed?
    a) President Ainsley: There are not any members in the committee at

this time since it was a 2026Ad Hoc Committee

3. What is the difference between Ad-Hoc and a standing committee? Is it the duration of the committee?
    a) President Ainsley: Yes, Ad-Hoc is temporary while a standing committee continues year-to-year.
4. Does an Ad-Hoc committee need to be presented each year?
    a) President Ainsley: If they are needed again, yes.
5. Why the number of co-chairs?
    a) This is the standard number according to bylaws, and an advisor would be the best idea. Open to amendments if we want more members
6. How many awards are expected to be given?
    a) Last semester, there were 10 or so. With this committee, there will be a discussion on what and how many awards would need to be presented. That is up to the committee.
7. Would this committee help with the banquet as well?
    a) They would just handle awards for banquets and special events.
8. Is the process of doing awards just a selection team or presenting awards?
    a) Members of the committee presented awards last year, but the idea is that they would be more of a selection team so that they wouldn't have to be replaced if they were getting awards and such.
9. To be a member or in a position would you have to run?
    a) The Vice President would appoint them.

C. UA Little Rock SGA Human Trafficking Awareness Week *Tabled*

1. Author's Rights by Senator Avana: It is important for people to know what is going on. It is important to know more about it [Human Trafficking] .
2. Senator Ella: For clarification, would this be posted on Instagram?
    a) Senator Avana: Yes, that is the intention.
3. Secretary Amaya: Is this phrased correctly, with the 'today' portions? And are we wanting to make this day a consistent day on campus or is this just a post about today? I feel like the wording is a bit confusing.

4. *Amendment Proposal by Senator Ella on behalf of Secretary Amaya*
5. *Tabled for 10 minutes to correct amendments*
6. *Motion to reconsider at 6:04 PM by Senator Ella*
7. Point of personal privilege by President Ainsley: Regarding hyphens between UA and Little Rock, it is not formatted that way in the student handbook and this is the correct formatting shared by Communications.
8. Point of personal privilege by Senator Amaya: I believe I have been told the opposite by communications, that it needs to have the hyphen. Can we have that confirmed in any way?
9. *Motion to vote, no amendment*
10. Vice President Julie: Any amendments to the bill?
11. Motion to table until next year by President Ainsley- *Passed*

D. Chancellor Minor Deletion Statement *Passed*

1. Author's rights: Ainsley asked Senator Ella and Senator Victoria to announce the official deletion of the minors. Ella edited the table to make it reflect the current decision and make it more accessible. This is more of a statement that this has been made to present the decision clearly to students.
2. Senator Graydon: Was this just a change to avoid a headache or more paperwork? Why was a lot of it removed when some of these are not majors available?
    a) Time deferred to President Ainsley: We don't agree the study was done professionally or with what happened, but we wanted to do an educational statement.
3. Are there going to be more certificates added?
    a) Time deferred to President Ainsley: They are in the process of adding roughly 12 more certificates.
4. Will students still have those classes and information pathways or is that removed?
    a) Rephrase: Can they still get the information they would get in the certificate as if it were a minor?

   b) Time deferred to President Ainsley: Students can still take those courses, but the degree will not say there was a minor. You can take a certificate course that gives the same education. At the CHASSE school, it is more difficult to do that. I do not have all the answers, but will answer to the best of my ability.

5. Are they cut and will come back or will they just be gone forever?
   a) Time deferred to President Ainsley: Cannot answer that at this moment, but for now the decision is made.
6. Senator Grayson: Besides cost… What's the difference if it doesn't cost to have them and we are still being offered the classes?
   a) Time deferred to President Ainsley: The university does not have intentions on bringing these minors back. However, that can sway with a new sitting Chancellor.
   b) Senator Ella: Certificate is better motivation and show of skills. More stackable with more flexibility
7. Will most minors be transitioned into a certificate or just a small amount?
   a) Time deferred to President Ainsley: Most certificates are either in the School of Business or it is a certificate that teaches a skill. There are current questions and realizations that we can't offer a certificate in biology, psychology, etc. In the DCSTEM college, there are some certificates, but it can be hard to show it is actually a skill.
8. Braden: Just wanted to note that this is up for debate so if you don't like it we don't have to pass it. This is more educational to say this happened, we fought back and want students to have their voices heard while knowing what is going on.
9. Is the time needed for a minor or certificate completion the same?
   a) Time deferred to President Ainsley: Certificates are completed after 3-4 courses are taken while a minor can take about 4-6 courses to complete.
10. Is the chancellor open to doing a meeting or some kind of town hall so we

can ask her questions about this?

a) Time deferred to President Ainsley: She has shown she is no longer taking questions on this matter.

11. Any amendments?

a) None

12. Motion to vote, seconded.

E. UALR 5K Fun Run/Walk - *Tabled*

1. Author's rights Senator Otto: CLC already has approved and likes the idea. They would provide water and music. There are no free timed 5Ks because whenever you cross the mats it automatically stops time so you don't have to write numbers or anything. The map route is 5K exactly and class ends at 12 (on Fridays) so people can prep and do the race. People will be on campus and it's close to Thanksgiving. We want other people to have food and those resources, if they can help.

F. *Questions & Debate:*

1. Has this map and shutdown of campus already been approved?

a) Facilities has approved the route.

G. For UA Little Rock students only - or everyone?

1. It is currently open only to UA Little Rock Students.

H. Chief of Staff Xavier: This is a great idea, but it is so expensive for 200 people. Are there any ways to cut costs? What has been done so we can reach 200 for this event in 1 month?

1. CLC is mainly a big part - it consists of 150 plus SGA has almost 50. This is a lot of fun for people who did Cross Country and stuff. Could eliminate cups and coolers since CLC has that [plus good ties with Sodexo. Paper cups aren't expensive, but CLC could cover them.

I. Do you plan on partnering with communications so people are aware?

1. I would like SGA to promote, we could make flyers, register the event on Trojan Engage, plus athletics and CLC could promote it as well.

J. How can you actually guarantee 200 (max) people?

1. Good question , *deferred time to President Ainsley*. Track is interested as

well as some faculty- if they are able to participate.

2. Registration a google form sent out by SGA to get interest and rsvps.
3. Time service is really good and most people who are familiar with running, or maybe even not would really like this because they can look back at their times and see how they did online.

K. *Motion to extend debate by 5 mins*

L. Could we register through intramurals ?

1. Yes, could do that for more people or since that is going on. Good idea.

M. Will people actually donate cans if it's not mandatory?

1. Kickball there were about 500 cans donated, and some people brought more than one. They may bring 4 or even 10 or big packages of ramen.

N. Senator Graydon: You stated if people don't show we get money back. How does it work if people register then drop? Chip timing is cool, but such a large cost plus it limits SGA? Why not just have an untimed 5K?

1. The timing company stated a no- show is not a used chip and money back. It is $1 and that isn't that much for a chip, if we do lose the money. If you aren't a runner you don't care about the chip time, but it's cool because then you can always look back and there are hardly ever discrepancies. I want to cut down volunteers, and this helps do that since there's no manual time stamping or trying to keep track of 200 people.

O. Senator Gracsyn: Who set the limit? If we want to do it later and maybe see if high schools could join?

1. President Ainsley: No high schoolers or sports or any sort of "recruitment age" per se. It could be seen as recruiting, and could get us in trouble.

P. Senator Otto: 200 max, because we don't want to overestimate, but CLC has a lot of students and athletics is interested as well.

Q. Chief of Staff Xavier: Is it possible to not prepare for 200, but instead only 100 or not do a 'chip time' then do next year if it's really good. Can these departments cover some of these costs so we don't allocate almost $1,500 for something we haven't tested first?

1. CLC does want to join. They can take $300 off and maybe even athletics

can do $300, too. If you're a runner, time chips make people want to do a race and it can be motivation.

R. Can we pass after money has been allocated?

1. I want to pass as soon as possible due to the event date coming up, so having funds is better then we can save as needed. This is still a great idea especially for some student competition or for competitive students that want an activity like this.

S. Motion to table till next meeting, seconded.

T. Vice President Julie: Motion passed, bill tabled till next meeting.

IX. Announcements

A. Senator Bannon: I updated the forms for Birthday and Friday Form so you can add names to it, so we know who you are.

B. Senator Michael: I just want the cafe drink machines to work.

C. Vice President Julie: Just want to say I see what you're capable of because I was in interviews and there were so many good new members, and I'm so happy you're all here. All the executives are happy and there's more I can say but I will keep it short. I know these can be long and boring, but thank you for being here and spending almost 1 and ½ hours in this room.

X. Next Meeting will be **Thursday, October 01 in Ledbetter AB**

XI. Adjournment at 6:33 PM