Senate Meeting Minutes

Student Government Association Meeting

Thursday, October 01, 2026

SGA Parliamentary Procedure

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call of the Senate

III. Discussion and Approval of Previous Minutes *Approved*

A. 09/24/2026 Meeting Minutes

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

A. Senator: The vending machines in EIT do not work.

B. Senator Victoria: I was walking with a friend by Stabler. The bricks are really loose and I almost fell. They are actively coming out of the ground.

C.Senator Ella: The ADA doors in Fine Arts aren't working at all.

D. Senator Divija: The WOW is closed, fryer burnt.

E. Senator: I had someone come to me and they said the village gate codes need to be updated. Administration has been told for weeks or even months it needs to be updated and it has not been.

V. Committee Reports

A. Senator Divija: Special Events Committee

1. Fall-o-ween will be Oct 28. We will need people at different stations for the costume contest, photo station, pumpkin carving.

B. *Point of Clarification*

a. President Ainsley: Can we also take a moment to introduce every committee and

what they do?

C. Chief Justice Braxton - Judicial Review Committee: The main purpose of this committee is to go over the bylaws, make sure everything is worded correctly.

D. Senator Avana - Community Outreach Committee: We work closely with social media. We want to reach as much of the student body and community as we can. The next meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday.

E. Communications, Carlee - Social Media Committee. We may have executives, senators and associate justices highlighted in videos. We want to highlight everyone [executives, associate justices, senators] for their birthday.

F. Senator Ella - Community Service Committee. We want to notify everyone of volunteer opportunities. We have an upcoming opportunity.

   a. Open AR Conference on Friday, October 16th from 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM.

   b. We have a 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM shift for [SGA] volunteers.

   c. If anyone is interested, please let Lydia Thomas or Ella Campbell know.

G. Braden Carr - Non-traditional Committee: We want to reach students that are not generally represented on campus.

H. Chief of Staff Xavier - AS Committee: We want to make sure everyone is on the same standard regarding the code of conduct. We want to make sure everyone in SGA is held to the same standards of conduct.

I. President Ainsley - Committee of Committees: Not an open membership. Your vision for each committee as well as how we want our committees to conduct business.

J. Chief of Staff Xavier - Finance [Committee] is over our budget; we review it every year and make sure it is updated so we know where we are at. We update funds and amounts

throughout the year. Recommend you reach out to other committees to join first.

K. President Ainsley - Homecoming Committee: The parade is planned to be on March 6th. We need a co-chair and 2 more members. If you are interested in helping plan a homecoming parade, this is the first one we have ever done.

L. Awards Committee: Just turned into a standing committee. Blank committee right now so we need 2 co-chairs and 5 members. If you want to assign awards to people, this committee creates awards and assigns the awards to the senator or associate justice earning it [for events or at the SGA Banquet].

VI. Senator Reports

A. None

VII. Executive Reports

A. Ainsley Kendall

1. 09/28 - Executive Meeting - 201A

2. SGA Town Hall: Gracyn and freshman senators asked about the Chancellor answering questions regarding the minor deletion. She said that she would be willing to answer questions, so she will be attending the town hall [next week]. I have a document linked for questions. Please phrase questions as professionally as possible. You can ask and disagree while being non-attacking. Please submit any questions, and we can help you rephrase questions better if you are very passionate about an issue so that it is a bit more digestible or professional. This is more for you to be able to ask questions or make statements about how this is going to affect you as a student.

3. Senator: This was done in the summer, right before the semester without any student input, so I encourage you to have an opinion and share an opinion on it.

4. Senator Graydon: Given that we are getting a new chancellor, will that change the reversibility if there is someone else willing to conduct or make changes about it?

5. President Ainsley: A chancellor could propose or add changes, but I don't have a definitive answer at this time.

6. Are you able to be on multiple committees?

7. President Ainsley: Yes, you are required to be in two but can join others if you are interested.

8. Senator Niki: Who do we reach out to if we are interested in awards, homecoming, or committees?

9. President Ainsley: Reach out to me or [Vice President] Julie. Julie is the one who makes decisions regarding committees.

a) Speakers

(1) Chancellor Drale

(2) SEC - AVC Student Affairs Kara Brown

(3) Campus Living Daryl McGee

(4) Student Group - Women Entering Business

(a) We did this last year, but we are highlighting WEB. They are going to be highlighting what they have planned for their upcoming RSO.

(b) Senator Lashaunte: Will we have another listening session regarding the Chancellor coming up?

(c) President Ainsley: We won't have another listening session per se; this was set up as the forum.

b) Form for Questions (https://forms.gle/r7g6XW8qfVuLzk7N9) : These can be

submitted for any office that will be present [at the Town Hall]. We are more interested to see if you have questions for the Chancellor, so those can be reviewed. We have a good relationship with these offices, so please be as professional and respectful as possible.

10. UA System President Meeting

a) Chancellor Search Committee

(1) There was a lot of information given as to why students are not allowed on the committee and why they will not be on the committee moving forward. It is logistical. However, students will be allowed to attend the interviews.

b) SGA Leadership Forum

(1) UA System will pay for all the student governments to come together and learn from each other. We will have guest speakers and talk about all the different things SGA covers. There are over 20 SGA's in the UA system.

(2) Capitol meeting on Oct 14. Everyone is invited to come to the Capitol to meet Senator Davis and Senator Jamie Scott. Senator Davis is from Russellville - President Pro Temp (Republican). Senator Scott is a Democrat and they are best friends. They will discuss how they work together with different viewpoints. We will be on the legislature's floor. The time has been changed from 11 AM - 1 PM to 2 PM - 4 PM. This is no longer a required event due to the last-minute time change, but we would really like you to be there. You get to meet senators and people working in the legislature.

(a) Senator Niki: Where will we be meeting before the tour?

(b) President Ainsley: Great question. We don't want you all to have to drive

over there; it would be a bit crazy with so many cars. If you would like to carpool, we can assign you someone to carpool with. We plan to meet in the rotunda. Please partner with a friend [if driving], if you can.

(c) Senator Niki: If you know where the Capitol is, and you go in through the gold doors, the circular part in the middle is the rotunda.

B. Julie Magaña

1. Just an update regarding the Athletic Promotions meeting that President Ainsley and I had with Bo and Brandy. We are so excited to help them out with student engagement. They are very excited to work with SGA to accomplish that. They have an upcoming game for us to assist with:

a) Help promoting Student Camo Night (11/16)

(1) Really cool theme: "Hunting the Hogs". We absolutely loved this idea.

(2) There were ideas shared back and forth. Possibly meeting that week or the night before and decorating cool merch, or things to wear to the game. We also talked about partnering with RSOs that have been standing for a while, like Trojan Outdoors. A couple were named but this is really exciting.

b) [There will be a] SGA Meeting (10/15) in the Legends Room in Jack Stephens Center. We will be meeting some of the athletes over there, and this is a great way to bond [since we want to] establish a good relationship with them.

2. 501 Crew Applications are due. Bo and Brandy wanted us to mention this. Last, last time we met here we had Coach Ford here. There was a flyer with a QR code; if you are interested, applications are due tomorrow.

3. 501 Crew: President Ainsley was a student leader for the Blue Crew and talked about her experience before. You would be starting chants, filming TikToks, and hyping up the student section. Applications are due tomorrow, in the afternoon. Try to do it tonight if you can.

4. Committee Form: For those of you already in committees, I plan to make a copy and share that with our Associate Justices and Senators so you guys have a better idea of what you may be doing. If you have questions, they can be directed to the advisors, chairs, co-chairs, or even members of that committee. I am hoping to have the form out by tonight, but it probably won't be due until later on. However, please do it as soon as possible.

5. Homecoming Parade Committee. We shared a bit about this in the beginning. It will be held downtown and will be the first of its kind.

a) We need a Co-Chair and 3 members

c) [I am] planning to have this on the form I'll be sending out so you can be on this committee if you are interested, but feel free to message President Ainsley or Vice President Julie as well.

6. Awards Committee

a) We need (2) Co-Chairs and 5 members

c) If you are interested, please reach out to President Ainsley or Vice President Julie.

C. Xavier Parker

1. SGA Budget Report 26 - 27 Nothing has changed since our last meeting. We do have bills on the agenda today, so there may be updates to this after those are hopefully passed. We have money to spend, so please spend it. If you had an interview with me, I

asked if you thought there was something UA Little Rock could do better, what would you do or how would you do it. I am going to be holding you accountable to that. I have the notes still on my Google Drive and will be asking you what you are doing in SGA and how we can accomplish those goals.

2. The X-Period vote is tomorrow. I sent something in the group [GChat] on Monday. Thank you to everyone who sent messages and emails to professors and anyone else. You can still get service hours if you send these before noon tomorrow. Everyone at UA Little Rock and I would appreciate it if you did this as soon as possible.

3. Braxton: Is the remaining budget for the semester or for the year?

4. Chief of Staff Xavier: For the year, as stated at the bottom, the overall amount.

5. Chief Justice Braxton: Expected expenses that are due every year?

6. Chief of Staff Xavier: We used to have graduation regalia, but that was offloaded. We also have the banquet coming up, so that is a cost.

7. Niki: You stated grad regalia was offloaded. What does that mean?

8. Chief of Staff Xavier: Another department took it off our hands, so it is not our responsibility now, and we really appreciate them for that! Everyone still will be able to get that opportunity.

D. Braxton Fox

1. *No report.*

E. Braden Carr

1. Voter Registration

    a) Check your registration status!

    b) Link: https://www.voterview.ar-nova.org/VoterView

2. Parliamentary procedure - I just wanted to ask that you please be sure to raise your hand even to say second, to motion to vote, or to be called on when asking a question.

3. Facilities meeting.

F. Carlee Felty

1. *No report.*

VIII. New Business

A. Fall-O-Ween Balloons Bill - *Passed*

1. Author's rights by Senator Cassie: Talked with Divija. We did a Halloween/Falloween bill before. We did this bill about 3 weeks ago and it passed, but we realized we forgot to do a backdrop/the balloons. It will create a nice atmosphere.

2. *Questions and Debate*

a) Otto: Are the balloons reusable? $500 for balloons is very significant. Would we have this every year as an expense?

(1) Time deferred to Senator Divija: Pretty sure the balloons are reusable, but the setup is the issue.

b) Otto: Could we get it cheaper every year since it is all reusable? Is this something we can reuse every year? Is it a garland that you can stick balloons on?

c) Time deferred to President Ainsley: The company is approved. When we have tried to set it up ourselves, it just hasn't looked great. I'm not that artistic, but actually setting it up is hard. She will get the balloons and such when we are done. They did them for new student orientations and the retreat. I agree it is kind of pricey, but it is worth it.

d) As far as other decorations, is there another amount or bill done for that?

e) Senator Cassie: We have a backdrop and balloons. This was the cheapest option for balloons. The original was $900, so we dropped it down a lot.

f) Senator Graydon: I think the balloon garland is cool. However, is this the least expensive place? Is this based on aesthetics, or if someone did it, would it just not look as well?

g) Senator Cassie: A lot of what President Ainsley said applies. We would have to set it up ourselves, and this company handles the delivery, setup, and takedown process. If we just got it from Amazon, we would have to blow them up, they could pop, and it may not look good.

h) Senator: I am an artistic person. Was a do-it-yourself approach tried at all? Was that presented as an option?

i) Deferred to Senator Victoria: I am also a part of the Special Events Committee. I appreciate that there are creative people out there, but we don't want to risk it not looking good. We have a lot of money and we don't want to be stingy. This is not going to break the bank for us. We considered a lot of options, but this is the best. We have to have people to set up, take down, and throw it away. There's a lot of waste and this helps.

j) Vice President Julie: Do I have a motion to extend debate?

k) Senator Ella: Motion to extend debate by 5 minutes. *Seconded; extended by 5 minutes.*

l) Senator Tristan: How popular is the Fall-o-ween event?

m) President Ainsley: It is usually attended by over 800 students. It is a university event.

n) Niki: I have more of a comment than a question. This is our centennial celebration. This is what our Halloween during this October celebration will be like, and this decision had to be made. I get there are a lot of creative people and this is a lot of balloons. But we want to present SGA in the best light we can for under $1,000, and this is the best way possible.

o) Associate Justice Georgia: Where is this event being held?

p) President Ainsley: On Trojan Way in front of the library, unless it rains, then [it will be held] in the DSC.

q) Vice President Julie: *Absorbed remaining time*. Any amendments to this bill? Do I have a motion to enter the voting procedure?

- Senator Victoria: Motion to enter voting by hand.

B. Fall-O-Ween Supplies *Passed*

1. Author's rights (5 minutes): This bill is in collaboration with the Socratic Society [last year]. We had already passed a pumpkin bill; last year there were 80 pumpkins and that was not enough, so we need more. A lot of students will be there. As President Ainsley said, a lot of students will be there. We mentioned in the last bill that people can keep their pumpkins or leave them to be smashed. No tools for carving pumpkins, so we needed those. Tarp to keep it from being a huge mess.

3. Questions and Debate

a) If this event is attended by 800ish people, how confident are we that 100 pumpkins will be enough?

b) We did this with the Socratic Society last year and had 80 and barely had enough.

c) Are the bats plastic bats?

d) There were other options; we can narrow it down. These are not plastic, but we can do that.

e) Senator Graydon: What other things can we use for the smashing instead of a bat? That might not be the most efficient method.

(1) *Time deferred to President Ainsley*: I was just notified the Socratic Society will let us use their sledgehammer, so we can have someone do an amendment to take the bats off.

f) Otto: What safety measures will be taken to make sure this is a smooth event?

(1) *Time deferred to President Ainsley*:Last year we had a lot of people making sure nobody was walking around. There are a lot of eyes to make sure there's nothing wrong. If we want an officer over there, they will be around [and we can ask them to be close].

h) Senator Ella: I think last year the pumpkin guts that were salvageable were donated to the campus garden for compost. Are we doing that again?

i) Could we also use bats from Athletics?

j) *Time deferred to President Ainsley*: We could, but would hate to damage those because they are usually more expensive.

k) Senator Graydon: I agree that might be a bad idea because bats can be an upwards of around $700. If the Socratic Society has a sledgehammer, can we amend it to have eye protection instead of bats?

l) *Time deferred to President Ainsley*: Does Geology have eye protection we can borrow?

m) Senator Ella: I have goggles with ACS I could donate, but I'm sure there's a

collaboration there we could do.

n) Senator Camilla: What is the eye protection for, or what will it protect you from?

o) Senator Ella: [It is] More-so just a concern. It's like $5, and if we can collaborate and save money, why not?

p) Senator Niki: The outside [of a pumpkin] is hard and will go everywhere [pumpkin pieces] and could hit someone in the face. If it hits your eyes, it could very easily damage them. Eyewear should be included.

q) Senator: I am one of the co-presidents of ACS. We have about 100 standard goggles that we pass out to students, so we could use those for the event. As someone in that science field, anything could happen. Pumpkin could get in your eye, so it's no harm to use them [eye protection].

r) Senator Rashid: The importance of safety is something we should have as a priority, but is this a concern? Did we have this problem last year?

s) No, but if we can get free goggles from ACS, why not?

t) Vice President Julie: Motion to extend debate? Any amendments to the bill?

u) Amendment by Divija: Friendly amendment? Yes. Second by Rashid.

v) Motion to enter voting procedure by Victoria. Second by Ella. Amendment passes.

w) Senator Niki: Can we do an amendment for the eyewear from ACS?

x) Senator Divija: Second part of amendment. Second by Rashid. Friendly? Yes.

y) Q*uestions and debate*: 5 minutes. *No questions or debate. Vice President Julie absorbed the remaining time.*

z) Motion to enter voting by placard by Ella. Second by Bannon. Amendment passes.

aa) Rashid: Motion to vote on the bill by placard. Second by Divija. Niki: I didn't

hear what he said. What are we doing? Julie: Voting on the bill. This bill passes.

C. UA Little Rock 5K Run/Walk *Passed*

1. Author's rights by Senator Otto: I know this was tabled last time and we already heard the spiel. This is our centennial and it would be cool to do something new. We started this and it is something cool that we can keep doing - a tradition everyone would like. The fact that it is free is a really big deal because it could give someone the chance to do something new. Faculty and staff could join; people would be outside. I was talking to President Ainsley about this, and we recently communicated with Athletics. November 13, which is before the basketball game on the 14th, so it could be a pep rally incentive for Athletics. The $12,000-something number would be the most we would have to pay; however, CLC has water, judges, and will likely provide water and food. This will be something everyone could enjoy.

2. Absorbed rest of time. 5 mins question and debate.

a) Niki: What would the difference be if other orgs could help with funding, or how else would the money be used?

b) Niki: My question is, I understand it is under negotiation and has a favorable outcome, but if it creates a credit of the appropriation in a way that will not be used, how would that money approved by the bill be used? Would it go back into the budget or go to items that could enhance the experience?

c) Deferred to President Ainsley by Otto: If we approve for the amount and then Athletics provides some, would we use it to enhance the run or would it go back in the budget? It will be used as needed; whatever amount of the bill is not used would be put back in the SGA budget.

d) Otto: Someone can make an amendment.

e) Victoria: Last time we said track and cross country can participate. Why would we give the incentive? We aren't giving the average person a chance because a cross country runner can run a 5K much faster than someone who runs for fun.

f) Otto: I like that question a lot. I considered those possibilities, and I believe we should still let them run. They should be able to challenge for the trophy and time. However, they might not because it is cross country season and coaches don't want their athletes to be injured.

g) They should run it to make it fair but not get trophies?

h) Not fair for cross country athletes to get trophies; that is just my thought.

i) With being on the team, how can we make it a fair event? Maybe if we take away the strategic side, we can make it a fundraiser.

j) Otto: My fundraiser aspect is the fact it's before Thanksgiving and for the Trojan Food Pantry and CLC.

k) Michael: How many do you expect and believe will attend?

l) Otto: Hoping for 200 max. At least 100 have said they would like the opportunity. Free 5K - might as well try it out. The more it goes up, it is $1 a chip, but if the chip isn't used, we can get that money back.

m) Graydon: I think this is an amazing bill. Every sticker goes on the medal, which is why we need 200, so you know what it is. If it is a plain medal, you don't know what it is, but a Trojan 5K UALR medal will be cool.

n) Motion to extend debate 5 mins by Ella. Second by Bannon.

o) Ella: I like this idea and the event. Do we have a time invoice from the timing

company?

p) Otto: I have a quote and know this guy personally. I have his number and he sent me the invoice on Facebook.

q) Divija: The 200 medals, if we don't use them all, what will we do with them since we can't return them, from my understanding?

r) Otto: I am hoping to use them all, but if I don't, it will kind of stink. The medals are not a significant portion of the price. It is pretty significant, but not that big.

s) Mmesoma: Just want to note that the calculations are off by 11 cents, so we will need to amend it. For the food pantry, are the students supposed to donate cans going to the pantry, or how will that be done?

t) Otto: We recently had a CLC kickball event and my professor was taking in cans. There were people there to handle them. CLC has volunteers that will and can handle them.

u) Senator Daniel: I just wanted to ask what are the negotiations with CLC to see what they can bring for funding or items?

v) Otto: I did talk to CLC; they said they would be willing to provide music, water, entertainment, and volunteers but cannot fund us anymore, but could be there and could support us.

w) Senator: My question is, I am not clear on if the bill is passed today, who would be responsible for this? I understand it is an SGA event, but would it be open to community service volunteers?

x) Otto: Timing chips help so much. We won't have to have people running around for start and stop. Water stations are nice to have; not sure how hot it is, but it is nice

to have there. CLC said they could help with it being on campus.

y) President Ainsley: For clarification, your question about who is handling everything going forward.

z) Senator Rashid: The average person wants to complete, not necessarily win. Are athletes participating because they are more active? Wouldn't that be unnecessary?

aa) Senator Otto: I am not an average cross country runner, so I can't run a 15-minute 5K, but it would be fun to compete. Athletes and students have their own worlds. There are people who come out of high school and miss competing and getting that medal, and this would give them a chance for competition.

ab) Senator Ella: Motion to extend by 5 mins. Second by Michael. Debate is now closed.

ac) Amendments to bill? - Divija sent an amendment:

Is this a friendly amendment? Questions and debate:

ad) Senator Ella: I did not hear. (*Amendment repeated by Secretary Amaya*).

ae) Senator Niki: I feel there is more value to the bill if we can use any amounts for the centennial run. We want this budget to expand student experience, and this amount has the potential to do that. I don't see the value in taking the money back, but to be able to use it to expand for participants and those that can attend.

af) Senator Divija: When the money goes back in the budget, people have more opportunity to use it for other bills.

ag) Senator Graydon: The point is that no unnecessary funding is needed, but everything that needs to be used to have a successful run should be used, and anything not used or not necessary can be returned to the SGA budget.

ah) Senator Otto: I agree with what was said, but for the sake of the budget and for everyone else, I think the amendment is good.

ai) Vice President Julie: Any more questions? *Absorbed time*.

Senator Graydon: Motion to vote by placards.

Second by Senator Divija. *Amendment passes.*

aj) Senator Mmesoma sent an amendment. Otto said it is a friendly amendment.

No questions or debate. Time absorbed.

Motion to enter voting procedure by placard - Senator Graydon.

Seconded. Amendment passes.

ak) Senator Karla sent an amendment.

Vice President Julie: Is this a friendly amendment?

Senator Otto: Yes. Seconded by Senator Michael.

5 mins question and debate.

Vice President Julie: None? *Absorbed time*.

Motion to vote by hand by Senator Ella. Second by Senator Divija.

Amendment passes.

al) Senator Ella: Motion to vote for bill by hand.

IX. Announcements

A. Senator Bannon Jones: If you did the birthday form and did not put your name on it, please resubmit.

B. President Ainsley: If you did not get a shirt, polo, bag, or wristband, please come to my office to get yours.

C. Vice President Julie: Any more announcements? *None.*

X. Next Meeting will be Thursday, October 08 in Leadership Lounge / Town Hall

A**.** Motion to adjourn

B. Second

XI. Adjournment at 6:41 PM