



Student Senate Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2025

Date: *October, 14 2025*

Time: *7:00 PM*

Location: Chem & Nat Science BLDG 100

Preparation:

No preparation needed at this time.

Please review:

Nothing to review at this time.

1. **Call to Order** by Vice President Kelly Lohman on *October 14, 2025* at *7:01 p.m.*
2. **Moment of Silence**
3. **Roll Call: 40 Seats (36 Senators present, 3 absent, 0 excused absence, 2 seats vacant), 4 Officers, and 1 Advisor.**

Present

1. Hailey Poydras
2. Noah Stephan
3. Amira Morales
4. Ashon Fields
5. Kathryn Kamlade
6. Claire Hays
7. Cameron Latin
8. Macy Cason
9. Kaylin Williams
10. Elizabeth Moon
11. Abi Clifton
12. Jeremy Caldwell
13. D'Marcus Wyatt
14. Aysha Mix
15. Arielle Magee
16. Drake Prunty
17. Claire Varnado
18. Mackenzie Meylian
19. Grace Carpenter
20. Kaitlyn Apperley
21. Autumn Meadors

22. Samaria Spears

23. Katelyn Dunn-Vinson
24. Lawson Marchand
25. Jayden Youngblood
26. Alyssa Cressionie
27. Alton Sarrazin
28. Ciente Downs
29. Keirsten Dixon
30. Brayden Timmer
31. Brook West
32. Jordan Gray-Span
33. Kimora Wilson
34. Cecil Pradhan
35. Jira Sheppard
36. Zenobia Poydras

1. Hannah Habisreiteringer
2. Kelly Lohman
3. Gabrielle Thomas
4. Laura Lee Mayfield
5. Adv. Chris Williams

Absence

Excused Absence

1. Markos Braden 2. Saru Tamang 3. Gwendolyn Abadie	
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4. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

a. Approval of 9/16 and 9/30 minutes were approved as electronically distributed by Senators: Fields, seconded by Magee, and Marchand, seconded by Poydras.

5. Guest Speaker(s)

- a. **NSA:** *requested a \$500 scholarship for their annual Banquet. The event promotes diversity and cultural exchange, attracting nearly 400 attendees yearly. The requested \$500 would be used for food and decorations. In return, the SGA would receive logo placement on flyers, a shout-out, and reserved seats.*
- b. **Google Developer Student Club:** *requested a \$500 scholarship for their Tech Expo 2025, scheduled for November 21, 2025. The event allows students to present tech projects, network, and gain experience, featuring a project showcase, an intern Q&A, and an award ceremony. The requested \$500 would be allocated to prizes and event supplies.*

6. Speaker of the House Updates

- a. College of Arts, Education, and Sciences
 - i. *Senator Poydras has reached out to the dean.*
- b. College of Business and Social Sciences
 - i. *Senator Moon discussed meeting with her college after meeting to see how they can collect student concerns and to have a great week.*
- c. College of Health Sciences
 - i. *Senator Magee is awaiting a response from the dean to schedule a meeting and asked her college to send her ideas on what to discuss with the dean.*
- d. College of Pharmacy
 - i. *Senator Apperly had a meeting with Dean Craft and encouraged senators from her college to send ideas in the group me she has made for their college.*
- e. College of Graduate School
 - i. *No Report*

7. Department Head Updates

- a. Student Life and Welfare
 - i. *Senator Spears talked about the "PJs and Pumpkins" event sign-up is full, and senators were challenged to bring three friends each to the event.*
- b. Promotions
 - i. *Senator Clifton report included a new "Warhawks at Work" initiative that will highlight senators' campus involvement.*
 - ii. *The department is partnering with the Welfare Committee on social media content for mental health and has posted the Pj's and pumpkin flyer for repost.*
 - iii. *Encourages senators to use photocircle.*
- c. Research and Judicial Affairs

- i. *Senator Morales announced Midterm check-ins, and she will begin to review senators' service hours and GPAs.*
 - ii. *If there are any issues, then she will just call y'all in for a meeting and talk about the options and probation and anything like that.*
- d. Academic Enhancement
 - iii. *Senator Kamlade talked about Octobers keeping up with Castille being on Oct 27 around lunch. She will be handing out candy!*

8. Executive Board Reports

- a. Treasurer
 - i. *Treasurer Mayfield explained Main motion forms will be placed outside the Treasurer's office for senators to sign.*
- b. Secretary
 - i. *Secretary Thomas discussed midterm check in and that if anyone thinks they are below to please meet with her.*
- c. Vice President
 - i. *Vice President Lohman report indicated the ability to review scholarship PowerPoints and to just reach out to herself or Treasurer Mayfield. She also talked about the established time limit on presentations to seven minutes to ensure efficiency.*
 - ii. *She is also excited to be serving on STAP committee again this year so if senators have any questions or suggestions about the allocation of the money feel free to reach out.*
 - iii. *Advised the Welfare Committee to kind of spearhead the ideas to do Mental Health Mondays.*
 - iv. *Stated if senators have any TikTok ideas, please send them to Senator Clifton.*
- d. President
 - i. *President Habby highlighted*
 - ii. **University Updates:** *The university is already implementing ideas discussed among Louisiana student body presidents, such as a suicide prevention walk and Swipe Out Hunger.*
 - iii. **Campus Accessibility:** *The Village door issue is being re-investigated. A new handicap-accessible door button is planned for the activity center.*
 - iv. **Student Fee Transparency:** *Self-assessed fee money is on hold until a new athletic director is in place. Motions to reallocate these funds must be submitted by the second Monday in November.*
 - v. **Campus Improvements:** *Two new benches have been installed, with more locations being considered.*
 - vi. **Committee Updates:** *The Food Services committee is working with Swipe Out Hunger, the Well-being committee is developing "Mental Health Monday" content, and the Hawks Committee is working on campus beautification projects.*
- e. Advisor(s)
 - i. *SGA Advisor emphasized,*
 - ii. **Commencement:** *Stoles for RSO involvement can be ordered until November 14th at 11:59 PM.*

- iii. **Hazing Prevention Training:** *Students needing the online component after attending the in-person session should email Alicia Mitchell and cc the advisor (Chris).*

9. Old Business

- a. SR.093025a – African Caribbean Association PASSED
 - i. They will be awarded the full \$500 scholarship.
- b. SR.093025b – Phi Mu PASSED
 - i. They will be awarded the full \$500 scholarship
- c. SR. 093025c – NPHC PASSED
 - i. They will be awarded the full \$500 scholarship

10. New Business

- a. n/a

11. General Discussion

- a. General discussion began with a reminder about mandatory department meeting attendance
- b. The Executive Team then brainstormed and voted on costume ideas for Trunk or Treat, considering options like Dr. Seuss characters, Power Rangers, Squid Game, and Minions. After a tie and re-vote, "Minions" was chosen as the theme
- c. Senator Magee announced an upcoming Halloween Bash
- d. Discussion revolved around the appropriate use of abstaining in voting, with leadership clarifying it's for conflicts of interest or lack of knowledge and urging senators to use their voice to represent constituents rather than abstaining frequently.
- e. Other points included promoting CAB giveaways, requesting music suggestions for an event, proposing an updated Senate calendar, and encouraging attendance at the School of Arts opera

12. Meeting Adjourned by Vice Lohman at 8:16 p.m., by way of motion from Senator Marchand, seconded by senator Poydras.