



Student Senate Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2025

Date: <i>October, 21 2025</i>	Time: <i>7:00 PM</i>	Location: Chem & Nat Science BLDG 100
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Preparation: No preparation needed at this time.	Please review: Nothing to review at this time.
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- 1. Call to Order** by Vice President Kelly Lohman on *October 21, 2025* at *7:00 p.m.*
- 2. Moment of Silence**
- 3. Roll Call: 40 Seats (32 Senators present, 7 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. D'Marcus Wyatt
13. Aysha Mix
14. Saru Tamang
15. Drake Prunty
16. Mackenzie Meylian
17. Grace Carpenter
18. Kaitlyn Apperley
19. Autumn Meadors

20. Samaria Spears

21. Katelyn Dunn-Vinson
22. Lawson Marchand
23. Jayden Youngblood
24. Alyssa Cressionie
25. Ciente Downs
26. Keirsten Dixon
27. Gwendolyn Abadie
28. Brook West
29. Kimora Wilson
30. Cecil Pradhan
31. Jira Sheppard
32. Blake Guerrero

1. Hannah Habisreiteringer
2. Kelly Lohman
3. Gabrielle Thomas

Absence	Excused Absence
1. Jeremy Caldwell 2. Arielle Magee	

3. Claire Varnado 4. Alton Sarrazin 5. Brayden Timmer 6. Jordan Gray-Span 7. Zenobia Poydras 8. Laura Lee Mayfield 9. Chris Williams	
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4. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

a. Approval of minutes were approved as electronically distributed by Senator Marchand, seconded by Senator Stephan.

5. Guest Speaker(s)

a. *Alpha phi Alpha:*

6. Speaker of the House Updates

a. College of Arts, Education, and Sciences

i. *Senator Poydras met with Dean Pratt and discussed being active on social media.*

ii. *She mention doing and introduction video with the Dean and coming up with ideas for events and what to do with some old CAES shirts that never got distributed.*

b. College of Business and Social Sciences

i. *Senator Moon discussed reaching out to the marketing club.*

c. College of Health Sciences

i. *No Report*

d. College of Pharmacy

i. *No Report*

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 reported about a "Mental Health Monday" video that was posted.*

ii. *Members were invited to submit ideas for future videos and to contact her to participate weekly.*

c. Research and Judicial Affairs

i. *Senator Morales announced that Midterm check-ins were being conducted.*

ii. *Grade reports impacting eligibility will apply at the end of the spring semester; members were told not to worry about GPA yet but to keep it in mind*

d. Academic Enhancement

iii. *No Report*

8. Executive Board Reports

a. Treasurer

- i. *Treasurer Mayfield explained A main motion form was left for members to use; members were reminded to engage with guest speakers and avoid phones during presentations.*
 - ii. *Four of eight scholarships for the semester have been passed; no additional scholarships have been submitted yet, but more may still come. Members were invited to text or visit the treasurer's office for questions.*
- b. *Secretary*
 - i. *Secretary Thomas discussed Midterm check-ins and the service hour submission form: the form is available (on the secretary's door) and could be scanned during or after the meeting; members were asked to submit items.*
 - ii. *Additionally, "SGA hot takes" submissions have been low; a flyer was created with Senator Clifton to display on hub TVs to increase traffic; members were asked to share and promote.*
 - iii. *Specific senators were asked to see the secretary after adjournment (names listed during the meeting).*
- c. *Vice President*
 - i. *Vice President Lohman report indicated that Mental Health Monday launched with a video about SMART goals; members passionate about mental health were encouraged to contact Senator Clifton.*
 - ii. *Additionally, A Wi-Fi survey will be conducted to gather SGA-sponsored information and coordinate with IT to receive student feedback.*
 - iii. *Discussion on transitioning committees into departments in anticipation of leadership changes; members were invited to provide ideas for future structuring.*
 - iv. *She also reminded senate about referendum rules and that the due date was stated as the second Monday of November, with references to Hannah, Abby, and Senator Guerrero as resources.*
 - v. *"Senator of the Week" recognition was Senator Markos.*
- d. *President*
 - i. *President Habby highlighted that Name tags and t-shirts are available during office hours.*
 - ii. *She talked about her participation in a UL Board of Regents panel on graduate school retention in Louisiana; members were invited to share ideas on funding, tax rates, and education improvements.*
 - iii. *She recapped the Food services committee's meeting and talked about our Swipe Out Hunger initiative; the services contact assisting with meal plan card distribution is out until January; but forms are being set up.*
 - iv. *RSO outreach: she is planning with organizational senators to potentially have small-scale town hall-style input; a Microsoft form will be created for outreach and suggestions.*
 - v. *HAWKS initiative recap: exploring a turtle feeder, increasing honors program involvement, and bridging gaps with partners.*
 - vi. *Additionally, she reached out to Mr. Michael Davis about the benches; awaiting response; members were asked to suggest campus locations.*

- vii. *She discussed facilities like the “old Starbucks” and areas that have been abandoned since her freshman year; a meeting is scheduled this week to assess the areas.*
 - viii. *Well-Being Committee recap: Mental Health Mondays started.*
 - ix. *Trunk or Treat scheduled for Monday, October 27th; volunteers invited to coordinate costumes.*
 - x. *Continued exploration of converting committees (e.g., HAWKS) into departments to sustain efforts year over year.*
- e. Advisor(s)
 - i. *No Report*

9. Old Business

- a. SR.101425a – NSA PASSED
 - i. They will be awarded the full \$500 scholarship.
- b. SR.101425b – Google Developer PASSED
 - i. They will be awarded the full \$500 scholarship

10. New Business

- a. n/a

11. General Discussion

- a. Secretary Thomas mentioned quorum and abstentions: If quorum is not met due to abstentions, votes must be repeated until fewer abstentions occur and the motion either passes or fails, mirroring prior years’ practice.
- b. The opera opens Thursday night; members were encouraged to support VAPA.
- c. Senator Kamlade also mentions Candy and Castille that’s happening on Oct. 27th.

12. Meeting Adjourned by Vice Lohman at 7:34 p.m., by way of motion from Senator Marchand, seconded by senator Stephan.