Senate Meeting Agenda

September 29th, 2025

I. Call to Order: 5:01 PM — Vice President Thompson
II. Pledge of Allegiance — Vice President Thompson
III. Moment of Reflection — Vice President Thompson
IV. Roll Call — Senator Day-Spiers

A. Senator Baker
B. Senator Benoit
C. Senator Bigelow
D. Senator Cavalier
E. Senator Chavers
F. Senator Davis
G. Senator Day-Spiers
H. Senator Delatte
I. Senator Frazier
J. Senator Griffin
K. Senator Jade
L. Senator Kerner
M. Senator Lidikay
N. Senator Malnar
O. Senator Matherene
P. Senator McGraw
Q. Senator Melancon
R. Senator Pegues
S. Senator Pouey
T. Senator Pierre
U. Senator Richards
V. Senator Spiers

W. Senator Vatter

V. Approval of Minutes — Vice President Thompson

A. 09/29/2025

Approved

VI. Reports

A. SGA President: — President Nechaeva

Maria is currently leaving Ruston after a visit to La Tech. Maria attended the COSPB meeting this past week. She is so proud of us and our hard work! They love our marketing, initiatives, and general attendance.

For marketing, please send Maria a text or email for any initiatives that you would like her to push through to marketing. Next week will be fully dedicated to Homecoming, so keep this in mind.

"SGA Does" is a new campaign starting with SGA Marketing where they will be showcasing our day to day lives and highlighting what we do on campus, especially as student workers and SGA members.

Maria still needs volunteer slots filled for Homecoming Kick-Off, Minute to Win It, and Relay Raise so please reach out if you can help.

No updates on Robin Roberts participation in Homecoming week. Please sign-up just in case.

Seven fees passed in committee, they'll be coming through the Senate soon so please remember to stay informed.

Maria learned about a grade-forgiveness policy at another university during her COSPB meeting; it will offer forgiveness for a failed class up to 3-6 credit hours, with a valid written excuse. This does not have to apply to just health issues. They're trying to appeal it to the ULS board which will affect every school in our system. She wants to know our opinion so please email Maria with your opinions and thoughts.

B. SGA Chief Justice: — Chief Justice Edwards

Free Speech Alley is Wednesday October 29th, if you are interested in speaking please fill out the form Kayla sends out. Share the date and invite with other organizations you are in. The topics are on budget cuts and the use of AI in higher education.

C. SGA Advisor: — Mr. Zachary Handlin

Homecoming is next week, please keep up with your emails. We will need all the help we can get.

Robin Roberts will be unveiling D. Vickers next week during Homecoming week if you'd like to attend this event, wear your polo.

This week is Fall Break. See you all next week.

Consider wearing your SGA polos to classes and other events so people can connect with you and you can represent across campus.

Budget Oversight met last week, it was very successful.

October 24th is the second Capital Outlay meeting of the fall semester.

D. Faculty Senate Representative: *rotating*

Mr. Rode: Ms. Christine Ridgdell will be taking over for this month.

Last week was the first faculty senate meeting. There were some problems with adjunct professors not receiving Canvas access early enough in the semester and students are facing the struggles now. More on the resolution of this to come.

The biggest issue they discussed was a 2024 law passed for the state that certain topics have to be avoided in classrooms. This may seriously affect things such as encouragement of outside event attendance, discussion/debate in class, and just the general personalization of topics in lectures by professors. We'll see updates in the coming weeks.

E. Director of Financial Affairs Zachary Edwards

Budget Oversight spent three hours going over seven different new fees. These will go through Appropriations and then the Senate.

No budget changes.

F. Internal Affairs Chair Senator Vatter

Departmental and SE visits are still happening. Consider visiting your departments with fellow senators of your college so we aren't double visiting certain colleges and departments.

G. Appropriations Chair *Vacant*

There are two bills coming from Appropriations that we are reviewing today.

H. Student Life Chair Senator Richards

No new reports, mostly viewing options for our college visits. Senator Kerner wants to look into general campus accessibility and how we can help this in places that may be lacking.

I. Senate Chair — Vice President Thompson

Abby is still meeting with Capital Outlay applicants. She has had lots of meetings and communication in the past days, but she is still accessible to us as always.

VII. Programs

None

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Bill FA25-12 A Bill to Support Madison Ledet in Attending the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS) in Vancouver BC, Canada.

1. Tabled 9/29
2. Untabled 10/6
3. Passes unanimously

B. Bill FA25-13 A Bill to Support BruteForce Lions in Attending the U.S. Department of Energy's Cyberforce Competition

Passes unanimously

C. Bill FA25-16 A Bill to Assist the African Musical Society in Hosting the AMS Annual Academic Concert

1. Tabled 9/29; Need new date
2. Untabled 10/6
3. Passes unanimously

IX. New Business

A. Bill FA25-19 A Bill to Appoint Jaden Flattmann to the Student Government Association as a Member of the Executive Outreach Board

Referred to the Internal Affairs committee

B. Bill FA25-20 A Bill to Appoint Myleah Acosta to the Student Government Association as a Member of the Executive Outreach Board

Referred to the Internal Affairs committee

C. Bill FA25-21 A Bill to Appoint Alyssa Berggren to the Student Government Association as the Co-Director of Communications and Marketing
Referred to the Internal Affairs committee

D. Bill FA25-22 A Bill to Assist the Office of Graduate Studies in Hosting its 65th Birthday Celebration
Referred to the Appropriations Committee

E. Bill FA25-23 A Bill to Assist the School of Nursing in Purchasing Supplies to Sustain the "Stop the Bleed" Initiative
Referred to the Appropriations Committee

X. Announcements and Remarks

XI. Adjournment: 5:42 PM