SGA Student Government Association
SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY

Senate Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2025

I.	Call to Order: 5:02 PM	Vice President Abigail Thompson
II.	Pledge of Allegiance	Vice President Abigail Thompson
III.	Moment of Reflection	Vice President Abigail Thompson
IV.	Roll Call	*vacant*

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

V.	Approval of Minutes	Vice President Abigail Thompson

A. Special Session 08/11/2025 PART I.

Approved

B. Special Session 08/11/2025 PART II.

Approved

VI. Reports

A. SGA President: President Maria Nechaeva

Hello everyone! I'm so sorry I couldn't be here today! Just a few housekeeping things. We have our know the signs tabling tomorrow so please stop by. We are also having the Talks Save Lives Presentation tomorrow in the student union theatre at 5:30 pm. This is a mandatory event so please make sure you attend. If you could also wear your polo to the presentation that would be great.

We opened the Homecoming packets, so homecoming court packets and freshman and graduate senator packets are accepting applications. Please encourage your organization to participate in homecoming. They do not have to participate in every event. Please also encourage people to run for homecoming court and for freshman or graduate senators.

We are also hosting a Katrina remembrance ceremony this Wednesday at 4:30 pm in the next to the Memorial Fountain. This is not mandatory but please try and be there.

Also if there is absolutely anything you need from me my door is always open. Thank you!

B. SGA Chief Justice: Chief Justice Kayla Edwards

Homecoming Court, Freshman Senator, and Graduate Senator applications are all live and can be found in the SGA Instagram linktree. If you want to run for Homecoming Court, you must attend at least one interest meeting. Those meetings will take place September 8th, 10th, and 11th at 5 p.m. in Student Union Rm 2206.

Free Speech Alley is October 29th. If you have any ideas for topics to discuss, please feel free to email psga6149@selu.edu.

C. SGA Advisor: Mr. Zachary Handlin

Please email your branch head or Mr. Handlin if you can't make it to the "Talks Save Lives" event on 8/26/25.

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Mocktails is next week, September 3rd, at the University Center beginning at 6 pm. SGA will have a table so please come out to show your support for this event!

Please remember that academics are your top priority! You are a student first. If you need any support both in SGA and in academics please feel free to contact Mr. Handlin

Greg Binder will be sending a SE 1010 class visit sign up sheet and demonstrating the presentation for the Outreach visits to the Senate in the coming weeks.

Please meet with your fellow college senators to plan your college-specific related events (ex. Tea Time with SGA) as soon as possible so that these can be planned/funded.

There will be a Take Note with the breakdown of Senators and colleges sent out to the campus soon!

D. Faculty Senate Liaison

The Faculty Senate will not be meeting for another two weeks. In the meantime, Mr. Rudolph Rode is one of potentially three Faculty Senate liaisons moving forward so please reach out to him if you have any questions regarding faculty senate!

Mr. Rode encourages students to please be mindful of your driving around campus and in the Hammond area as traffic has significantly increased with the start of the semester.

E. Director of Financial Affairs — Zachary Edwards

The yearly budget bill, SU25-37, was passed during the retreat, great work!

A reminder moving forward, the Appropriations chairperson does have to sit on the Budget Oversight Committee.

Please visit your SE 1010 class assignments, organizations, and reach out to campus groups/departments asap so we can get grants applied for and moving very soon.

F. Internal Affairs Chair — *vacant*

G. Appropriations Chair — *vacant*

H. Student Life Chair — *vacant*

I. Guest Speaker — Dr. Eric Summers

Please remember your student organizations on campus throughout the semester, learn how you can support them personally and then continue support directly into the student body.

Our enrollment has reached some of its highest numbers in recent years, and the administration wants to continue to revitalize the student experience. SGA can help with that directly so please continue to provide for and connect with the student body!

Please visit Dr. Summers' office in Dyson and reach out to your Vice Presidents and administration here on campus so we can continue our work even further.

J. Senate Chair — Vice President Abigail Thompson

You are expected to be at your chosen committee(s) every week, attendance will be taken and your committee heads will be informing Abby when you're not there and unexcused, if you do not remember which one(s) you signed up for, please connect with Abby asap.

Elections will be happening in today's meeting.

We will begin doing pledge and moment of reflection in alphabetical order of last name, please read the agenda to prepare accordingly before our Senate meetings!

Please write bills, no idea is a bad idea and Abby wants to discuss/work with you to make it a reality.

Please schedule a meeting with Abby if there's anything you want to learn about/discuss. She can help with bill writing, questions about se/departmental visits, etc. At this time her Google Calendar appointments are down so please communicate with her via Geneva DM or your Google email/G-Chat.

Your absence from "Talks Save Lives" will be excused IF you are in attendance of your assigned committee meeting. Otherwise Abby will need to be notified asap.

VII. Programs

None

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Bill SU25-46 A Bill to Appoint Aaliyah Frazier to the Student Government Association as a Senator At-Large

1. [Tabled 8/11/25]

This Bill will remain tabled, Aaliyah was unable to join us today.

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IX. New Business

A. Bill FA25-01 A Finance Bill to Supply the Student Body with Scantrons and Blue Books

Referred to the Appropriations committee, 16-0-0

B. Bill FA25-02 A Finance Bill to Sponsor an SGA Bus Trip to the SLU v. LSU Away Game

Referred to the Appropriations committee, 16-0-0

C. Bill FA25-03 A Finance Bill to Sponsor the DSA Convocation

Referred to the Appropriations committee, 16-0-0

D. Bill FA25-04 A Finance Bill to Sponsor the SGA Hardship Scholarship and the SGA Student Support Award

Referred to the Appropriations committee, 16-0-0

E. Bill FA25-05 A Bill to Revise Title II, Clause 4, Section 2, Subsection 4 of the Student Government Association Bylaws

Referred to the Internal Affairs committee, 16-0-0

F. Bill FA25-06 A Bill to Revise Title IV, Clause 2, Section 1 of the Student Government Association Bylaws

Referred to the Internal Affairs committee, 16-0-0

G. Bill FA25-07 A Bill to Revise Title VI of the Student Government Association Bylaws

Referred to the Internal Affairs committee, 16-0-0

H. Pro Tempore and Standing Committee Chair Elections

Pro Tempore - Emma Day-Spiers

Internal Affairs Chair - Nathan Vatter

Appropriations Chair - Druid Gibson

Student Life Chair - Brooke Richards

Committee Co-Chairs will be chosen within their respective meetings

X. Announcements and Remarks

XI. Adjournment: 5:32 PM