



Senate Meeting Agenda

September 29th, 2025

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| 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 Gibson
 - K. Senator Griffin
 - L. Senator Jade
 - M. Senator Kerner
 - N. Senator Lidikay
 - O. Senator Malnar
 - P. Senator Matherne
 - Q. Senator McGraw
 - R. Senator Melancon
 - S. Senator Pegues
 - T. Senator Pouey
 - U. Senator Pierre
 - V. Senator Richards



W. Senator Spiers

X. Senator Vatter

V. Approval of Minutes

Vice President Thompson

A. 09/22/2025

VI. Reports

A. SGA President:

President Nechaeva

Maria is travelling a lot for her position on the ULS Board. She is currently touring other universities in our system and reviewing their Capital Outlay projects.

Today's attendance for the visit for the ULS Capital Outlay was great, thank you to all who attended. Moving forward from feedback from today, we want to focus on students in summer classes and transfer students within our university.

LA Tech and SELU are the only two universities on Workday. We may need to switch to unify the ULS system to match the other six universities in terms of our administrative websites. We need to be prepared to relay correct and compassionate information to students so please remember to stay informed before you give out information when this switch does potentially arise. Ask Maria about any and all questions from the student body or your personal questions about this

This year tuition was raised, so was enrollment, for this reason we will have a lot of fee raises in this upcoming year.

Robin Roberts will no longer be at certain parts of the Homecoming week agenda. Stay tuned for what portions she will/will not be at. Please continue to be ready to volunteer as needed during that week.

Last week's Townhall was the most attended we've had thus far. Huge success with lots of great feedback all around.

Please go like and share our Member of the Month post on Instagram. Congratulations to the Judicial Branch's own Sam Randall!

Mental Health as an excused absence meeting with Dr. Skipper is not going forward in the proposed way, however changes may allow it to still happen. Dr. Skipper does not want to encourage isolation of students or skipping class in the case of a mental health crisis. He wants more clear guidelines of what counts as a "mental health" day (ex, death of family member)



The Syllabus Bank initiative is happening under a new name. Dr. Skipper and Dr. Cannon both like the idea of giving students clearer guidelines of class expectations during enrollment. Comment/tools box tool in Workday. Dr. Cannon wants to see it refined. The Faculty Senate will hear the refined idea in November. It will not be mandatory for faculty and staff to participate and they can opt out.

Homecoming needs volunteers for the following dates/events: Sunday October 12th - Set-up/decorate in the Breezeway. Monday October 13th - Kick-off event 12-2 in the Breezeway. Tuesday October 14th - Minute to Win-It (ten total teams). Wednesday October 15th - Centennial Relay (new event so we need lots of help). Saturday October 18th - Homecoming Parade traffic directing. Please let Maria know if you cannot attend or participate in any of these.

Please be mindful of what you say on our campus, we are very easily accessible and very publicized. Be mindful of how quick you can reach out to UPD and save their number to your contacts.

B. SGA Chief Justice:
No Report

Chief Justice Edwards

C. SGA Advisor:

Mr. Zachary Handlin

Candidates for Homecoming are meeting today on their requirements in the coming weeks.

Please introduce yourself to the department heads of your respective college and make yourself accessible for help.

Please utilize campus resources when needed.

D. Faculty Senate Representative:
No Report

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E. Director of Financial Affairs

Zachary Edwards

8 finance bills up tonight, that means \$9,180.24 spent with \$30,819.76 left.

Budget Oversight is this Friday. Stay tuned for the upcoming bills.



F. Internal Affairs Chair

Senator Vatter

Last week we reviewed a departmental visit.

The departmental visit template is in the SGA member drive. Make sure you download and/or make a copy as this template is the original document.

G. Appropriations Chair

Senator Gibson

One bill was tabled in Appropriations, we are going to have the advisor and applicant attend our next meeting for clarification on the information.

H. Student Life Chair

Senator Richards

Student Life ordered little bags for students to discreetly retrieve their items from People with Periods. Tomorrow's meeting will focus on marketing for this.

I. Senate Chair

Vice President Thompson

Whenever we are in Senate please remember to offer your undivided attention, both in Senate, and in our digital communications. A lot of questions are being asked after they have been answered numerous times. Please pay attention, you represent our university and your student body. We need to be able to appropriately answer questions when asked.

There has been some miscommunication on where students can get scantrons. A Take Note will go out to clarify all the info on this tomorrow.

Capital Outlay meets on October 24th, stay tuned for those bills.

Keep up with your SE and departmental visits.

Please respect Abby's time, she may not answer outside of campus/office hours. She will get back to you as soon as she can within university hours.

Free Speech Alley is October 29th.

Contact Abby if you want to author/sponsor any bills.

Abby is looking to fill four available seats we have vacant in the Senate.

VII. Programs

None

VIII. Unfinished Business



- A. Bill FA25-09 A Bill to Appoint Charlie Stewart to the Student Government Association as a Member of the Executive Outreach Board
 - 1. Tabled 9/22/25
 - 2. Untabled 9/29/25
 - 3. Passes unanimously
- B. Bill FA25-11 A Bill to Support the Department of Biological Sciences in Attending the American Society for Microbiology South Central Branch Meeting
 - Passes unanimously
- C. 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 9/29/25
- A. Bill FA25-15 A Bill to Supply the Sims Memorial Library Circulations Department with Student Supplies
 - Passes unanimously
- B. Bill FA25-16 A Bill to Assist the African Musical Society in Hosting the AMS Annual Academic Concert
 - 1. Amended to add Attachment A
 - Amended unanimously
 - 2. Tabled 9/29/25
 - We will need the official date after their meeting this upcoming Sunday in order to pass this bill.
- C. Bill FA25-17 A Bill to Support Aidan Hidalgo and Avery Hearnberger in Attending the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) Annual Conference in San Diego, California
 - Passes unanimously
- D. Bill FA25-18 A Bill to Support the Chanda Research Group in Attending SERMACS/SWRM 2025 in Orlando, Florida
 - Passes unanimously
- IX. New Business
 - A. None
- X. Announcements and Remarks



Tech Fee has some money left over from its standing budget. They want to appropriate these funds. What would we like to see it appropriated towards? It cannot be wifi unfortunately. It needs to be for the entirety of a building, not just a small portion or lab. Send your feedback to Maria this week

Also the Wifi is currently under work so stay tuned.

It is super important that you pay attention to what is happening in our meetings. Respect whoever is speaking, especially the applicants. We need to give our attention and not look down or away.

XI. Adjournment: 5:56 PM