



Student Senate Meeting Minutes for September 30, 2025

Date: 30, September 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 *August 26, 2025* at 7:08 p.m.
2. **Moment of Silence**
3. **Roll Call: 40 Seats (35 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. Markos Braden
14. D'Marcus Wyatt
15. Saru Tamang
16. Arielle Magee
17. Drake Prunty
18. Claire Varnado
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. Jira Sheppard
35. Zenobia Poydras

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

Absence

Excused Absence

1. Ashya Mix 2. Gwendolyn Abadie 3. Blake Guerrero	
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4. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

- a. No minutes were approved.

5. Guest Speaker(s)

- a. ***Tyree from the African Caribbean Association:*** Tyree discussed the re-establishment of the African Caribbean Association on campus, aiming to promote community among African and Caribbean students. She requested funding for the ACA Field Day, an event intended to unite the African and Caribbean communities in Northeast Louisiana through traditional field day games, cultural showcases, and networking opportunities.
- b. ***Kaylee Hoover and Madison from Phi Mu:*** They presented Phi Mu Miracle Week, supporting Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, specifically Arkansas Children's Hospital. The week includes events like Carnations for a Cure, Pie-A-Mu, Cookies for Children's, and the Miracle Man pageant. They requested \$500 to fund Miracle Man and other events throughout the week.
- c. ***Ashan from NPHC:*** Ashon discussed the annual Homecoming tradition involving historically African American fraternities and sororities. The event includes the NPHC step show that includes performances judged for a \$1,000 scholarship. Ashon requested \$500 to help fund the scholarship for the winning teams.
 - i. Each speaker highlighted the importance of their events in fostering community engagement, networking, and supporting charitable causes.

6. Speaker of the House Updates

- a. College of Arts, Education, and Sciences
 - i. No Report
- b. College of Business and Social Sciences
 - i. No Report
- 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 thanked everyone who volunteered and contributed to the success of recent events, acknowledging the late sign-up but appreciating the quick response.
 - ii. Announced the next Welfare Wednesday on October 15th, in collaboration with the RSO Outreach Committee, and invited suggestions for future events.

- iii. *Highlighted the importance of collaboration and community involvement in planning and executing events.*
- b. Promotions
 - i. *Senator Clifton report included a reminder about sharing SGA post on social media.*
- c. Research and Judicial Affairs
 - i. *Senator Morales announced a Senate test consisting of 26 multiple-choice questions and four bonus questions, requiring a minimum score of 80% (21 out of 30 questions correct) to pass.*
 - ii. *Offered retake opportunities for those who do not pass initially, emphasizing that the test is straightforward and not to be worried about.*
- d. Academic Enhancement
 - iii. *Senator Kamlade Reported on the success of "Donuts with Deans" and "Pizza with Prez," with 43 and 54 attendees, respectively. The cost per attendee was around \$1.02 for donuts and \$0.88 for pizza.*
 - iv. *Discussed future event ideas, including themed cookie decorating and candy with the Prez, with a focus on creating a fun and engaging environment for students.*
 - v. *Encouraged suggestions from other senators for additional event themes and activities.*

8. Executive Board Reports

- a. Treasurer
 - i. *Treasurer Mayfield explained the distribution of \$4,000 in scholarship funding, with three scholarships for September, three for October, and two for November, each worth \$500.*
 - ii. *Clarified that unused funds can roll over to the next semester and encouraged senators to vote confidently on scholarship requests.*
 - iii. *Mentioned that if an organization requests less than \$500, the remaining funds can be allocated to another scholarship.*
- b. Secretary
 - i. *Secretary Thomas discussed office hours, emphasizing the importance of staying in the office during shifts and addressing reports of people clocking in and leaving immediately.*
 - ii. *Announced an increase in Associate Senate service hours from 5 to 7 due to low sign-up rates for events and shifts.*
 - iii. *Introduced a new submission form for event hours, eliminating the need for clocking in and out, and encouraged senators to submit their hours monthly.*
- c. Vice President
 - i. *Vice President Lohman highlighted homecoming week and the great things she heard about it.*
 - ii. *Gave the SGA senator of the week shout out to Senator Downs. Noting "we appreciate you. You always have a really great energy and spirit when you show up for your shifts and stuff and always have really remarkable ideas and things to contribute, so just know that we see you and we appreciate you and we want to spotlight you on the Instagram."*
 - iii. *Thanked everyone for their hard work and noted that guest speakers will now have a time limit of 5 minutes to speak, with 2 minutes of questions after.*
- d. President
 - i. *President Habby highlighted the successful Homecoming events and thanked senators for their participation and hard work.*

- ii. *Announced upcoming committee meetings and the importance of addressing campus accessibility issues, with updates on repairs to Bayou Village and the hub.*
- iii. *Discussed Mental Health Awareness Week from October 6th to 10th, with a major event on October 7th, and the Swipe Out Hunger initiative to help students with meal swipes.*
- iv. *Provided an update on the Student Self-Assessed Fee Transparency Project, ensuring transparency and communication about fund usage.*
- v. *Announced the Campus Safety Walk on October 7th, replacing the regular meeting, and encouraged participation.*
- e. Advisor(s)
 - i. *SGA Advisor emphasized the importance of completing the required prevention training, with a final opportunity to attend in-person sessions scheduled for the next day at 1 PM and 4 PM in the hangar. He stressed that failure to complete the training could lead to suspension and urged everyone to register on Wingspan, as each session is limited to 150 participants.*
 - ii. *Praised the efforts during Homecoming, particularly highlighting the success of the taco event, which was organized at the last minute. The advisor expressed gratitude to everyone who contributed to making the event a success.*
 - iii. *Encouraged everyone to enjoy the upcoming fall break, acknowledging the hard work and dedication shown by the team throughout the semester.*

9. Old Business

- a. SR.091625 Girls who Code Scholarship PASSED
 - i. They will be awarded the full \$500 scholarship.

10. New Business

- a. Speaker of the House Elections for the CBSS. Speaker of the house will now be Senator Moon.

11. General Discussion

- a. A motion was made and seconded to replace the October 7th meeting with the Campus Safety Walk. This motion was passed, meaning that instead of holding a regular meeting, participants will engage in the Campus Safety Walk on that date.
- b. The Campus Safety Walk is an annual event where participants walk around campus to identify and address safety concerns. It was suggested to hold this event during fall break to ensure maximum participation and effectiveness.
- c. There was a reminder for senators to stay for the Senate test after the meeting, with instructions to avoid talking during the test and to check in upon completion.

12. Meeting Adjourned by Vice Lohman at 8:02 p.m., by way of motion and was seconded.