



# Student Senate Meeting Minutes for September 16, 2025

**Date:** 16, 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, 4 absent, 0 excused absence, 2 seats vacant), 4 Officers, and 1 Advisor.**

**Present**

1. Hailey Poydras
2. Noah Stephan
3. Amira Morales
4. Kathryn Kamlade
5. Claire Hays
6. Cameron Latin
7. Macy Cason
8. Elizabeth Moon
9. Abi Clifton
10. Jeremy Caldwell
11. Markos Braden
12. D'Marcus Wyatt
13. Aysha Mix
14. Saru Tamang
15. Arielle Magee
16. Drake Prunty
17. Claire Varnado
18. Grace Carpenter
19. Kaitlyn Apperley
20. Samaria Spears

21. Katelyn Dunn-Vinson
22. Lawson Marchand
23. Jayden Youngblood
24. Alyssa Cressionie
25. Alton Sarrazin
26. Ciente Downs
27. Keirsten Dixon
28. Brayden Timmer
29. Gwendolyn Abadie
30. Brook West
31. Jordan Gray-Span
32. Kimora Wilson
33. Jira Sheppard
34. Blake Guerrero
35. Zenobia Poydras

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

**Absence**

**Excused Absence**

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| 1. Kaylin Williams<br>2. Mackenzie Meylian<br>3. Autumn Meadors | 1. Cecil Pradhan |
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#### 4. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

- a. Moved by Senator Dixon, seconded by Senator Magee.

#### 5. Guest Speaker(s)

- a. *Girls Who Code at the University of Louisiana Monroe presented their mission to close the gender gap in tech and empower women and individuals. They highlighted past events like resume reviews and Git workshops and announced their upcoming Protothon event. This two-day challenge encourages participants to create tech-based solutions to real-world problems without requiring coding skills. They aim to foster connections across different majors and requested a \$500 scholarship from the SGA to support the event.*

#### 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 announced the first SGA Welfare Wednesday event, expressing excitement and gratitude for the quick sign-up response. Additional slots were opened for volunteers. She mentioned an upcoming "HOCO dinner social" next Tuesday, which is actually a lunch event. Attendees were encouraged to promote the event, and a prize would be given out. The department is planning to serve tacos at the event, with more details to come.*
- b. Promotions
  - i. *Senator Clifton report included a reminder about the weekly meeting recap and requested committee members to stay after the meeting for participation. She plans to post a flyer immediately after the meeting and asked everyone to share it on their social media, as the event was scheduled for the next day. The speaker encouraged everyone to keep pushing through the week and expressed appreciation for their efforts.*
- c. Research and Judicial Affairs
  - i. *Senator Morales reported that the Election Commission meeting was postponed to the next day, marking the last one for the fall semester. Members were encouraged to join if they hadn't*

*promoted candidates. Additionally, she set a date for the test on Robert's Rules of Order and planned it for the next meeting, with study resources available and its multiple choice.*

d. Academic Enhancement

- ii. Senator Kamlade mentioned the success of Donuts with Deans where they distributed four dozen donuts, suggesting they might offer more next time due to the positive reception. She is considering moving the event downstairs for easier access. Additionally, she discussed the "Pizza with Prez" event, which had a great turnout, including attendance by the provost and other notable figures. We ran out of pizza, indicating high participation. Upcoming plans include the "Meet the Senate" event during homecoming week, where senators will engage with students at a tent in the quad. College senators are required to participate for at least one hour.*

**8. Executive Board Reports**

a. Treasurer

- i. Treasurer Mayfield reminded members to fill out a main motion form if needed and praised everyone for their performance with the guest speakers.*

b. Secretary

- i. Secretary Thomas emphasized the importance of completing office hour sign-ups by the end of the day and requested two senators to meet after the meeting. She explained the use of a new time card machine for office hours starting next week and thanked those who helped new senators find the office. Additionally, they mentioned plans to start "SGA Hot Takes" soon, inviting people to speak on various topics.*

c. Vice President

- i. Vice President Lohman encouraged senators to be actively involved in their departments and highlighted the hard work of the department members. They expressed excitement for homecoming week and emphasized the importance of school spirit. They also reiterated expectations for speakers of the house and offered support for studying for the Senate test. Lastly, they recognized a senator Morales for her hard work with elections and polling stations.*

d. President

- i. President Habby report outlined goals for the year using the acronym "Unite ULM," focusing on unity, nourishment, integrity, transparency, and engagement. She recapped the successful Suicide Prevention Awareness Walk and shared insights from the Hazing Prevention Summit.*
- ii. Mandatory hazing training was emphasized for SGA eligibility.*
- iii. She also mentioned an upcoming trip for Council of Student Body Presidents meeting in Baton Rouge.*
- iv. Committee assignments were announced, with some members excused from office hours. She mentioned the Swipe Out Hunger Initiative will open during homecoming week, and mental health awareness efforts are underway.*
- v. She addressed concerns about Nepal's political situation and the student self-assessed fee transparency, working with Dr. Hersey to clarify fund allocations. Lastly, she encouraged participation and documentation during homecoming week.*

e. Advisor(s)

- i. SGA Advisor Chris welcomed new senators and congratulated those involved in homecoming preparations. They emphasized the importance of attending hazing prevention training, providing upcoming dates and locations for sessions. (Sept 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm, 4pm and 6pm) (Oct 1<sup>st</sup> at 1pm and 4pm) The advisor stressed that failure to attend could lead to SGA suspension. They*

*reassured members that attendance would be tracked and encouraged everyone to enjoy the upcoming homecoming week.*

## **9. Old Business**

- a. Speaker of the House Nominations
  - i. The old business involved a recap of the Speaker of the House nominations for various colleges.

## **10. New Business**

- a. Elections for the Speaker of the House were conducted. Senator Apperly and Senator Poydras won by acclamation for their respective colleges. In the College of Health Sciences, Senator Magee was elected after speeches and voting. The election for the College of Business and Social Sciences was postponed.

## **11. General Discussion**

- a. The general discussion included reminders about office hours and the need to make up missed hours.
- b. There was also a discussion about the allocation of funds, with an explanation that official reports would be available at the end of the fiscal year.
- c. A motion was passed to move the next meeting to 6 p.m. due to a homecoming softball game.

## **12. Meeting Adjourned** by Vice Lohman at 8:06 p.m., by way of motion and was seconded.