



Student Senate Meeting Minutes for September 9, 2025

Date: 9, September 2025	Time: 7:00 PM	Location: Chem & Nat Science BLDG 100
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Preparation: No preparation needed at this time.	Please review: Nothing to review at this time.
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- 1. Call to Order** by Vice President Kelly Lohman on September 2, 2025 at 7:14 p.m.
- 2. Moment of Silence**
- 3. Roll Call: 31 Seats (26 Senators present, 2 absent, 0 excused absence, 3 seats vacant), 4 Officers, and 1 Advisor and Associat Senate.**

Present

1. Hailey Poydras
2. Noah Stephan
3. Amira Morales
4. Ashon Fields
5. Kathryn Kamlade
6. Kaylin Williams
7. Elizabeth Moon
8. Abi Clifton
9. Jeremy Caldwell
10. Kaitlyn Apperley
11. Autumn Meadors
12. Samaria Spears
13. Jiara Sheppard
14. Blake Guerrero

15. Katelyn Dunn-Vinson
 16. Ciente Downs
 17. Keirsten Dixon
 18. Brayden Timmer
 19. Gwendolyn Abadie
 20. Brook West
 21. Jordan Gray-Span
 22. Cecil Pradhan
 23. Jira Sheppard
 24. Jordan Gray-Span
 25. Cecil Pradhan
 26. Zenobia Poydras
- *Sworn in Associate Senate

1. Hannah Habisreitering
2. Kelly Lohman
3. Gabrielle Thomas
4. Laura Lee Mayfield
5. Adv. Chris Williams (Sidney Jones)

Absence	Excused Absence
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lawson Marchand 2. Saru Tamang 	

4. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

- a. Moved by Senator Poydras and seconded by Senator Dixon.

5. Guest Speaker(s)

N/a

6. Speakers of the House Reports

- 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. Academic Enhancement
 - i. *Senator Kamlade reported on the upcoming "Donuts with Deans" event scheduled for Thursday, expressing excitement and encouraging attendance to engage with the deans. She mentioned that all deans should be present as none had declined the invitation. Additionally, she discussed the "Pizza with Prez" event planned for Monday, noting that she had confirmed her attendance. She added Pres. Castille is very excited to engage with students. Furthermore, she will be organizing a group me for college representatives to coordinate availability for the homecoming week, asking everyone to select all possible days they could attend, "Meet the Senators:". She requested that this be completed by the end of the meeting to coordinate with CAB.*
- b. Promotions
 - i. *Senator Clifton reported that she would conduct a weekly meeting recap at the end of this meeting and advised those who were interested to stay after the meeting. This recap would cover topics discussed during the meeting and upcoming events, such as "Donuts with the Deans," "Pizza with Prez," and homecoming elections. She also mentioned creating a photo circle for sharing event photos, as she couldn't attend all events herself. Clifton encouraged everyone to repost promotional content on social media to increase visibility, acknowledging that while not everyone follows the official accounts, they likely follow individual members. She concluded by inviting questions and offering her contact information for further inquiries.*
- c. Research and Judicial Affairs
 - i. *Senator Morales congratulated the Associate Senate students on attending their first meeting and discussed the homecoming elections. She mentioned that the elections would open the next day at 8 a.m. and close on Thursday at 5 p.m., with polling stations set up at the Hub and the Cafe from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on both days. Morales requested volunteers to sign up for the polling stations and mentioned the need for an election*

commission, requiring about five people. She emphasized that commission members must remain unbiased, not repost campaign materials, or endorse candidates. The commission will meet on Thursday at 5 p.m. to review votes, address any violations, and release the results.

d. Student Life and Welfare

- i. Senator Spears shared updates on “Welfare Wednesday: You Matter,” which continues to promote student well-being. She reported on collaborations with Greek Life to further the initiative. She discussed plans to distribute ribbons on a Wednesday, which were expected to be ready soon. Additionally, Spears planned to visit the campus Wellness Center to assess available supplies and identify any additional needs.*

Executive Board Reports

e. Treasurer

- i. Treasurer Mayfield mentioned that due to a hectic week, her office hours would be different than usual, but she would still be available in the afternoons and online. She explained the process for filling out scholarship forms after guest speakers visit, emphasizing the importance of completing these forms to allocate funds properly. Mayfield noted that guest speakers were expected soon and stressed that the forms must be signed and sit for a week before voting on them.*

f. Secretary

- i. Secretary Thomas reminded everyone to sign up for office hours, noting that two people had not yet done so and would need to make up missed hours. She mentioned that the office hours sign-up sheet would be resent in the group chat for Associate Senators and was sharing it at a specific time for fairness. She emphasized that it operates on a first-come, first-served basis. Thomas clarified that service hours are consistent throughout the semester and do not change weekly. She also mentioned that the Executive Council would provide more details about their office hours in their respective updates.*

g. Vice President

- i. Vice President Lohman expressed excitement about the meeting and announced that Speaker of the House elections would occur next week, with nominations happening during the current meeting. Nominees would have a week to prepare a speech, which should be under two minutes, for the following week's vote. Additionally, Lohman encouraged participation in homecoming elections and emphasized the importance of voter turnout. Lastly, she reminded full-term senators of their service hour requirements and noted that associate senators would have fewer hours to complete.*

h. President

- i. President Habisreiter provided a recap of a recent retreat, which included workshops on PR and Robert's Rules. She mentioned that paperwork from the retreat was available in the SGA office for those who missed it. Name tags had been ordered, and she discussed the possibility of changing the polo shirts for SGA members, suggesting a switch from black to maroon due to many new members. She requested agreement forms from several senators who hadn't submitted them and asked for missing information from others.*

- ii. *Department assignments were announced, and senators were encouraged to check the website for updates to ensure their information was correct.*
- iii. *She also highlighted upcoming events, including a suicide prevention walk, and reminded new members about mandatory hazing training. Lastly, she mentioned her upcoming trip to the State Capitol for an SGA event and noted that her office hours might vary due to election-related activities.*

J Advisor(s)

- iv. *Advisor Williams, represented by Sydney Jones, the Coordinator of Student Activities, reminded everyone to email Ms. Sammy Owens with three core values they wish every ULM student would embody. This task aims to gather insights into what is important to the student body. Jones emphasized the importance of checking in on people during Suicide Awareness Month, highlighting the prevalence of mental health struggles.*

8. Old Business

- a. n/a

9. New Business

- a. In the new business segment, Speaker of the House nominations were conducted for various colleges:
College of Pharmacy: Senator Apperley was nominated.
College of Arts, Education, and Sciences: Senator Poydras was nominated.
College of Health Sciences: Senators Magee, Prunty, and Tamang were nominated.
College of Business and Social Sciences: Senators Williams and Moon were nominated.

10. No General Discussion

- a. Office Hours: Senator Thomas and others shared their office hours and encouraged communication through GroupMe for any additional needs.
- b. Event Sign-Ups: Senator Spears extended the sign-up deadline for the "You Shine Bright" event.
- c. Core Values Assignment: There was clarification on the assignment to email Ms. Sammy Owens with three core values for ULM students.
- d. Mental Health Awareness: The importance of mental health awareness, especially concerning recent events in Nepal affecting Nepalese students, was highlighted.
- e. Committee Participation: President Habby addressed the need to balance Hawks Committee participation with office hours, encouraging those passionate about the Committee work to communicate their availability.
- f. Associate Senate Sign-Ups: Secretary Thomas sent out a link for associate senate sign-ups and requested feedback on its functionality.

11. Meeting Adjourned by Vice President Kelly Lohman at 7:45 pm, by way of motion by Senator Magee and seconded by a Senator Poydras.