



**Regular Meeting Agenda  
February 12, 2025  
10:00am  
Wingo 315**

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**Senators Absent:** 7

**Senators Present:** 21

**Ex-officio:** Present

**I. Call to Order**

- A. Vice President Fricks called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**II. Approval of the Minutes**

- A. Will be sent for approval and then posted to Inform/website.

**III. Guest Speakers**

- A. None

**IV. Officer Reports**

- A. President Ables

1. None/Absent

- B. Vice President Fricks

1. Reminder to submit committee reports after your committee meetings
2. Campus wide email will go out for staff senator nominations on March 1st
3. On March 1st, an email to update our operations manual will be sent to senators

- C. Treasurer Watson

1. No report

- D. Secretary Kern

1. No report

- E. Parliamentarian/Historian, Travis Johnson

1. No report

- F. Ex Officio Ruud

1. No report

**V. Senate Committee Reports**

- A. Bylaws Committee

1. The committee discussed upcoming bylaw amendments and began the proposal, which will be presented at a future mass meeting.

- B. Courtesy Committee

1. 1 card

**VI. University Committee Reports**

- A. Parking Committee

1. 4 appeals submitted and all denied

**VII. Constituent Concerns/Communication**

- A. None

### **VIII. Old Business**

- A.** Senator volunteer slump ideas and discussion
  - 1. Reviewed suggestions submitted by the senators to incentivize volunteering
    - a) An ad hoc committee will be formed to specifically address the suggestions and develop a plan to present to the Senate
    - b) VP Fricks will be meeting with HR to gain clarification on hours bank accumulation

### **IX. New Business**

- A.** None

### **X. Good and Welfare**

- A.** Senator Calvery- we have a staff coordinator position open in the library posted currently. Get your applications in quick if you're interested because it won't be up too long.
- B.** Senator Vangsnes- progress reports are open, so if you're in any of those positions on campus that reaches out to our students, uh, please be sure to talk to them. If you are faculty, if you teach class, make sure you get those in. They will close on the 17th. Outreach to these students is key at this point, especially for class attendance and grades. Get them to the resources they, they need.
- C.** Senator Hammond- we have hired our new Student Wellness person, Virgie Jackson. He started last week and he's getting acclimated to the campus. Ary is retiring on the 28th of February, and her position will be posted very shortly.
- D.** Senator Taylor- we have women's basketball at home tonight; they're on a roll, so you should come and watch. Men's basketball at home tomorrow and then women's basketball is back at home on Saturday. So tonight we are doing, the academic recognition for our female sports. We'll be recognizing the women's basketball team during their roster announcements, and then at halftime all of our female student athletes that got a 3.0, or higher/ those with 4.0 are gonna be recognized. There will be a preview from our softball team, so they'll be throwing out some t-shirts and stuff. On Saturday we are doing a silent auction and it's our pink out game. There will be a lot of cool items available. Otherwise we got softball on the road this weekend at Louisiana Lafayette and then our track team has another meet this weekend. They are having an excellent season so far.
- E.** Senator Turner- any of my fellow advisors, the SAFA funding (the student activity fee allocation) process has started. They're currently accepting budget requests. So if you have a club that needs money for their events for the fall, get those submitted. Hearings will begin next week-Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and then the following Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. If we don't get them, they won't get money in the fall and y'all need that.
- F.** Senator Hall- on behalf of the LEAD cohort, I'm happy to announce that our Feed the Den Food Drive has officially kicked off in most buildings that are not residential buildings on campus, so be on the lookout for the LEAD labeled boxes. We should have something going out in the next week. So, if you're able to participate, the food drive is running until March 14th.
- G.** Senator Smith- Federal law has changed and we have until April 24th, 2026 for every website, app and social media site to be accessible to individuals with vision and hearing impairments. We are putting together a Vector solutions training that's gonna be mandatory for every staff member, faculty member and student worker. I need some volunteers and I prefer people that are familiar with websites, but they don't know anything about accessibility. Somebody that's familiar with social media but doesn't know about accessibility. And somebody that doesn't know anything about computers to take

our Vector solutions training and let us know how long it took them, what we need to change and what is not clear before we launch this on the campus.

1. Possibility of parking spots for expecting mothers

- H.** Senator Delph- we have a new subdivision under Enrollment Management . They are called Enrollment Services. It has two employees, Drew Richardson and Rae Miller. housed in Harrin Hall.
- I.** Senator Goins- remember we have a community care clinic available to you. They take your insurance and or sliding scale if you are underinsured. It's open to the entire community, but it is a great benefit that we have for our staff on campus. You can call for an appointment or schedule online, but we are glad to service. We have our peer support recovery services as well and OT and mental health. So remember that you have that resource available.
- J.** Senator Fulton- Employee of the Year nominations are open and will close on the 24th

**XI. Adjournment**

- A.** Motion to adjourn at 11 am by Senator Hammond; seconded by Senator Calvery.