

Student Government Association

Minutes for meeting held Wednesday, August 27th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM by President Abby Stovall. Attendance was taken and a quorum was established. The minutes for the meeting held on August 20th, 2025 were approved.

Special Orders of Business:

- **Chief Mark Stella** - speaking on behalf of the Concord University Police Department; *see pages 5 and 6*
- **Ms. Khalilah Workfield** – speaking on behalf of the Office of Housing and Residence Life; *see pages 7 and 8*

Student Open Forum:

- *Update from last week:* “Week at a Glance” is back; it should be under “Student Self-Service” on the myCU dashboard
- The online livestream for the campus radio station is not working

Officer Reports:

Faculty Executive Board Representative – Mr. Brian Strickler

- Mr. Strickler announced his resignation from the position as FEB representative due to having lab during the FEB meeting time
- He will remain in the position of Secretary
- **Anyone who has a free block of time at 3 PM on Mondays is welcome to apply for the position!**

Board of Governors Representative – Mr. Garon Wiseman

- Mr. Wiseman attended his first Board of Governors meeting on Tuesday, August 26th, 2025
- Enrollment for the academic year has increased slightly from the previous year
- A card-swipe system in the dorms is in the process of being implemented to improve security in housing
- Office hours are being moved to **Fridays from 12 to 1 PM** effective the week of September 1st

Judicial Liaison – Mr. Ben Bailey

- Mr. Bailey had meetings with the Homecoming candidates on Monday, August 25th
- *If any other organizations are interested in running a candidate for Homecoming, Mr. Bailey will be happy to help you!*

- More information about Homecoming, including the rules, will be coming soon

Ombudsman – *Ms. Maren Boblits*

- Ms. Boblits has yet to receive any complaints for this semester
- If anyone has issues with anything on-campus, please use the complaint form on the SGA website
- Questions or comments can be directed to Ms. Boblits in-person during her office hours; as a reminder, they are on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 AM to 12 PM**

Parliamentarian – *Ms. Elena Chamness*

- Ms. Chamness's office hours will be on **Mondays and Thursdays from 2 to 3 PM**

Secretary – *Mr. Brian Strickler*

- To better facilitate writing of the minutes, Mr. Strickler will be taking an audio recording of the Senate meetings so long as no one objects to being recorded
- The work order ticket for the SGA webpage would not submit last Friday (August 22nd); a new attempt will be made during Mr. Strickler's office hours on August 29th, and IT will be contacted if it doesn't work again
- Organizations that are working towards getting voting rights need to check the bylaws to ensure they are on-track; once you plan to formally request voting rights, please let Mr. Strickler know, and he will forward the request to President Stovall

Business Manager – *Ms. Kenzie Franson*

- Ms. Franson presented the SGA budget proposal for the 2025-26 academic year to the Senate for approval:
- **Total Budget:** \$45,086
 - *Events:* \$19,500
 - *Officer Pay:* \$10,000
 - *Discretionary Spending:* \$2,500
 - *In-House Spending:* \$13,086
- Ms. Franson moved to approve the 2025-26 SGA budget; seconded by the Student Conduct Officer
- *Budget was approved*

Vice President – *Mr. Matthew Atwell*

- Mr. Atwell has been working on planning events and ironing out fine details for Homecoming
- Mr. Atwell met with Mr. Bailey to discuss Homecoming rules

- Next week (the week of September 1st), Mr. Atwell will be sending out a poll to all students to determine what movie will be shown in the Valley for one of the Homecoming events
- Office hours have been changed to **Mondays from 12 to 1 PM and Wednesdays from 11 AM to 12 PM**

President – Ms. Abby Stovall

- President Stovall will be attending the Athens Town Council meeting next week (week of September 1st)
- SGA is currently accepting applications for the FEB Representative position; the applicant must be able to attend both Senate meetings (Every Wednesday at 4 PM) and FEB meetings (Every other Monday at 3 PM); **please apply using the application on the SGA website**

Committee Reports:

- Delegates and representatives used a form to rank their committee preferences
- Committee assignments will be sorted out the evening of August 27th; everyone will receive an e-mail with their committee assignments
- *Formal committee appointments will be made at the meeting next week (September 3rd)*

Unfinished Business:

- *No unfinished business*

New Business:

- Vice President Atwell moved to form the Homecoming Committee; seconded by Concord Cheer
- President Stovall called a recess to form the committee

RECESS STARTED AT 4:50 PM

MEETING RECONVENED AT 4:56 PM

- Vice President Atwell requested a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Homecoming Committee:
 - Mr. Brian Strickler
 - Mr. Hunter Midkiff
 - Ms. Elena Chamness
 - Ms. Kylee Lovejoy
 - Ms. Angelina Robrecht
- Bonner Scholars moved to appoint the committee; seconded by Tau Kappa Epsilon
- Members of the committee will be contacted by Mr. Bailey with more information

Announcements:

- **Hopper-Turing Society** - (*Mr. Hunter Midkiff*) Mr. Midkiff reminded everyone that the Hopper-Turing Society meets in **S104 at 3 PM every Wednesday**
- **Alpha Psi Omega** - (*Mr. Ryan Johnson*) Rehearsals for the fall theater production *Walk on the Wilde Side* started on August 26th; the same day, Alpha Psi Omega held a meeting where they appointed Michael Simmons as SGA representative and Ariana Mooney as secretary. APO will meet **every other Monday at 5 PM**
- **Ms. Carolyn Worley** – The Mountain Lion Mingle (the organization fair for this year) will take place on **Thursday, September 4th from 2 to 6 PM on the front lawn**. There will be inflatables, ice cream, and a petting zoo.
- **Mr. Brian Strickler** – The Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences (chemistry, physics, geology) will be hosting a “Welcome Back” social with pizza and ice cream on **September 10th from 4 to 7 PM**. Please RSVP through a faculty member in that department.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM

Brian L. Strickler, Secretary

Presentation by Chief Mark Stella

Given on behalf of the Concord University Police Department

- Chief Stella has more than thirty years of experience with Concord
- The Police Department has someone on-duty every hour of every day, including holidays
- Safety on-campus is a shared responsibility; ***always remember: if you see something, say something!***

Active Shooter Training:

- We've moved away from ALICE because the acronyms are too much to remember
- Now, it's **run, hide, fight!**
- Always be aware of your surroundings; it's a good thing if your professor goes over what to do in the event of an active shooter situation

Cameras:

- Concord has over 400 cameras on-campus, note some are down right now due to construction

Inclement Weather Policy:

- Watch your phones for updates on whether campus is open, closed, or on the inclement weather schedule
- *This isn't high school...remember the university isn't going to close over an inch of snow!*
- After around two to three inches of snow, the university normally goes on inclement weather schedule with classes starting late
- After around four inches of snow, there will need to be enough time for the snow to either melt or be removed

Open-Door Policy:

- Chief Stella's door is always open; please don't be afraid to come and talk!

Question Responses:

- In the event of domestic violence or harassment, the victim is the focus. Resources in the Student Affairs office and the Counseling Center are available. Victims may choose to prosecute the offender, but reserve the right not to and instead use internal resources.
- Campus police can jumpstart vehicles on-campus. They can also do unlocks, but the risk of damaging newer vehicles is likely as they have become more electronic.
- If evacuation becomes necessary due to a threat, do *not* try to leave by vehicle so that a traffic jam doesn't occur. Run to a safe location on foot. If escape is not possible, create a barricade at your current location. **If you can neither escape nor barricade, fight and disengage the shooter!**
- ***Parking enforcement will begin soon!***

Concluding Remarks:

- Campus police are here to serve the community
- Terry Moulder is on-campus for evening shifts
- Chief Stella's office is on the **first floor of Rahall**

Presentation by Ms. Khalilah Workfield

Given on behalf of the Office of Housing and Residence Life

Services and Staff:

- The Housing Office is on duty 24/7
- The number for the on-call RD is **(304) 384-5979**
- Every residence hall has a front desk with a board saying who is the RD on-duty for the night and their contact information
- Lauren Phillips is the RD for South Tower, Maizy Landreth is the RD for North Tower, and Rachel Rexroad is the RD for Wilson Hall
- The on-call RD is available for anyone needing immediate assistance (e.g. locked out of your room)

Record of Residency Form/Student Handbook:

- Everyone living on-campus had to sign the record of residency form where they agreed to read the student handbook
- ***Every student is responsible for knowing the policies in the student handbook; write-ups will be given out regardless!***
- The student handbook also acts as a directory of offices and services on-campus

Keys:

- ***Do not leave your keys in your room!*** If you do lose your keys, let the Housing Office know immediately

Visitation/Escort Policy:

- You *must* escort your guest in and out of the building every time they enter and exit the building
- Guests must enter and exit through the ***front door, not the side or back door!*** This includes students who live on-campus who are visiting a dorm they don't live in. Escort policy also still applies

Fire Alarms:

- **Anytime the fire alarm goes off, you must leave the building in a timely manner!**
- Rooms will be checked by RAs
- Stay away from the front entrance during fire alarms

Work Orders:

- Turn work orders into Housing in a timely manner
- RAs turn work orders in every night

Question Responses:

- There is a 10-15 minute grace period allowing for visitors to stay past midnight without signing in **the first week only**; after a while, it is expected that you know the rules on overnight guests and **write-ups will be given!**

- There is a sign on every room door giving the fire evacuation route for that room; guests may only exit out the side door if there is a fire alarm and that is the closest exit

Laundry Updates:

- There are QR codes on the washers and dryers that will allow you to pay without cash; *you must follow all of the steps for the app to work!*
- If you have any issues, call Caldwell and Gregory using the number printed on the machines
- **The price to do a load of laundry is now \$1.75**

Concluding Remarks:

- The Housing Office is open from **8 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday in Student Center 201**