

Student Government Association

Minutes for meeting held Wednesday, October 15th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM by President Abby Stovall. Attendance was taken and a quorum was established. The minutes for the meeting held on October 8th, 2025 were approved.

Special Order of Business:

- *No special orders of business*

Student Open Forum:

- Campus is *very, very* hard to navigate if you are wheelchair bound; extensive specific issues were noted:
 - Wheelchair accessible entrances are only at the back of buildings, adding travel time
 - The only working elevator in the Student Center is a service elevator, which is not ideal and inconveniently placed
 - Elevators in the Science and Admin Buildings are far from entrances
 - It is difficult for a wheelchair to make it through the midsection of the Fine Arts Building (between Admin/Science and Carter) because of the doors, forcing users to either cut by the art wing (which has no sidewalk) or the music/health wing (which adds a significant amount of time)
 - The automatic door button on Carter doesn't work properly
 - Is there an elevator to get to the phys ed/health science classrooms on the second floor of Carter? If there is, it is REALLY well-hidden.
 - The automatic door button on the side of North Tower does not work at all; the front button doesn't work properly
 - The sidewalk from the Towers to Rahall forces wheelchair users to move into the road
 - The sidewalk from the Towers to Sarvay Hall/the Bonner House/Wilson Hall is too steep for most wheelchairs to make the trip
 - Many of the sidewalks on-campus are cracked and have missing pieces

Officer Reports:

Faculty Executive Board Representative – Ms. Zoey Shamblin

- Tickets are going to start being written for people who park in the faculty lots or handicapped spaces

Board of Governors Representative – Mr. Garon Wiseman (absent, report given on his behalf by President Stovall)

- The Board of Governors had its second meeting of the year on October 9th; Mr. Wiseman will give a more detailed report after the minutes are sent to him

Judicial Liaison – *Mr. Ben Bailey*

- **Homecoming week was great!** Mr. Bailey thanked all organizations that participated, the homecoming committee, President Stovall, and Ms. Carolyn Worley and Mr. Colton Lively for making the week great
- Congratulations to Ms. Amelia Muscari and Ms. Zoey Shamblyn, our newest homecoming royalty!
- Mr. Bailey is starting on plans for next year's Homecoming; anyone with ideas can forward them to Mr. Bailey to be saved for the next Judicial Liaison

Ombudsman – *Ms. Maren Boblits*

- Ms. Boblits has received a complaint about gnats in the cafeteria; the maintenance department is working to resolve the issue
- An additional complaint will hopefully be addressed at the October 22nd Senate meeting after Ms. Boblits meets with CUSAC

Parliamentarian – *Ms. Elena Chamness*

- Ms. Chamness reminded the Senate that her office hours are on **Mondays and Thursdays from 2 to 3 PM**; she will not have office hours on Thursday, October 16th due to Fall Break

Secretary – *Mr. Brian Strickler*

- Mr. Strickler will not have office hours on Friday, October 17th due to Fall Break; if you need to contact him, please send an e-mail to the SGA e-mail
- Paddles have been updated; please see Mr. Strickler if you need one

Business Manager – *Ms. Kenzie Franson*

- Ms. Franson has discovered that budget requests have been down since COVID because organizations aren't aware of what they can request money for
- A short presentation will be given at the October 22nd meeting to inform organizations on what they can request SGA funds for

Vice President – *Mr. Matthew Atwell*

- Now that Homecoming is over, Mr. Atwell will begin planning for Spring Fling next semester
- Anyone with ideas can take them to Mr. Atwell during his office hours, which are **Mondays from 12 to 1 PM and Wednesdays from 11 to 12 PM**

President – Ms. Abby Stovall

- President Stovall will be meeting with Dr. Meighen on Friday, October 24th; anyone with comments or concerns to forward can be brought to President Stovall
- The Provost's office will deliver a presentation on course registration and advising for the October 22nd meeting

Committee Reports:

Budgetary Commission – Ms. Kenzie Franson

- Members of the Budgetary Commission need to be checking their e-mails regarding their next meeting
- Ms. Franson will review her presentation with the commission before presenting it to the Senate

Philanthropy – Mr. Matthew Atwell

- The Philanthropy Committee met on October 14th; SGA's next philanthropy event will be announced at the Senate meeting on October 22nd

CUSAC – Ms. Maren Boblits

- CUSAC will meet at 8:30 AM on October 21st in the SGA office

Technology – Mr. Brian Strickler

- The SGA website has been updated; there are some more extensive changes Mr. Strickler would like to make after running them through the committee

Homecoming – Mr. Ben Bailey

- *No report*

Unfinished Business:

- *No unfinished business*

New Business:

- President Stovall presented a set of guidelines to allow people to decorate the reverse side of their paddles
- As requested by President Stovall, the Hopper-Turing Society moved to approve the guidelines; seconded by Sigma Zeta...approved unanimously
- *See pages 5-6 for guidelines*

Announcements:

- **Alpha Psi Omega** - (*Ms. Elizabeth Burr*) APO is working on bylaw reconstruction and “Alpha Psi Omega Presents.” Their next general meeting will be on **Monday, October 20th at 5 PM in the main auditorium**
- **Student Veterans Association** - (*Ms. Jeanna Derby*) SVA will be hosting a “Salute to Veterans” 5K on October 18th starting at 9 AM
- **Ms. Carolyn Worley** – On Thursday, October 23rd, a Student Open Mic Night/Talent Show will be held at the Subway Stage from 6:30 to 8:30; **please e-mail Colton Lively with an explanation of your act!**
- **Ms. Anna Hardy** – The Counseling Center is looking for students interested in serving on the campus Mental Health Advisory Board or the Mental Health Committee; if you are interested, please contact Ms. Jenna Stowers
- **Hopper-Turing Society** - (*Adele Bosma*) The Hopper-Turing Society is working on creating a website for their organization that anyone can contribute to; they will eventually be hosting a tutorial on how to edit the website

Meeting was adjourned at 4:28 PM

Brian L. Strickler, Secretary

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Paddle Decoration Guidelines

Purpose:

- To allow organizations to creatively personalize their voting paddles while preserving professionalism, fairness, and reusability.

1. Paddle Integrity

- The paddle itself must not be permanently altered (no painting, carving, stickers, or adhesives directly on the paddle).
- Decorations must be created on a separate sheet of paper or cardstock that can be taped or clipped on and easily removed.

2. Size and Attachment

- The decoration sheet must not exceed the paddle's original dimensions (no overhanging edges).
- All decorations must be securely attached (tape or removable adhesive only—no glue, staples, or nails).
- Decorations should not interfere with legibility of the organization's name.

3. Content Standards

- All decorations must align with Concord University's values and SGA's code of conduct:
- Appropriate content only: No profanity, hate speech, sexual content, or discriminatory imagery.
- Positive representation: Designs should reflect school spirit, organization pride, or community engagement.

4. Identification Requirement

- The organization's name must remain clearly visible on the paddle or the decoration sheet.
- The name should be printed or written in legible, professional lettering.

5. Reusability

- Paddles must be able to return to their original condition after removal of decorations.

6. Approval & Enforcement

- SGA reserves the right to review and approve or deny designs prior to their first use in a meeting.

7. Deadlines

- If decorations are being reviewed, they must be submitted to the SGA email for approval at least 24 hours before the next voting session.