

Student Government Association

Minutes for meeting held Wednesday, September 10th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM by President Abby Stovall. Attendance was taken and a quorum was established. The minutes for the meeting held on September 3rd, 2025 were approved.

Special Order of Business:

- **President Bethany Meighen** – *see page 4*

Student Open Forum:

- *No comments or concerns*

Officer Reports:

Faculty Executive Board Representative – *Vacant*

- *No report as position is currently vacant*

Board of Governors Representative – *Mr. Garon Wiseman*

- *No report*

Chief Arbiter – *Ms. Lillian McClaugherty*

- Student court will be starting on September 11th
- Ms. McClaugherty announced that her office hours will be on **Fridays from 4 to 6 PM**

Ombudsman – *Ms. Maren Boblits (absent; report given on her behalf by President Stovall)*

- Ms. Boblits has designed a flyer with a QR code linking to the concerns form
- The flyers will be placed around the Student Center
- *If you have any concerns, please use the concerns form or see Ms. Boblits during her office hours!*

Parliamentarian – *Ms. Elena Chamness*

- *No report*

Secretary – *Mr. Brian Strickler*

- Mr. Strickler has updated the paddles; all organizations should have one now, including ones still working towards voting rights
- The website will be updated once headshots are available

- The university technology committee will be meeting at some point the week of September 15th; anyone with concerns about university technology, especially Blackboard, is encouraged to come see Mr. Strickler

Business Manager – *Ms. Kenzie Franson*

- Ms. Franson reminded the Senate that her office hours are on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 to 1 PM**
- Anyone with concerns on finding funding for their organization is encouraged to come see her or e-mail the SGA e-mail address
- *Please request funds for your organization! We have funds for you to use for activities!*

Vice President – *Mr. Matthew Atwell*

- Mr. Atwell asked to see members of the philanthropy committee after the Senate meeting so that they could set a formal meeting time
- He met with Mr. Ben Bailey and Ms. Carolyn Worley on September 9th to discuss movies and t-shirts for Homecoming
- Anyone who can help design a Homecoming t-shirt is welcome to message the SGA e-mail address
- The poll for the movie to be shown during Homecoming has been sent out to all students' e-mails; please respond!
- For a philanthropy event, we will be helping with Amy's House of Hope on September 23rd from 4 to 7 PM

President – *Ms. Abby Stovall*

- President Stovall will be attending the Athens Town Council meeting on Tuesday, September 16th; if you have any concerns that need brought to the Town of Athens, please let her know
- The Faculty Executive Board Representative application has closed; the new FEB rep will hopefully be announced at the September 17th meeting
- The CU Foundation will be at the September 17th Senate meeting to discuss how organizations can better fundraise
- Mr. Shea Boothe and Mr. Randy Keaton will be at **Starbucks at 9 AM every Wednesday** to hear any concerns on Aramark

Committee Reports:

Budgetary Commission – *Ms. Kenzie Franson*

- *No report*

Philanthropy – *Mr. Matthew Atwell*

- *No report*

Homecoming – Mr. Ben Bailey (absent; report given on his behalf by President Stovall)

- The 2025 Homecoming rules were presented to the Senate for approval
- As recommended by President Stovall, Bonner Scholars moved to approve the 2025 Homecoming rules; seconded by CU Prevention and Recovery Organization

Unfinished Business:

- *No unfinished business*

New Business:

- *No new business*

Announcements:

- **Alpha Psi Omega** - (Mr. Ryan Johnson) APO had its annual trivia night on September 9th. It gained eight new members from the event. APO's next general meeting will take place on Monday, September 22nd; all students are welcome to attend!
- **Hopper-Turing Society** - The Hopper-Turing Society meets on Wednesdays at 3 PM in S104
- **Professional Association Towards Careers in Health** - (Ms. Brooklyn Gibson) PATCH will have its first meeting on September 10th at 6 PM in S208
- **Ms. Anna Hardy** – Ms. Hardy wrote a grant to receive funding for First Year Student Engagement. On the suggestion of a student, a portion of the grant funds received will sponsor an outdoor dance party. CU will be having a "Rave in the Valley" on Thursday, September 18th from 8:30 to 10:30. There will be a DJ, glow sticks, cotton candy, other snacks, and glow-in-the-dark capri sun pouches. All students are welcome to attend!
- **Aramark** – Pudding dirt cups will be given out for sweet treats for dinner on September 10th. On Thursday, September 11th, lunch will feature sweet corn. On Monday, September 15th, Aramark will be hosting a game night with dirty sodas from 4 o'clock to close. On Tuesday, September 16th, lunch will feature street tacos.
- **Mr. Brian Strickler** – Mr. Strickler asked to meet with members of the technology committee after the meeting to set a first meeting date.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:16 PM

Brian L. Strickler, Secretary

Presentation by President Bethany Meighen

- Dr. Meighen thanked the entire Concord community for the warm welcome given to her and her family!

- The executive board had dinner with Dr. Meighen on Monday, September 8th at the president's house; discussion focused on how the board can better support CU students
- Dr. Meighen distributed index cards to attendees; on one side, students wrote one thing CU does well, and on the other, they wrote one thing that can be improved
- The university met with a safety consultant within her first few weeks as president; over Thanksgiving break, the front doors of the residence halls will be upgraded to card-controlled access. Ideally, it will be an app on students' phones.
- Dr. Meighen and President Stovall have worked together to improve dining on-campus; Starbucks hours have already been extended.
- *Over fall break, we will be getting a soft-serve machine in the cafeteria!*
- If there is anything that you would like Dr. Meighen to work on, please let her know! Her office is on the **second floor of Marsh Hall!**

Bottom Line: *Dr. Meighen wants students to love where they live and learn and feel safe on-campus!*