

Student Government Association

Minutes for meeting held Wednesday, September 24th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM by President Abby Stovall. Attendance was taken and a quorum was established. The minutes for the meeting held on September 17th, 2025 were approved.

Special Order of Business:

- **Ms. Erin O'Sullivan** - speaking on behalf of Student Support Services; *see page 5*

Student Open Forum:

- *No comments on concerns*
- President Stovall and Ms. Boblits will be meeting with Aramark on September 25th; any dining related concerns can be forwarded to them in the meantime
- *Direct people with complaints to the concerns form!*

Officer Reports:

Faculty Executive Board Representative – *Ms. Zoey Shamblin (absent; report given on her behalf by President Stovall)*

- Ms. Shamblin was unable to attend the September 22nd FEB meeting due to illness; she will make her report based on the minutes received from Dr. Falco
- Her office hours will be announced at the October 1st meeting

Board of Governors Representative – *Mr. Garon Wiseman*

- Mr. Wiseman will not be able to hold his office hours on September 26th; he will hold two hours to make-up for it on October 3rd

Judicial Liaison – *Mr. Ben Bailey*

- Student court was unable to meet last week (the week of September 15th)
- There will be a meeting on September 25th at 5 PM; the new Chief Arbiter will be chosen at that time
- Student court will hopefully have its first meeting the week of September 29th

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

- The first concern of the semester has been received; it was related to food on-campus
- Please continue to address concerns to Ms. Boblits

Parliamentarian – *Ms. Elena Chamness*

- Ms. Chamness is looking through the bylaws to correct errors; particularly, the budget section is not clear
- Office hours will not be held on Monday, September 29th; Ms. Chamness will hold extended office hours on Thursday, October 2nd

Secretary – *Mr. Brian Strickler*

- **Attendance policy is going to start being enforced! *FILL OUT THE EXCUSAL FORM IF YOU HAVE TO MISS!***
- Organizations that should have lost voting rights at this point will be permitted **one more absence** before losing voting rights
- The following organizations have gained voting rights:
 - Student Support Services
 - Society of Nursing Majors
- Mr. Strickler is still working through the webpage; important forms might be moved to the top of the page for ease of access
- Any organization that still needs a paddle needs to speak with the Secretary
- The University Technology Committee will be having its first meeting on October 1st at 3 PM; please forward any concerns about technology on-campus to Mr. Strickler in the meantime

Business Manager – *Ms. Kenzie Franson*

- Ms. Franson asked the Judicial Liaison, Student Conduct Officer, Student Advocate, and future Chief Arbiter to stop by the SGA office to sign timecards

Vice President – *Mr. Matthew Atwell*

- **Mr. Atwell announced the events for Homecoming Week! (October 6th-11th)**
 - Monday (October 6th) - Bingo from 7 to 9 PM
 - Tuesday (October 7th) - Stuffies (make and take) from 2 PM until they are gone; games and music in the valley with a nacho bar from 7 to 9 PM
 - Wednesday (October 8th) - *Beetlejuice Beetlejuice* will be shown for the Movie in the Valley; there will be a popcorn bar
 - Thursday (October 9th) - Homecoming parade followed by the bonfire from 6 to 10 PM
 - Friday (October 10th) - Lip sync followed by an informal dance with chips and drinks
 - Saturday (October 11th) - *The big game!* Football vs. West Virginia State

President – *Ms. Abby Stovall*

- President Stovall will be attending the Athens Town Council meeting on September 30th; please let her know if you have any concerns that need taken to the Town of Athens

- She will also be having her regular meeting with Dr. Meighen; if anyone has any concerns, let her know
- The Counseling Center will be at the October 1st meeting to discuss dealing with midterm stress
- **Attendance policy: You are allotted 2 unexcused absences and 3 excused absences a semester! Again, fill out the excusal form!**

Committee Reports:

Budgetary Commission – *Ms. Kenzie Franson*

- Again, the rules in the bylaws on budgetary requests are being reviewed
- A budget request was received from an entity that is not a student organization; information is being looked at and the budgetary commission will vote on the matter

Philanthropy – *Mr. Matthew Atwell*

- Mr. Atwell thanked everyone who helped with Amy's House of Hope
- A poll will be sent out to determine the next meeting time

Rules – *Ms. Elena Chamness*

- The Rules Committee still has not met

Technology – *Mr. Brian Strickler*

- The Technology Committee held its first meeting on September 18th
- The committee will work on finding issues with technology on-campus to bring forward to the University Technology Committee

Homecoming – *Mr. Ben Bailey*

- Everyone participating in Homecoming needs to be on the lookout for an e-mail from Mr. Bailey to determine which events your organization will be sponsoring
- Also, be on the lookout for an e-mail detailing the point system for donations

Unfinished Business:

- *No unfinished business*

New Business:

- *No new business*

Announcements:

- **Alpha Psi Omega** - (*Mr. Ryan Johnson*) APO will be hosting another trivia night on Saturday, September 27th from 7 to 9 PM for family weekend. Their next general meeting

will be on Monday, September 29th at 5 PM. On September 30th, APO will be having their Theater Thrift Shop from 11 AM to 5 PM in front of the Fine Arts Building. Donations will be taken backstage. APO's SGA representative is now Elizabeth Burr.

- **Ms. Carolyn Worley** – Herps Alive (reptiles/lizards) will be taking place on Monday, September 29th. A presentation will take place from 12 to 12:30, and the animals will be available for observation through 2 PM.
- **Ms. Anna Hardy** – The Housing Office is having Bingo the evening of September 24th from 5 to 8. There will be prizes and cookies
- **Mr. Ben Bailey** – There are open positions for arbiters; interested parties may apply using the application on the SGA website

Meeting was adjourned at 4:27 PM

Brian L. Strickler, Secretary

Presentation by Ms. Erin O'Sullivan

Given on behalf of Student Support Services and Tutoring

- Ms. O’Sullivan serves as the Academic Coordinator for Student Support Services; this puts her in charge of Concord’s tutoring program

Types of Tutoring:

- Drop-in tutoring: available in the Study Lounge in the Student Center
- One-on-one tutoring: available to SSS students and students with qualifying disabilities; please e-mail Ms. O’Sullivan to set up one-on-one tutoring
- Online tutoring: tutor.com is available through a link on Blackboard; Grammarly and Khan Academy are also available
- Drop-in tutoring via Zoom may be an option starting next semester
- Writing center: coordinated by Dr. Tina Powell; assists with writing assignments for any class (not just English!)
- Math faculty tutoring: the math faculty will be offering 30 minutes to an hour of tutoring in the Math/Computer Science Department Lounge

Drop-in Tutoring:

- The tutoring schedule can be found online or via QR codes on cards
- You can meet the tutor in the lounge at the time they say they’re available
- You will sign-in and out using a QR code
- There are tutors for multiple subjects across campus
- Hopefully there will soon be a tutor for all gen ed classes

When you see a Tutor:

- On Monday, September 29th, a “meet the tutors” event will be held in the study lounge
- *Do not go to tutoring for the tutor to do your homework for you!* This is considered academic dishonesty
- Bring materials (laptop, syllabus, calculator, etc.) to your tutoring session

GRIP:

- Athletes can now use tutoring towards NCAA required GRIP hours