



**THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
SENATE, FIFTEENTH SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: January 27th , 2026

Location: Murray-Aikins Dining Hall, Second Floor

Time: 8:05 pm- 10:06 pm

Member	Attendance		Member	Attendance	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Chair Majiedt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Kostbar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Ararba	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lederman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Aybar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Lipman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Barnes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Minkah	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Bigelow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Nambane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Castillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Shoemaker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Ferrigno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Situ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Glanville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Sterling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Gordon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Taylor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator King	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Terry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Khan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senator Zhang	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Koegler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Others in Attendance: Director of Leadership Activities Zach Schwan, SGA Clerk Mamadou Dia, along with senate guests

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1. Call to Order at 8:05pm
 2. Invocation
 3. Attendance
 4. Approval of the Agenda

- a. On Motion by S. Shoemaker to amend the agenda. S. Shoemaker revokes motion to amend. S. Kostbar motions to approve the agenda, Seconded by S. King.
- 5. Approval of the prior Minutes
 - a. Motion by S. Shoemaker, Seconded by S. Gordan.
- 6. Open Forum
- 7. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. Presidential Report with SGA President Majiedt: Winter Elections have started as of Monday 01/26 and that there'll be an info session on Wednesday. She met with with Dean Bautiste to discuss the Board of Trustee Dinner on the 26th of February. Then added that Excomm now meets on Mondays and the Committee on Operations meets Friday afternoons.
 - b. Executive Vice-Presidential Report with SGA President Majiedt: None added.
 - c. Academic Affairs Report with VPAA Barnes: Meetings on Curriculum Committee Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - d. Budget and Finance Report with VPFA Castillo: Program support still the same, Club Treasurer training moved to Friday 4:30 Gannet, Tomorrow BNF first meeting 6:00 to 7:00, Senator Castillo and Zack approved budget of \$500 dollars, Budgeting Workshop Feb 13th , still an open spot for treasurer
 - e. Student Life Report with VPSL Kostbar: Meetings going along greatly, first meeting on Thursday 4:30 to 5:30, Meeting with Cristina Montville scheduled, will continue to send emails to educate student body on housing decisions
 - f. Club Affairs Report with VPCA Minkah: Nana and Emily working on Club Treasurer training
 - g. Institutional Diversity Report with VPID Lederman: Meeting time for semester Tuesdays 2:45 to 3:45, first meeting next Tuesday
 - h. Engagement and Outreach Report with VPEO Ferrigno: first meeting Thursday night, Update bulletin board Meeting about elections, request to senators to send pictures of bulletin board ideas
 - i. Motion by S. Lipman for non-senators to speak, seconded by S. Castillo
 - i. Guest asks for clarification if there's opportunity for open forum at end of meeting, President Majiedt segues to presentation and discussion of proposed committee, goes over the structure of presentation and promises to circle back when floor is open

8. New Business:

a. Proposed Committee on CIA Presentation

- i. Introduction and Community Norms by SGA President Majiedt

1. President Majiedt requests all laptops be closed and goes over community norms.
 2. President Majiedt notes for discussion period that all questions be directed to herself.
- ii. Presentation by the CIA Working Group
1. S. Kostbar introduces presentations by addressing the resolutions' where-as statements. S. Kostbar and S. Shoemaker go over main problems faced by students pertaining to accessibility. Then, S. Kostbar goes over changes: changes in numerical arrangement for posterities sake, changes in getting rid of sub-committee and changes article number for posterities sake. Therafter he went over the larger changes: Development of accurate mission statement, Membership numbers, Agenda, Attendance policy all updated to reflect status as new committee, Clarifies definition of CIA to match that on SGA website, resolve point 6 describes additional roles of Vice President of CIA. Then, S. Kostbar introduces Chair of SGA's ADA Subcommittee ADA Subcommittee Chair Hinrichs Hinrichs and recommends directing questions on committee when appropriate.
- iii. Non-senator Q/A Period
1. Q: Guest asks for clarification stating the amendment only mentions vice president and wonders if there is a president for the committee.
A: S. Shoemaker clarifies that each committee has a vice president leading said committee and for all intents and purposes they are head of their committee.
 2. Q: Guest Anton asks clarification on if ADA is a subcommittee and does making it an actual committee dissolve it as subcommittee.
A: S. Shoemaker clarifies that promoting it to a committee would remove it as a subcommittee.
 3. Q: Guest asks what changing it from a subcommittee to an actual committee will do.
A: ADA Subcommittee Chair Hinrichs says that changes from subcommittee to full committee would allow for my attention to issues and would allow for chair on committee to be more involved in happenings in SGA.
 4. Q: Guest Jen asks ADA Subcommittee Chair Hinrichs to verbalize what the committee would do and if the current head of the subcommittee would automatically become VP or if there will be another election.

A: Both ADA Subcommittee Chair Hinrichs and S. Shoemaker show interest in a seat for VP. A separate special elections may be held, in the meantime interim Vice president would be appointed. The goal of the committee is to act as direct connection from student body to college as another channel while continuing the work that previous sub-committee handled. Concerned with other issues like physical disability and solving those issues of physical and cognitive aspects of accessibility within the college. S. Kostbar adds that new committee would increase reach that projects have within campus.

5. Q: Guest asks if becoming a committee would change funding and asks for clarification on how funding works.
A: S. Castillo explains how budget is handled and divided within SGA and that each committee gets the same amount of funding.
6. Q: Guest asks if the hypothetical committee has already looked into initiatives if made into a real committee
A: ADA Subcommittee Chair Hinrichs answers that committee has looked into initiatives based primarily on the sub committees' previous initiatives, with the main focus being the transit initiative and reporting when door and elevator buttons are down so it's more streamlined. Another initiative to change door buttons in d-hall as they are hard to use for people with disabilities.
7. Q: S. Barnes asks if changing subcommittee to chair position would increase or change anything from being a sub-committee assuming they have a similar budget and number of members.
A: ADA Subcommittee Chair Hinrichs answers that changing the chair to having an Excomm member would give them an actual voice in senate and points out there is value in having senators in a committee rather than willingness to serve members. These changes would substantially increase their numbers and their ability to get things done. Also, while the initiatives could get done with sub-committee model, it would take much longer as opposed to being a full committee.
8. Q: Guest Milo asks for clarification on the experiences members of the subcommittee have had and on CID.
A: S. Lederman answered that CID was only an hour long previously and that ADA Subcommittee Chair Hinrichs was given about 20 minutes to talk about accessibility needs on

the committee due to limitations within the subcommittee system. Goes on to explain how laborious subcommittee meetings can be an how it at time reduces ability to actually focus on Accessibility issues. S. Kahn explains that subcommittee members only allow for senators to work on one issue at a time limiting on their scope

9. Q: Guest Chloe asks if previously mentioned changes would benefit every student.

A: ADA Subcommittee Chair Hinrichs answers that accessibility is a large issue not only focusing on disabled students but also students who are injured and that infrastructure that is accessible can benefit anyone. S. Kostbar explains that the college often doesn't educate disabled or injured students and says that students benefit from accessible infrastructure and that it is useful to everyone all the time.

iv. Senator Q/A Period

1. S. Ferrigno asks how the \$200 budget allotted to committees would go towards initiatives. ADA Subcommittee Chair Hinrichs and S. Shoemaker answer that the \$200 wouldn't specifically affect initiatives as their main initiative would require SGA funding and the rest of their initiatives are more based on cultural shifts, Community Shifts, etc. that wouldn't really cost money. S. Kostbar also adds that roles of committee are not stagnant and that committees are allowed to grow and to the question answers that SGA is allowed to distribute funding and that money is an issue that isn't exclusive to the committee. S. Shoemaker also mentions new initiatives on updated grief policy and standardization of guidelines on illness absences
2. S. Gordon asks for clarification on whether or not there are enough senators to fill out every committee. S. Kostbar says there are enough senators to fill every committee.
3. S. Koegler asks if this committee would be counted as a second committee for senators. C. Majiedt answers that if this committee were to be added it would count as a second committee and that choosing committees will proceed as it normally does.
4. S. King asks how becoming a committee as opposed to a subcommittee would help outreach. S. Shoemaker answers that CID is a very student facing committee and that the change from subcommittee to committee is significant as

the language affirms that students with disabilities deserve to be heard.

5. S. Barnes mentions concern that change from sub-committee to Ex-Comm opens the doors for other sub-committees focused on student health and wellness could be allowed to do the same. S. Shoemaker acknowledges that while this is a concern, accessibility is a large issue on this campus that simply doesn't compare to other issues mentioned and that even if that were to be the case it simply isn't fair to limit themselves because other committee's may want to do the same.
6. S. Lipman goes over financials of ADA subcommittee and asks how the increased budget would be utilized in the proposed committee. ADA Subcommittee Chair Hinrichs answers their initiatives are scattered, and full breakdown can't currently be provided but offers a list of initiatives and how their new budget would be used to support this. S. Situ offers point of information on how the 500 dollars allotted to committee often is separate to SGA overall budget, S. Lipman pays for the donuts and only used 15 dollars, she can be reimbursed.
7. S. Khan asks question on why in senators' own words is it important for ADA to get its own committee to work on accessibility and why this is different from other subcommittees. ADA Subcommittee Chair Hinrichs answers that accessibility is a greater need which justifies why they are deserving of committee position
8. S. Glanville asks 1. How does the administration see the creation of a new role and 2. Is the school making efforts to address and how could that overlap with the change of subcommittee to full committee would cause possible overlap with administrations solution. ADA Subcommittee Chair Hinrichs states are discussions within the administration to create something similar, but that said overlap is not likely to happen due to speed of bureaucracy and if it were a case said solution would only be finite and committee gives a more permanent solution. President Majiedt also answers that from the administrations side all issues of accessibility fall under Joshua Woodfork and that SGA is separate from the president's cabinet. C. Majiedt and S. Castillo had previously made a motion to make a taskforce on accessibility in IPPC last semester. ADA Subcommittee Chair Hinrichs answers that while

subcommittee structure could be beneficial as members are more likely to be experts and informed, said benefits do not outweigh need for subcommittee to become Ex-Com

9. S. Aybar asks for clarification on why senators have not been sitting on sub-committee. S. Lederman says that as a subcommittee senators are not required to sit on it and that it's optional.
10. S. Aybar asks how the conversation about accessibility is approached to administrators. S. Lederman answers that there is not much support from the administration to address accessibility issues.

v. Discussion Period

1. S. Castillo shares experience on being VP on B&F and how said position allows for direct discussion with administration and how this issue goes further than finance especially when said finance is pertinent to needs of students as opposed to discretionary funding for mixers and events.
2. S. Kahn talks about importance of said committee especially when the administration often ignores this issue.
3. S. Glanville wants to further discuss what the best solution would be to this issue.
4. S. King mentions support of this initiative and affirms the opinion on the importance of this committee's existence, especially when it comes to needs.
5. S. Ferrigno talks about her experience as being a part of the subcommittee of SAC and her passion for accessibility but cautions that focusing on terminology can possibly lead to nothing getting done. Also cautions how this decision can set an unaffordable precedence on how a change from subcommittee to full committee and how it may be better for the subcommittee to receive more support without the full promotion.
6. S. Bigelow talks about how this is a problem but stresses that language does matter, goes over previous minutes and how the language used should be tamed as SGA is an intuition. Also mentions "there may be too many cooks in the kitchen".
7. S. Sterling questions the math of senators being able to occupy seats. C. Majiedt provides clarification on difference between sub committees and All-College

Committees and how this all works. S. Sterling mentions concerns about the vacancy of seats. C. Majiedt says that despite vacancies seats can be moved around to fill seats and will be if it is necessary.

8. Guest first thanks SGA for the invitation to the agenda. Then talks about the importance for accessibility within college campuses and that this issue effects people's choices to come to colleges and how it's human lives this decision affects, and one again thanks senators for the invitation
9. Guest Milo expresses that he is the only person apart from this project who isn't also apart from SGA and invites senators to meet with Milo and other people on this project. He also stresses that senators read the FAQ document, especially before the vote. Then states accessibility is a bigger priority other than subcommittees like sports and sustainability as accessibility has a more tangible effect on the general student body. Finally, Milo once again urges senators to please talk to him and his party if they have more questions.
10. Guest Jane wants to clarify her opinion that sports and sustainability are not as big priorities as accessibility, which was a previous point by S. Barned. She is also concerned by lack of diversified interest and finally states that fear of potential precedence shouldn't take place over real issues that affect real people currently.
11. Guest Chloe states that sport and sustainability aren't more important than accessibility. She finally thanked SGA for the invitation.
12. S. Lipman thanks President Majiedt than brings up a point S. Castillo brought up earlier about how if subcommittee is promoted failures in school accessibility could be blamed on SGA and how that should be considered in the decision. S. Castillo mentions that while it is a fair point, liability really isn't really only an SGA issue, and that's more a legal issue handled by the administration. S. Lipman says discussion on finances can be discussed later as the initiatives and following discussions will happen no matter if the decision goes one way or the other. It was emphasized that Associate Director of Leadership Activities Emily Poole has had extensive issues on liability and financials and how that shouldn't be a limiting factor.

13. S. Shoemaker urges that their team is a resource and please do reach out to them with further questions. S. Kostbar mentions that a lot of time was poured into this project, and it would mean a lot if you came to him to talk about it.
14. C. Majiedt asks for mindfulness when discussing this issue outside of this room as this is very personal and pertains to people's lives.

b. Presidential Nomination

- i. Motion to table by S. Ferrigno, seconded by S. Lipman

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Chair Hinrichs Hinrichs

- ii. Introduction by SGA President Majiedt
- iii. Q/A Period
- iv. Discussion Period

9. Senators Forum

- a. President Majiedt states next week resolution will be brought to senate where voting will be done. Any minor amendments should be done now for the sake of timekeeping

10. Announcements

- a. Zach sent an email about Trustee dinner and that the dinner is on Wednesday Feb 25th, President Conner requests presence of as many Senate Members and Committee Members as possible.

11. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by S. Khan, seconded by S. Koegler at 10:06 pm.