



# **The SGA Senate**

## **Spring 2025 Session**

### **Regular Meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The Senate of the Student Government Association of Tennessee Technological University met on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7:34 PM in the RUC Multipurpose Room. Speaker of the Senate Harrison Simpson was present and presiding. Secretary Braxton Westbrook was present and taking minutes.

Speaker Simpson led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and in observing a Moment of Silence. Subsequently, the roll was called, and a quorum was established.

The minutes from the previous meeting were then declared read and approved.

The agenda was presented. Senator Heineman proposed an amendment to add Resolution S.R. S25-008, which was adopted without objection. Senator Dye proposed an amendment to add Senate Bill S.B. S25-014 and Senate Resolution S.R. S25-006, which was adopted without objection. Senator Apple proposed an amendment to add Senate Bill S.B. S25-016, which was adopted without objection. Following a motion by Senator Bates, the agenda, as amended three times, was adopted as the orders of the day (see Appendix A).

There were no guest speakers scheduled for this meeting.

Senator Gibbs moved to suspend the rules to limit debate on legislation to 3 minutes per speaker. Senator McCulley objected. Senator Apple moved to amend the motion to change the time limit to 8 minutes per speaker, which was seconded. Without debate, the amendment passed via voice vote (*viva voce*). The original motion by Senator Gibbs, as amended to limit debate to 8 minutes per speaker, then passed via voice vote (*viva voce*).

The floor was opened for public comment. Seeing none, the floor was closed.

Treasurer Bare presented the S.O.L.O. Funding Committee's recommendations.

- For the Double Reeds application, the committee recommended approval with a modified allocation. Senator Guadalupe moved to set the allocation at \$500, which was adopted without objection. Senator Guadalupe then moved to approve the Double Reeds application at the modified allocation of \$500, which was seconded. Following a second,

the motion passed with a vote of 21 members voting aye, 3 members voting no, and 2 members abstaining.

- For the Fashion Merchandising Club application, the committee recommended approval. Senator Guadalupe moved to approve the application. Following a second, the motion passed with a vote of 26 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 0 members abstaining.

Reports were received from the Standing Committees and Special Committees.

Reports from University Committees were delivered by Senator Boynton concerning Chapter 606 (noting approval of applications and conference travel expenses), Chief of Staff Skelton for the Administrative Council (noting revisions to university policies), and Senator Stevens for the Graduate Studies Executive Committee (GSEC).

Reports were also received from the Executive Cabinet.

Treasurer Bare, Secretary Westbrook, Vice President Simpson, and President Hewitt delivered a summary of their respective reports.

All reports were placed on file by Secretary Westbrook.

There was no unfinished business listed on the adopted agenda.

Prior to entering New Business, Senator Moore moved to set the parameters for debate on legislation for the remainder of the meeting to a maximum total of 20 minutes per item, with 1 minute allocated for opening remarks by the mover and 0 minutes for closing remarks. The motion passed via voice vote (*viva voce*).

The Senate then moved to New Business.

The Senate considered S.R. S25-009 - Syllabus Modification Act of 2025. Senator Niec gave opening remarks on S.R. S25-009 and moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned resolution on behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee. An amendment proposed by the committee was presented; an objection was raised, and upon voting, the amendment failed. A second amendment proposed by the committee was presented and passed. Senator Apple moved an amendment from the floor, which passed via voice vote (*viva voce*) without debate. There being no further debate, S.R. S25-009, as amended, passed with a vote of 26 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 0 members abstaining.

The Senate considered S.B. S25-004 - Faculty Senate Representation Act of 2025. Senator Niec gave opening remarks on S.B. S25-004 and moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned resolution. A committee amendment was adopted without objection. After debate, S.B. S25-004, as amended, passed with a vote of 26 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 0 members abstaining.

The Senate considered S.B. S25-005 - SGA Alumni Relations Act of 2025. Senator Niec gave opening remarks on S.B. S25-005 and moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned bill. A committee amendment was adopted without objection. A second committee amendment was adopted via voice vote (viva voce). There being no further debate, S.R. S25-009, as amended, passed with a vote of 25 members voting aye, 1 member voting no, and 0 members abstaining.

The Senate considered S.B. S25-007 - Leadership and Development Committee Act of 2025. Senator Niec gave opening remarks on S.B. S25-007 and moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned bill. A committee amendment was adopted without objection. After debate, S.B. S25-007, as amended, passed with a vote of 24 members voting aye, 1 member voting no, and 0 members abstaining.

The Senate considered S.B. S25-008 - First-Year Assembly Transition Act of 2025. Senator Niec gave opening remarks on S.B. S25-008 and moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned bill. A committee amendment was adopted without objection. There being no further debate, S.B. S25-008, as amended, passed with a vote of 25 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 1 member abstaining.

The Senate considered S.B. S25-009 - Graduation Regalia Act of 2025: Senator Underwood gave opening remarks on S.B. S25-009 and moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned bill. A committee amendment was adopted without objection. A second committee amendment was adopted via voice vote (viva voce). An amendment from the floor was moved and adopted via voice vote (viva voce) without debate. After debate, S.B. S25-009, as amended, initially passed with a vote of 23 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 0 members abstaining.

Subsequently, a motion to reconsider the vote on S.B. S25-009 passed via voice vote (viva voce). Senator McCulley proposed an amendment. An objection to the consideration of the amendment was raised, but the Senate proceeded to consider it. An amendment to Senator McCulley's amendment was moved to change '2 semesters' to '4 semesters'. Following debate on the amendment to the amendment, Senator Bates called the previous question. Senator Guadalupe objected. The motion to call the previous question passed via voice vote (viva voce). The amendment to the amendment ('4 semesters') then passed via voice vote (viva voce). Senator Gillis called the previous question on Senator McCulley's primary amendment (as amended). Hearing no objection, the previous question was ordered. The primary amendment passed with a vote of 19 members voting aye, 5 members voting no, and 2 members abstaining. Senator Bates called the previous question on the bill as amended. Hearing no objection, the previous question was ordered. S.B. S25-009, as amended, passed with a vote of 22 members voting aye, 2 members voting no, and 0 members abstaining.

The Senate considered S.B. S25-010 - SGA Sunshine and Shadows Act of 2025. Senator Niec gave opening remarks on S.B. S25-010 and moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned bill. A committee amendment was adopted without objection. Without debate, S.B. S25-010 passed with 26 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 0 members abstaining.

The Senate considered S.R. S25-004 - Urinal Partitions Resolution of 2025. Senator Sollmann gave opening remarks on S.R. S25-004 and moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned resolution. A committee amendment was adopted without objection. A second committee amendment was adopted without objection. After debate, S.R. S25-004 passed with 25 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 0 members abstaining.

The Senate considered S.R. S25-005 - Naloxone Resolution of 2025. Senator Dye gave opening remarks on S.R. S25-005 and moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned resolution. A committee amendment was adopted without objection. After debate, S.R. S25-005 passed with 26 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 0 members abstaining.

The Senate considered S.B. S25-011 - Journals and Records Act of 2025. Senator Cecil gave opening remarks on S.B. S25-011 and moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned bill. Senator Moore moved an amendment, which was debated and adopted via voice vote (viva voce). Following debate on the amended bill, S.B. S25-011 passed with 25 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 0 members abstaining.

The Senate considered S.B. S25-012 - Photography and Composites Act of 2025. Senator Cecil gave opening remarks on S.B. S25-012 and moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned bill. Following debate, S.B. S25-012 passed with 25 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 0 members abstaining.

The Senate considered S.B. S25-013 - Superlatives and Awards Act of 2025: Senator Breeden gave opening remarks on S.B. S25-013 and moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned bill. Without debate, S.B. S25-013 passed with 25 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 0 members abstaining.

The Senate considered S.B. S25-014 - SOLO Funded Event Promotion Across SGA Social Media Act of 2025. Senator Dye gave opening remarks on S.B. S25-014 and moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned bill. Following debate, Senator Heineman called the previous question, which was adopted via voice vote (viva voce). S.B. S25-014 passed with 26 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 0 members abstaining.

The Senate considered S.B. S25-015 - Office Management Act of 2025. Senator Cecil gave opening remarks on S.B. S25-015 and moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned bill. Senator Stevens called the previous question, which was adopted via voice vote (viva voce). S.B. S25-015 passed with 23 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 3 members abstaining.

The Senate considered S.R. S25-006 - Tech Shuttle Route Update Resolution of 2025. Senator Dye gave opening remarks on S.R. S25-006 and moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned resolution. Following debate, S.R. S25-006 passed with 25 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 0 members abstaining.

There being no further items of New Business, the Senate moved on to Other Such Matters.

The Senate considered S.B. S25-016. Senator Apple moved for adoption. During debate, a motion was made to suspend the rules to allow Secretary Braxton Westbrook and Attorney General Tidwell to speak on the bill. The motion passed via voice vote (*viva voce*). Following their remarks and further debate, S.B. S25-016 passed with 25 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 1 member abstaining.

The Senate considered S.R. S25-008. Senator Heineman moved for adoption. Following debate, Senator Apple moved an amendment, which passed. S.R. S25-008, as amended, passed with 25 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 0 members abstaining.

Seeing as there were no further items of business, Speaker Simpson opened the floor for announcements. Announcements were made by Senator Niec, Attorney General Tidwell, Senator Moore, Senator Stevens, Senator LeSar, Senator Heineman, President Hewitt, and Speaker Simpson.

Senator Niec moved to adjourn *sine die*. Hearing no objection, Speaker Simpson declared the Spring 2025 Session of the Senate adjourned *sine die* at 11:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Braxton S. Westbrook  
Secretary, Student Government Association

# Appendix A

## The Agenda

# The SGA Senate

## Spring 2025 Session

7:30 PM on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025,  
in the RUC Multipurpose Room

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Moment of Silence
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Reading and Approval of the Previous Minutes dated Mar 24, 2025
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
- VI. Guest Speakers
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. S.O.L.O. Applications
  - a. Double Reeds, with recommendation for approval with modified allocation
  - b. Fashion Merchandising Club, with recommendation for approval
- IX. Reading of Reports
  - a. Standing Committees
  - b. Special Committees
  - c. University Committees
  - d. Executive Cabinet
  - e. Executive Council
- X. Unfinished Business and General Orders
- XI. New Business
  - a. Bills and Resolutions (Referred from Committee)
    - i. S.B. S25-003 - Syllabus Modification Act of 2025
    - ii. S.B. S25-004 - Faculty Senate Representation Act of 2025
    - iii. S.B. S25-005 - SGA Alumni Relations Act of 2025
    - iv. S.B. S25-007 - Leadership and Development Committee Act of 2025
    - v. S.B. S25-008 - First-Year Assembly Transition Act of 2025
    - vi. S.B. S25-009 - Graduation Regalia Act of 2025
    - vii. S.B. S25-010 - SGA Sunshine and Shadows Act of 2025
    - viii. S.R. S25-004 - Urinal Partitions Resolution of 2025
    - ix. S.R. S25-005 - Naloxone Resolution of 2025
  - b. Bills and Resolutions (Discharge Petition Needed)
    - i. S.B. S25-011 - Journals and Records Act of 2025
    - ii. S.B. S25-012 - Photography and Composites Act of 2025
    - iii. S.B. S25-013 - Superlatives and Awards Act of 2025
    - iv. S.B. S25-014 - SOLO Funded Event Promotion Across SGA Social Media Act of 2025
    - v. S.B. S25-015 - Office Management Act of 2025
    - vi. S.R. S25-006 - Tech Shuttle Route Update Resolution of 2025
    - vii. S.R. S25-007 - Meditation Room Resolution of 2025
  - c. Other Such Matters
- XII. Announcements
- XIII. Adjournment *Sine Die*

# Appendix B

## Electronic Device Votes

1) Roll Call

	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	100%	26	1) Yes
	0%	0	2) No
	0%	0	3) Abs
Totals	100%	26	Comments:

2) S.O.L.O. Application - 500\$

	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	81%	21	1) Yes
	12%	3	2) No
	8%	2	3) Abs
Totals	100%	26	Comments:

3) S.O.L.O. Application - \$1,500

	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	100%	26	1) Yes
	0%	0	2) No
	0%	0	3) Abs
Totals	100%	26	Comments:

1) S.R. S25-009 - Syllabus Modification Resolution of 2025

	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	100%	26	1) Yes
	0%	0	2) No
	0%	0	3) Abs
Totals	100%	26	Comments:

2) S.B. S25-004 - Faculty Senate Representation Act of 2025

	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	100%	26	1) Yes
	0%	0	2) No
	0%	0	3) Abs

Totals	100%	26	Comments:

### 3) S.B. S25-005 - SGA Alumni Relations Act of 2025

	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	96%	25	1) Yes
	4%	1	2) No
	0%	0	3) Abs
Totals	100%	26	Comments:

### 4) S.B. S25-007 - Leadership and Development Committee Act of 2025

	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	96%	24	1) Yes
	4%	1	2) No
	0%	0	3) Abs
Totals	100%	25	Comments:

### 5) S.B. S25-008 - First-Year Assembly Transition Act of 2025

	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	88%	23	1) Yes
	4%	1	2) No
	8%	2	3) Abs
Totals	100%	26	Comments:

### 6) S.B. S25-009 - Graduation Regalia Act of 2025

	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	88%	23	1) Yes
	0%	0	2) No
	12%	3	3) Abs
Totals	100%	26	Comments:

### 7) S.B. S25-010 - SGA Sunshine and Shadows Act of 2025

Responses	Answer Options
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<b>Totals</b>	(Percent)	(Count)	
	100%	26	1) Yes
	0%	0	2) No
	0%	0	3) Abs
	100%	26	<b>Comments:</b>

**8) S.R. S25-004 - Urinal Partitions Resolution of 2025**

<b>Totals</b>	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	96%	25	1) Yes
	4%	1	2) No
	0%	0	3) Abs
	100%	26	<b>Comments:</b>

**9) S.R. S25-005 - Naloxone Resolution of 2025**

<b>Totals</b>	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	100%	26	1) Yes
	0%	0	2) No
	0%	0	3) Abs
	100%	26	<b>Comments:</b>

**10) S.B. S25-011 - Journal and Records Act of 2025**

<b>Totals</b>	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	96%	23	1) Yes
	0%	0	2) No
	4%	1	3) Abs
	100%	24	<b>Comments:</b>

**11) S.B. S25-012 - Photography and Composites Act of 2025**

<b>Totals</b>	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	88%	23	1) Yes
	0%	0	2) No
	12%	3	3) Abs
	100%	26	<b>Comments:</b>

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12) S.B. S25-013 - Superlatives and Awards Act of 2025

	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	92%	24	1) Yes
	4%	1	2) No
	4%	1	3) Abs
Totals	100%	26	Comments:

13) S.B. S25-014 - SOLO Funded Event Promotion Across SGA Social Media Act of 2025

	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	100%	26	1) Yes
	0%	0	2) No
	0%	0	3) Abs
Totals	100%	26	Comments:

14) S.B. S25-015 - Office Management Act of 2025

	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	88%	23	1) Yes
	0%	0	2) No
	12%	3	3) Abs
Totals	100%	26	Comments:

15) S.R. S25-006 - Tech Shuttle Route Update Resolution of 2025

	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	
	100%	26	1) Yes
	0%	0	2) No
	0%	0	3) Abs
Totals	100%	26	Comments:

16) S.B. S25-016 - Constitution Adjustment Act of 2025

	Responses		Answer Options
	(Percent)	(Count)	

<b>Totals</b>	96%	25	1) Yes
	0%	0	2) No
	4%	1	3) Abs
	100%	26	<b>Comments:</b>

**17) S.R. S25-008 - Shark Tank Resolution of 2025**

	<b>Responses</b>		<b>Answer Options</b>
	<b>(Percent)</b>	<b>(Count)</b>	
<b>Totals</b>	69%	18	1) Yes
	23%	6	2) No
	8%	2	3) Abs
	100%	26	<b>Comments:</b>

**18) Five semesters to four semesters regarding Bill 009**

	<b>Responses</b>		<b>Answer Options</b>
	<b>(Percent)</b>	<b>(Count)</b>	
<b>Totals</b>	73%	19	1) Yes
	19%	5	2) No
	8%	2	3) Abs
	100%	26	<b>Comments:</b>

**19) S.B. S25-009 - Graduation Regalia Act of 2025 (Reconsidered)**

	<b>Responses</b>		<b>Answer Options</b>
	<b>(Percent)</b>	<b>(Count)</b>	
<b>Totals</b>	85%	22	1) Yes
	8%	2	2) No
	8%	2	3) Abs
	100%	26	<b>Comments:</b>