



The SGA Senate

Spring 2026 Session

Regular Meeting on February 9th, 2026

The Senate of the Student Government Association of Tennessee Technological University met on February 9th, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the RUC Multipurpose Room. Speaker of the Senate Maya Seitz was present and presiding. Secretary Autumn Cecil was present and taking minutes.

Speaker Seitz recognized Senator Sollmann to lead the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Following this, Speaker Seitz led the Senate to observe a moment of silence. The roll was then called, and a quorum was established. The minutes from the previous meeting were then declared read and approved.

The agenda was presented. Senator Westbrook moved to remove Ms. Jamie Lankford from the Guest Speakers and the Announcement of the Veto on S.B. F25-004 from Informational Items under New Business. The agenda, as amended once, was adopted as the orders of the day (see Appendix A).

Senator Westbrook moved that for Senate Officer candidates, have a total of three-minute speeches, thirty minutes of debate per candidate, and that the election be administered by a committee of tellers and secret ballots.

Treasurer Guadalupe introduced the evening's first S.O.L.O. Funding request from Mad Topics. One representative from Mad Topics was invited to speak on behalf of their organization's application. After a period of discussion, the motion to approve the application passed with 29 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 0 members abstaining.

Treasurer Guadalupe introduced the evening's other S.O.L.O. Funding request from SOC and UCSC. One representative from SOC and UCSC was invited to speak on behalf of their organization's application. After a period of discussion, the motion to approve the application passed with 26 members voting aye, 1 member voting no, and 2 members abstaining.

Speaker Seitz recognized Senator Gillis to deliver a summary of the S.O.L.O. Funding Committee report, along with Senator Casebier of University Infrastructure, Senator Westbrook of Student Life and Legislative Council, and Senator Thomas of Academic Affairs.

Reports from University Committees were delivered by Senator Stevens concerning Chapter 606, Administrative Assistant Tidwell for Administrative Council, and Secretary Heineman for the Sustainable Campus Committee.

Chief of Staff McCulley, Secretary Apple, and Secretary Heineman each delivered their respective reports.

Treasurer Guadalupe, Secretary Cecil, Vice President Seitz, and each delivered their respective reports. Secretary Cecil delivered President Bare's report on her behalf.

All reports were received and placed on file by Secretary Cecil.

The Senate proceeded to vote on the question of whether Patience Matthews should be considered for Advisor for Executive Programs. Receiving a majority vote, 29 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 0 members abstaining, Patience Matthews' appointment to the Executive Cabinet as Advisor for Executive Programs was confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to vote on the question of whether McKenna Stevens should be considered for Secretary of Communications and Outreach. Receiving a majority vote, 29 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 0 members abstaining, McKenna Stevens' appointment to the Executive Cabinet as Secretary of Communications and Outreach was confirmed.

Speaker Seitz recognized Treasurer Guadalupe to present the 2026 SGA Spring Budget. Seeing no debate, the Senate moved to vote on the approval of the budget. The budget was approved with 29 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 0 members abstaining.

Senator Westbrook, Student Trustee of Tennessee Tech University, then proceeded to present on the events of the previous Board of Trustees meeting.

Senator Williams motioned that the Senate go into a five-minute recess. Speaker Seitz then declared that the Senate go into a recess not to exceed five-minutes.

The Senate considered S.R. F25-002 – Meditation Room Resolution of 2025. Senator Nucum was invited to give opening remarks on S.R. F25-002 and moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned bill. Following the debate, S.R. F25-002 was adopted with 26 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 1 member abstaining.

The Senate considered S.B. S26-001 – Uniform GPA Requirement Act of 2026. Senator Westbrook was invited to give opening remarks on S.B. S26-001 and moved that the Senate adopt the aforementioned bill. Following the debate, S.B. S26-001 was defeated with 19 members voting aye, 6 members voting no, and 2 members abstaining.

Speaker Seitz opened the floor for nominations for Chief Clerk. Senator Gibbs was nominated and seconded. As there were no other nominations, Speaker Seitz closed nominations. Senator Gibbs was dually elected Chief Clerk via voice acclamation.

Speaker Seitz opened the floor for nominations for Speaker Pro Tempore. Senator Casebier was nominated and seconded. As there were no other nominations, Speaker Seitz closed nominations. Senator Casebier was dually elected Speaker Pro Tempore via voice acclamation.

Speaker Seitz opened the floor for announcements. Announcements were made by Secretary Cecil, Secretary Stevens, Senator Gibbs, Senator Sollmann, Senator White, Secretary Matthews, and Senator Casebier.

Speaker Seitz entertained a motion to create an Ad Hoc committee for the preparation of Tech Strong Week. Senator Gillis carried the motion; Speaker Seitz declared the committee created.

In accordance with the orders of the day, Speaker Seitz declared the meeting adjourned without objection at 9:52 PM until Monday, February 23rd, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Autumn Cecil
Secretary, Student Government Association

Appendix A

The Agenda



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Spring 2026 Session

7:00 PM on Monday, February 9th, 2026, in the RUC Multipurpose Room

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Moment of Silence
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Reading and Approval of the Previous Minutes
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
- VI. Guest Speakers
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. S.O.L.O. Applications
 - a. Mad Topics
 - b. SOC & UCSC
- 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. Executive Cabinet Confirmations
 - i. Patience Matthews – Advisor for Executive Programs
 - ii. McKenna Stevens – Secretary of Communications and Outreach
 - b. Informational Items
 - i. Presentation of the Spring 2026 SGA Budget
 - ii. Board of Trustees Update
 - c. Bills and Resolutions
 - i. S.R. F25-002 – Meditation Room Resolution of 2025
 - ii. S.B. S26-001 - Uniform GPA Requirements Act of 2026
 - d. Other Such Matters
 - i. Election of Senate Officers
 1. Chief Clerk
 2. Speaker Pro Tempore
- XII. Announcements
- XIII. Adjournment