



# **The SGA Senate**

## **Fall 2025 Session**

### **Regular Meeting on September 15th, 2025**

The Senate of the Student Government Association of Tennessee Technological University met on September 15th, 2025, at 7:02 PM in the RUC Multipurpose Room. Due to the absence of Speaker Maya Seitz, Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate McKenna Stevens was present and presiding. Secretary Autumn Cecil was present and taking minutes.

Speaker Stevens led the Senate in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and observing 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 amend the agenda to include appointed Intercultural Affairs Senator Morgan Drewery and appointed Reserve Officers' Training Corps Senator William Coley under Senate confirmations, which was adopted without objection. Senator Westbrook moved to amend the agenda by adjusting the orders of the day to move all confirmations to after Guest Speakers and before Public comment, which was adopted without objection. Following a motion by Senator Westbrook, the agenda, as amended twice, was adopted as the orders of the day (see Appendix A).

Mrs. Courtney Brehm, Director of New Student and Family Programs (NSFP), presented information about the NSFP and becoming a Student Orientation Assistant (SOA).

The Senate considered the confirmation of nominees Sujal Gohil, Jayla Miller, Samuel Williams, Patience Matthews, Lillian Howard, Eden Rigsby, Caleb Snodgrass, Zachary Bedwell, Morgan Drewery, and William Coley to their respective Senate seats. Senator Bates moved that the Senate confirm the nominees as a slate, which was adopted. The nominees were confirmed via voice vote (viva voce).

The Senate considered the confirmation of Associate Justice nominees Lela Gracy, Claire Myers, Aaron Sullivan, and Sanuji Mandanayake. Senator Bates moved that the Senate confirm the nominees as a slate, which was adopted. The nominees were confirmed via voice vote (viva voce).

Treasurer Guadalupe presented the S.O.L.O. Funding Committee's recommendation for the Student Affiliates of the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB). A representative of

ASBMB was invited to speak on their organization's application. After a period of discussion, the motion to approve ASBMB's application passed with a vote of 18 members voting aye, 0 members voting no, and 0 members abstaining.

Secretary Cecil delivered a summary of the Commission for Elections report, and Senator Gillis delivered a summary of the S.O.L.O. Funding Committee report.

Reports from University Committees were delivered by President Bare concerning Chapter 606, Senator Nucum for the Graduate Studies Executive Committee, Attorney General Tidwell for the Building and Grounds Committee, Secretary Heineman for the Sustainable Campus Committee, and Chief of Staff Mcculley for the Academic Council.

President Bare gave the report of the Secretary of Government and Policy on behalf of Secretary Apple. Chief of Staff Mcculley then gave the reports of the Secretary of Communications and Outreach on behalf of Secretary Boynton and of the Secretary of Innovation and Technology on behalf of Secretary Owens. Chief of Staff Mcculley, Secretary Heineman, and Advisor Moore then proceeded to deliver their respective reports.

Treasurer Guadalupe delivered the report of the Treasurer. President Bare delivered the report of the Vice President on behalf of Vice President Seitz, then Secretary Cecil and President Bare delivered their respective reports.

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

Speaker Stevens invited Deputy Attorney General Carrier to present on the informational item, the Report on the Supreme Court parking appeals considered by the Student Parking Citation Appeals committee for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Speaker Stevens invited Secretary Cecil to present the Mr. and Ms. Tennessee Tech Election Rules that were also provided in advance of the meeting. Senator Westbrook moved to adopt the Mr. and Ms. Tennessee Tech Election Rules. After discussion, the rules were adopted via voice vote (viva voce).

Speaker Stevens opened the floor for announcements. President Bare, Treasurer Guadalupe, Senator Nucum, and Senator Stevens all made announcements.

In accordance with the orders of the day, Speaker Stevens declared the meeting adjourned without objection at 7:59 PM until Monday, September 29th, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Autumn Cecil  
Secretary, Student Government Association

# Appendix A

## The Agenda

# **The SGA Senate**

## **Fall 2025 Session**

7:00 PM on Monday, September 15th, 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
- V. Adoption of the Agenda
- VI. Guest Speakers
  - a. Mrs. Courtney Brehm, Director of New Student and Family Programs
  - b. Dr. Mustafa Rajabali, Physics Department Professor
- VII. New Business
  - a. Senate Confirmations
    - i. Sujal Gohil – International Special Interest Senate
    - ii. Jayla Miller – Transfer Senate
    - iii. Samuel Williams – Transfer Senate
    - iv. Patience Matthews – Freshman Senate
    - v. Lillian Howard – Freshman Senate
    - vi. Eden Rigsby – Freshman Senate
    - vii. Caleb Snodgrass – Freshman Senate
    - viii. Zachary Bedwell – Freshman Senate
    - ix. Morgan Drewery – Intercultural Affairs Senate
    - x. William Coley – Reserve Officers’ Training Corps Senate
  - b. Supreme Court Confirmations
    - i. Lela Gracy – Associate Justice
    - ii. Claire Myers – Associate Justice
    - iii. Aaron Sullivan – Associate Justice
    - iv. Sanuji Mandanayake – Associate Justice
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. S.O.L.O. Applications
  - a. Student Affiliates of the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- X. Reading of Reports
  - a. Standing Committees
  - b. Special Committees
  - c. University Committees
  - d. Executive Cabinet
  - e. Executive Council

- XI. Unfinished Business and General Orders
- XII. New Business
  - c. Informational Item
    - i. Report on the Supreme Court parking appeals considered by the Student Parking Citation Appeals committee for the 2024-2025 academic year – Deputy Attorney General Carrier
  - d. Other Such Matters
    - i. Mr. and Ms. Tennessee Tech Election Rules
- XIII. Announcements
- XIV. Adjournment

# Appendix B

## The Attendance

Name	Present?
Abigail Jo Breeden	x
Aiden (Jace) Simmons	x
Aiden Gillis	x
Amaya Rosacia	x
Braxton Westbrook	x
Brennan Casebier	x
Caylea Savage	x
Drew Meketi	
Isaac Leavy	x
Jackson Yerbich	
Joshua Thomas	x
Kashaina Nucum	x
Madalynn Pendergrass	x
McKenna Stevens	x
Michael Sollman	x (Tardy)
Nathaniel Salvato	x
Presley Elliot	
Samantha (Sammy) Bates	x
Skylar Mauk	x
Terry Gibbs	x