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Fair fever hits A-State

## SGA fills five senator seats, passes two resolutions in last meeting of semester

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In its last meeting of the semester, the Student Government Association (SGA) filled five senator seats, passed a resolution to clarify the responsibilities of the scholarship committee and commissioner and approved the 2025-26 budget.

Four at-large senator seats, a junior senator seat, continuation commissioner and a sustainability liaison position were filled during the meeting.

Jake Williams, SGA president, said he looks forward to meeting the new senators.

"We're really going to encourage an open-door policy," the sophomore business administration major from Piggott, Arkansas, said. "Our office is always open to come talk and chat and I really think that helps build personal connections and help build accountability."

Senator John Volpe was elected continuation commissioner.

Volpe, a junior English major from Little Rock, said the role of this position is to ensure resolutions passed by SGA are implemented and any changes are carried out.



Senators are sworn in during the last SGA meeting of the spring semester. Five senator seats, the continuation commissioner and the sustainability liaison positions were filled.

He said he did not expect to be nominated for the position.

"I am very thankful to be put in that position," Volpe said. "I see myself as being someone who is really straightforward and pushes to make things get done."

The senate passed SR 24/25-04, a resolution to amend a previously passed resolution

that created a scholarship commissioner and committee.

Reese McCallum, scholarship commissioner and junior marketing major from Jonesboro, presented the resolution.

McCallum said the amendments would clarify the oversight and responsibilities of the scholarship commissioner

and committee by adding that the commissioner is responsible for being in communication with the Cooper Alumni Center. The Cooper Alumni Center is able to distribute privately funded scholarships through private donors.

"The commissioner is responsible for meeting with the Alumni Center and explaining

to them the needs for scholarship in different areas, whether that be housing or just institutional scholarships," McCallum said.

She said the scholarship committee and commissioner is also responsible for relaying scholarship concerns from students, pursuing privately funded scholarship funding with the Alumni Association and advocating for the needs of the students. The committee will not have the ability to allocate or distribute scholarships.

For the fall, McCallum said she plans to work on establishing housing scholarships.

The 2025-2026 budget, which has remained unchanged in two years, was passed by the senate. Williams said the structure and distribution of the budget lets SGA spend funds effectively.

Next semester, Williams said his administration will still be invested in transparency, collaboration and innovation, the three areas they highlighted during the 2025 SGA election.

"For Fall, I think spirits are high. Morale is high. We have a great group of senators and a great group of student leaders and I think we're going to do amazing things in the fall and I'm super excited to see how everything goes," Williams said.

Sbay Sayeed | Special to The Herald, contributed to this report.

## Create@State scheduled Thursday, awards ceremony Friday

Create@State, a celebration of student research and creativity, will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, on the third floor of the union.

The awards ceremony will be held From 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, at Centennial Bank Stadium. More information can be found by scanning the QR code below:



## Pack Empowerment Celebration of Character to be held Thursday

The College of Education and Behavioral Science is hosting an event to celebrate how character empowers students, faculty and staff. Jesse Pappas, an assistant professor at the University of Virginia, will present at the event. The event will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday in room 245 of the Health, Physical Education and Sports Sciences building.

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Walk for Awareness participants walk and talk as they make it to the halfway point in their walk.

## Walk for Awareness sparks conversation on sexual assault

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SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

The Office of Institutional Integrity and Title IX hosted a "Walk for Awareness" on the Arkansas State University campus to help raise awareness of sexual assault.

25 students, staff, faculty and other members of the community gathered around the Chi Omega fountain on Friday to begin their two-mile walk around campus. Each participant was given a teal bracelet to show support for survivors and raise awareness, as teal is the official color of Sexual

Assault Awareness Month.

Kelly Sabian, Title IX investigator, is co-chair of the prevention and planning committee and helped organize the walk.

"We chose a walk instead of a seminar or a talk because in our experience, seminars and talks are not well attended by students unless there is an extra credit opportunity involved. We chose activities that we thought would be the most impactful," Sabian said.

According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually

assaulted while in college.

Tiffany Mosley, director of Institutional Integrity and Title IX, said the best way to help a survivor of sexual assault is to offer them support.

"If they decline support, actively listen without asking blaming questions such as 'Are you sure? Why didn't you leave or fight back?' Just let the person who was subjected to the act talk. Be supportive and calm. Students who are aware of sexual misconduct should always speak up; if you see something, say something," Mosley said.

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## Ancient studies, new students: Medieval and Renaissance studies minor sees growth

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Medieval and Renaissance studies, a minor offered at just three universities in Arkansas, has been growing at Arkansas State University since 2020 and is expected to continue growing in the years to come.

In 2020, A-State hired Lucy Barnhouse as the new medievalist and coordinator for what used to be the Medieval studies minor. She said she was excited to see the college offering this minor but was sad to find out it had no students enrolled.

She said she speculates the low enrollment is because people haven't heard of Medieval studies or Renaissance studies.

"Premodern history isn't really covered much in secondary education in Arkansas. So it's new to a lot of people and I think that, unfortunately, people are often nervous about trying new things," Barnhouse said.

Barnhouse said she began emailing professors, like the associate professor of art history, Katherine Baker, to ask if they were still teaching the classes listed within the minor.

"This class (Medieval and Renaissance art and architecture)



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(Left) Lucy Barnhouse, assistant professor of history. She serves as coordinator for the Medieval and Renaissance studies minor.

was on the books, but I was excited to teach it, as the periods relate to my area of research. Medieval and Renaissance shows up less often in my rotation, so I am always excited when it happens," Baker said.

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