



## Wednesday, April 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes

### Call to Order

The UCA Staff Senate was called to order at 10:02 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 in Wingo Hall 315 by President Hearne.

### Roll Call

**Senators Present:** Chad Hearne, Colin Stanton, , Heather Romine, Sandra Hooper, Lindsey Osborne-Shurley, Kimberly Ashley-Pauley, Diana Burroughs, Kevin Carter, Kristin Heffington, Anaiaya Henderson, Lori Hudspeth, Mary Jackson, Tiffany Johnson, Arch Jones, Denicha Kemp, Aaron Knight, , Linda Lentz, Susan Peterson, Tyra Phillips, Reggie Prevoe, Gary Sieg, Marcia Smith, Cheryl Theall, Lula Tyus, and Theresa White.

**Senators Absent:** Megan Bennett, Joslyn Kuykendall, Erica Ruble, and Tracy Spence.

### Minutes

The March 11, 2015 meeting minutes were approved electronically on April 3, 2015.

### Officer's Reports

#### President, Chad Hearne

- President's Meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> – Discussed second shift parking issue and parking permit proposal. President Hearne met with Diane Newton, Chief James, and Jason Rankin to discuss changing the parking permit payment to anyone hired after the Fall semester will only pay \$30 for a parking permit.
- Board Meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> - Discussed a request for authorization to issue bonds to refund the outstanding par amounts of 2006D, 2006E, 2007A, and 2007B. The savings will mainly be derived from an accelerated payoff of both issues.
- Board Meeting March 30<sup>th</sup> - Discussed a resolution approving grant requests for proposed Dave Ward Drive pedestrian overpass. The resolution authorized the administration to submit the grant applications. If awarded, the grants would require a 20% match; however, the university reserves the right to decline to proceed with the project if sufficient funds are not available, or if we simply do not desire to proceed.
- Board Retreat – Some items discussed were Admissions, retention, and remediation. Announced the new Admissions director is Courtney Mullins. There were some tech companies from Conway there to boost the Computer Science degree program. College of Health and Behavioral Science chairs were there to discuss clinical space for OT, PT, nursing, and possibly Speech Path. There was a presentation on ways to boost the Innovation & Entrepreneurship program. All of the board members were there to find ways to better the University.

#### Vice President, Colin Stanton

- Elections Update – Nominations close on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. There are 16 positions to fill. Elections will be April 27<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup> (Spring Picnic).
- Meet & Greet – Everyone needs to come to the Meet & Greet today. You don't have to stay the whole time, but please make an effort to be there. There will be a suggestion box and board to give ideas to spend Staff Senate money. The food will be awesome!
- Commencement Committee Chair – Announced we need a chair for Commencement Committee. Senator Tyus volunteered.

**Secretary, Heather Romine**

- No Report

**Treasurer, Tracy Spence**

- No Report

**Parliamentarian/Historian, Sandra Hooper**

- No Report

**Staff Senate Committee Reports****Courtesy, Mary Jackson**

- Get Well
  - Barclay McConnell
- Good Bye
  - Scott Isenga
  - J.S. Stansel
- Thinking of You
  - Elizabeth Skinner
- Retirement
  - Jim Shelton

**Basketball, Tyra Phillips**

- Basketball season is over. Everything went smoothly. We made \$300 less than normal because there were fewer games. The athletic department did not need volunteers for the December games this year. There was discussion about volunteers start time being later. This will not happen because the athletic department sets the time.

**Spring Picnic, Tyra Phillips**

- Spring Picnic is April 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be different this year. The cake walk and ring toss will be free. There will be a dunking booth (3 balls for \$1), ice cones (\$1), a band, a photo booth, and food bank drive. The Staff Senate volunteers for the dunking booth are President Hearne, Senator Jones, Senator Carter, and Senator Osborne-Shurley.

**University Committee Reports****Public Art, Sandra Hooper**

- Mike Kemp's replacement is Peggy Hatfield. Had a request for some art to be commissioned for the halls in Brewer-Hegemen Conference Center. Discussed how to commission art for the future. There will be a public art project in Fall 2015. It will be on campus for 4 to 6 weeks. The artist name is Dan Steinhilber. There was a subcommittee formed to work with the artist. There was a subcommittee formed for the World War II memorial trees. The President supports it. 41 out of the 46 trees have been identified. There are plans to plant 5 more. There was discussion about big plaques attached to the trees, handicap access, and forming a map. Discussed the Riddick West Mexican Ceramic again.

**SEED, Sandra Hooper**

- There was a report on the stream project on the East side of the HPER. The ditch was changed to look like a stream. The plan is to make it longer. It is for student use and students designed it. Discussed the City of Conway and UCA asking for funds to build the over pass on Dave Ward Drive. There are plans to construct sand volleyball courts in the Northwest corner of the gravel parking lot next to Physical Plant. Discussing with University of Arkansas Monticello about what UCA has to do to become a Tree Campus USA. They participate in RecycleUCA. UCA now has 5 lighted crosswalks and some have solar power. \$150,000 has been spent replacing the old florescent bulbs with LED lights. The goal is to have LED lights through the whole campus.

**Safety, Arch Jones**

- When a building alarm is active the elevator is supposed to go to a certain floor and remain open, so that the elevator cannot be used during an emergency. The elevators on campus have a vast inconsistency in what they do. The plan is to get them all in sync. The Housing apartments will have a tornado location in some buildings on campus. Discussed Safewalk. One of SGA's goals was to have more participation in the Safewalk. They reached this goal by having 32 of their 42

members participate this year. Advance active shooter program may begin training this summer. The advance active shooter video shows affective strategies for dealing with an active shooter. The message is that you have to take on a survival mind set. If you do something, it will increase your chance of survival.

#### **SPARC/SPC/SBAC, Chad Hearne**

- They are still searching for a consultant for the strategic plan revision process. There will be interviews on April 30<sup>th</sup>. SBAC had a proposed change from SGA to add 2 additional students to the committee. It has been approved and will happen immediately. After the exec elections in May, we have to have senators on the strategic planning committees for a June 1<sup>st</sup> start date (instead of July 1<sup>st</sup>).

#### **SSRC, Chad Hearne**

- Discussed turning some of the retention initiatives into objective form and how to implement them.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

None

#### **Good and Welfare**

- Next Staff Senate meeting is April 29, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Wingo 315.
- Budget Workshop is April 24, 2015 in Board Room.
- Staff Senate Meet & Greet is today at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in McCastalin Mirror Room.
- Senator Knight welcomes Senator Spence to the UCA Foundation Staff.
- April is distracted driver, sexual assault, and alcohol awareness month.
- Board Meeting is on May 15, 2015.
- President Courtway is speaking with College of Liberal Arts tomorrow.
- A speaker about IRS fraud will be on campus on April 22, 2015.
- Idea: Have a "giving" bucket set up on campus for the Day of Giving Campaign, instead of just online.
- Recycle Mania recycled over 50,000 pounds.
- Send calendar events and revisions for Student Handbook to Denicha Kemp by May 8, 2015.
- The last day to nominate for the Student Worker of the Year is Friday, April 10, 2015.
- Please complete childcare committee survey by April 17, 2015.
- Need graduation volunteers for May 2, 2015.
- Kimberly Ashley-Pauley's son, Joshua Ashley-Pauley, had a bill passed in his name. The bill is to increase people to call 9-1-1 when people are in trouble. They will be signing the bill tomorrow with the governor. Senator Ashley-Pauley has been asked by the Department of Health Sciences to talk to students.
- Admissions has a new director starting on May 18, 2015.
- The library has over 1,000 DVD's for 3 day check out with 2 at a time. You need a UCA ID to check them out.
- Advising Center has registration going on. There will be transfer (for Summer and Fall) days every Friday in April. There is a new advisor. His name is Jerry Corlie.
- Advanced Registration is going on now.
- Greek step show is Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in Farris Center.
- Exec positions elections will be May 13, 2015 during regular Staff Senate meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m. by President Hearne.