

University of Central Arkansas Faculty Senate Proposal ("Coca-Cola" Money Expenditure)

Dear Faculty Senate President & Faculty Senators, This proposal is brought forth by Senator Stoltz on behalf of members of the faculty at the College of Education.

Introduction:

This proposal addresses expenditure of the "Coca Cola" money encumbered by the Faculty Senate. From our understanding, this money is encumbered by the faculty senate and use of the fund is the responsibility of the Faculty Senate. A portion of the money was committed to the University for the establishment of lactation stations. We fully support this effort. There is a sizable portion of the money that is still available and thus, we make this proposal for disposition of those remaining funds toward direct benefit to the UCA faculty.

Proposal:

We propose that the Faculty Senate "Coca Cola" money be allocated to pay for faculty parking fees for the upcoming academic year 2015-2016. The expenditure would be limited to all faculty ranks (instructor – Professor) that are currently teaching fulltime. The expenditure would not include those administrators that have faculty rank but do not teach fulltime in a program. Also, the expenditure would not be allotted to part-time or adjunct faculty.

To facilitate this project we put forth the establishment of a sub-committee of three individuals. One member from the Faculty Senate and two from the faculty at large will be recruited to work with the Senate President and administration to transfer and account for the expenditure. This sub-committee would be chaired by the Faculty Senate member and the committee will oversee and report the progress of the expenditure to Faculty Senate.

Notification would depend on faculty members registering a vehicle. This allotment would be for one vehicle only and is not transferrable. The faculty member would receive notification after application. The notification would include a statement that the Faculty Senate provided funds to allocate parking for faculty for this academic year (see attached).

The details of how to account and notify would be the responsibility of the sub-committee and would need support from the Senate President and Administration, including UCA Police Department to execute the proposal.

Justification:

Given the present state of faculty pay and the future projections concerning raises for faculty, we believe this gesture may serve as recognition and appreciation for the work faculty completes for UCA. Additionally, this expenditure is intended to reach a broad amount of constituents instead of limiting these funds to researchers or other faculty members based on particular projects. By allocating these funds to all faculty, as defined above, we believe the Faculty Senate is recognizing and working for the entire faculty of UCA and not limiting access to specific classes of faculty or projects. Finally, because this is an individual reward to each faculty

member, we believe this will help faculty members understand that Faculty Senate is functional, and recognizes the constituency for which the body was established to serve.

Proposed Notice to Faculty:

Dear Faculty Member:

The President of the Faculty Senate and the Faculty Senate Representatives are pleased to announce to you that funds were made available, from the Faculty Senate, to cover the cost of the UCA parking fees for academic year 2015-2016 for Fulltime Faculty. Based on your fulltime status as a faculty member at UCA your parking fee for one vehicle registration will be provided from the UCA Faculty Senate. (If needed we will include the process and instructions for completing this. However, we want to make this as easy as possible so that it is perceived as the reward that it is intended to be and not another bureaucratic process to accomplish)