Resolution to Fund the Student Veterans Resource Center/Minton Commuter College

WHEREAS nontraditional students compose a substantial minority of well over ten percent of our student body at UCA;

WHEREAS our commuter students and military veterans studying at UCA encounter a number of barriers in their pursuits of academic degrees, obstacles that are in addition to those faced by our traditional students;

WHEREAS the University has recognized the unique needs of our students returning from military service to build their own community on campus and to work together to meet their specific challenges and reach academic success;

WHEREAS the Student Veterans Resource Center was recently established by the University next to, and under the aegis of, the Minton Commuter College on the second floor of Old Main with a dedication ceremony scheduled for later this semester;

WHEREAS the funding for the remodeling and construction of this new allocation of space for the Student Veterans Resource Center was fully borne by the University, under current funding no provisions have been made for the technological equipment requisite to the Center’s purpose;

WHEREAS the existing Minton Commuter College has only two aging computers available for student use and has thus been lacking the necessary technical resources to fully serve our nontraditional students;

WHEREAS former Senator Chris Craun, as Director of the Minton Commuter College and the Student Veterans Resource Center, has supplied the Senate with a list of the reasonable and necessary equipment for the combined services to achieve their missions;

WHEREAS the list includes two (2) Apple I-Mac computers, three (3) Hewlett-Packard Envy Phoenix desktop computers, three (3) 25” HD/LED monitors, two (2) wireless HP Officejet PRO 6968 printers, two (2) Roku-2 streamers, and $100 in various peripherals (mice/cables);

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate will allocate $8500 of its discretionary funds to benefit the Student Veterans Resource Center and the Minton Commuter College for the purchase of the necessary technology to provide support to our nontraditional commuter and military veteran students.