



Wednesday, December 11, 2013

Call to Order

The UCA Staff Senate was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 in Wingo Hall 315 by President Osborne.

Roll Call

Senators Present: Lindsey Osborne, Chad Hearne, Lori Hudspeth, Tracy Spence, Meghan Thompson, Stephanie McBrayer, Jane Andis, Kimberley Ashley-Pauley, Jennifer Boudreaux, Mark Heffington, Sandra Hooper, Mary Jackson, Tiffany Johnson, Arch Jones, Aaron Knight, Linda Lentz, Josh Markham, Vicki Parish, Susan Peterson, Tyra Phillips, Heather Romine, Erica Ruble and Colin Stanton.

Senators Absent: Diane Farr, Denicha Kemp, Joslyn Kuykendall, Kim McKee, Jack Phillips, Elizabeth Skinner, Cheryl Theall, Lula Tyus and Theresa White.

President Courtway addressed the UCA Staff Senate regarding a staff member's concern about the University opening following winter weather on Monday, December 9, 2013. The University opened at 10:00 a.m., semester final exams were postponed, and students and faculty were not required to be on campus. President Courtway made the decision to postpone semester final exams after careful consideration and consultation with others. UCA still has offices open that are similar to spring break. President Courtway felt that opening at 10:00 a.m. was fair. President Courtway thanked the staff and specifically those in Housing, Food Service, Physical Plant, HPER Center, and the Library.

The minutes of November 13, 2013 were reviewed and approved.

Officers Reports

President, Lindsey Osborne thanked the Winter Feast committee for the success of Winter Feast and thanked senators for their support and participation. President Osborne opened discussion regarding the E-Cigarette. The committee has recommended that UCA modify existing policy that will prohibit the use of E-Cigarettes on campus. Discussion followed.

Vice President, Chad Hearne welcomed Jennifer Boudreaux as a staff senator. He met with President Courtway, Faculty Senate President Watson, and SGA President Price. Vice President Hearne requested that there would be more staff involvement as well as SGA involvement in appointments to University committees. The Academic Calendar for 2015-16 has been postponed until the February 2014 Board meeting. The outdoor art project has been put on hold. The Board of Trustees meeting is Friday, December 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Lewis Science Center and the Donaghey Avenue project will be discussed.

Secretary, Lori Hudspeth – No report

Treasurer, Tracy Spence distributed the Staff Senate accounts update.

Parliamentarian/Historian, Meghan Thompson – No Report

Staff Senate Committee Reports

Courtesy – Mary Jackson

Cards were sent to Meghan Payne-Cowan, Sylvia Childers, Susan Wood, Donna Moore, Aaron Flowers and Jannette Nance.

Front and Center – Meghan Thompson

The event November 22, 2013 was well attended.

Employee Recognition – Stephanie McBrayer

Nominations for Employee of the Quarter are requested.

Basketball Volunteer Committee – Vicki Parish

Volunteers will be requested after January 2, 2014.

Angel Bear Committee – Sandra Hooper

There were 35 unadopted angels. The committee will shop on Monday, December 16 and wrap gifts on Tuesday, December 17.

Commencement Committee – Jane Andis

Volunteers for commencement will need to report at 8:30 for the 10:00 ceremony and at 12:00 for the 1:30 ceremony.

University Committee Reports

SBAC – Lindsey Osborne

The hearings were held on November 14, 2014. New funding recommendations will be submitted.

SPC – Chad Hearne

The SPC met on Thursday, December 5, 2013. A review of action items, objectives and goals were discussed.

SEED – Sandra Hooper

The SEED committee met and discussed recycling efforts.

Diversity Advisory Committee – Aaron Knight

The committee discussed the Nondiscrimination Policy.

Good and Welfare

The Board of Trustees will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 13, 2013. The shared governance survey email has been sent out.

The next Staff Senate meeting will be at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 8, 2014.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.