



**January 26, 2022**

## **Staff Senate Meeting Minutes**

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**Senators Present:** Ashley Isom, Audreka Peten, Carlos Herrera, Christy Dade, Jason Cole, Kristin Jetts, Melanie Watson, Nadia Eslinger, Tina Wells, Garth Clayborn, Lynetta Morris, Angela Jackson, Julia Robison, Alison Taylor, Courtney Bryant, Jennifer Ruud, Veneta Fricks, Angela Polk, Jason Davis, Natalie Shock, Jennifer Day, Elizabeth Gayfield, Richard Hammond, Steven Shook

**Senators Absent:** Shad Foley, Kimberly Klotz, Thomas McDaniel, Hunter Roberts, Kyana Smith

### **I. Call to Order**

- A. President Eslinger called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

### **II. Approval of January 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

- A. The minutes from the January 12, 2022 meeting were reviewed via email and approved electronically.

### **III. Guest Speakers**

- A. Britni Elder and Charlotte Strickland - [Impact! Staff and Faculty Appreciation Event](#)
  - 1. Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 2nd annual Staff and Faculty Appreciation Event
    - a) Paul Vitale - Keynote speaker
    - b) UCA alumni panel
    - c) Free Boxed Lunch in Farris Center - Wow Closet and UCA Food Pantry presenting during lunch
    - d) 150 attendees last year; hoping for more attendees this year
    - e) Two identical sessions being offered (morning and afternoon session)

- f) Register [here](#) for the event

## IV. Officer Reports

### A. President, Nadia Eslinger

1. President's Report
  - a) Pandemic Planning Committee still meeting weekly
    - (1) Spike in covid numbers right now
    - (2) 26% positivity rate on campus last week
    - (3) 200 vaccines available currently
    - (4) 500-600 covid tests being given weekly
2. Breakout Groups at Staff Appreciation Event
  - a) 10 Volunteers needed to lead table discussions for each session
  - b) Senators that volunteer as table leads will receive volunteer time (but will not count as holiday time)
  - c) Sign up to be a table leader [here](#)
3. Coffee and Conversations - last Tuesday of each month during x-period in College of Business (by T.H.I.N.K. Coffee)
4. Still offering monthly Google Suite Trainings this semester
  - a) Sign up for upcoming Google Suite trainings [here](#)
  - b) Previous recorded trainings available [here](#)
5. Juneteenth (June 19) recognized as Federal Holiday but Arkansas has not made it a State Holiday
  - a) President Davis is working with Human Resources to determine how we will treat that day moving forward - hoping Governor Hutchinson will make a proclamation but final answer has not been given yet
  - b) Should it be proclaimed, it would be treated like the Friday after Thanksgiving, with the day of or the day after being celebrated. Waiting to hear closer to the actual date.

### B. Vice-President, Carlos Herrera

1. Staff Senate elections coming
  - a) Call for nominations will go out February 28 and will end March 21. Bios will go out March 28 to campus
  - b) Voting between April 11 and 22
2. We have an opening on the Senate for Finance & Administration; if you or someone you know is interested, please let Carlos Herrera know.

3. Potential to earn Holiday time for volunteering at The Big Event coming up being discussed with Amy Whitehead / Exec Board. Seeing if staff that volunteer can earn holiday time to be used for winter break. Waiting back on a response.
- C. Treasurer, Kristin Jetts
1. No Report
- D. Secretary, Garth Clayborn
1. No Report
- E. Parliamentarian/Historian, Melanie Straw-Watson
1. No Report
- F. Ex Officio, Steven Shook
1. Student Impact Conference this weekend - reach out to students/staff/faculty who don't feel valued or have a big presence on campus to attend

## **v. Senate Committee Report/Highlights**

- A. Courtesy Committee
1. One card sent out since last meeting
  2. Request for one card to be sent this week
- B. Basketball Committee
1. Volunteers still needed on February 3 at 5:30 pm and 7:45 pm
  2. Volunteers still needed on February 5th (double header)
  3. Double headers are now being treated as two separate games so if you can only sign up for one, anything would greatly be appreciated. Please sign up [here](#)
- C. Reynolds Committee
1. Two more shows for January; should have plenty of volunteers for these. Thanks to those that are/have volunteered this week to help with those shows.
  2. More shows in early February - volunteers needed for those shows. Sign up [here](#)

## **vi. University Committee Reports**

- A. Strategic Planning Committee met two weeks ago
1. Talked about UCA's Strategic Plan and the goals outlined in the plan.
  2. Broke up into subcommittees to tackle each goal
  3. Next meeting is February 11

## **VII. Campus Q&A**

- A. None

## **VIII. Constituent Concerns**

- A. Concern received regarding how student represented UCA regarding African/African American Studies major on the news
  - 1. Can Faculty/Staff do something to help channel students' energy by helping to promote enrollment in this program, explain how ADHE makes these decisions, etc?

## **IX. Old Business**

- A. Staff Senate Volunteer Hours
  - 1. For Senators who cannot get their hours from Basketball, Reynolds, or Commencement due to covid concerns, we are willing to allow them to come up with other ways to serve. Examples:
    - a) Volunteering to work at Food Pantry or other areas on campus
    - b) Volunteer to lead table discussions at Staff Appreciation event
    - c) Open to other ideas - just let us know your plan
- B. No Meeting Monday [Survey](#)
  - 1. Will be going out to the Staff Senate first; then will send out to campus for feedback.

## **X. New Business**

- A. Senator Shook motioned to cancel the Staff Senate meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 due to the Staff Appreciation event. Senator Watson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **XI. Good and Welfare**

- A. Leadership Summit for students happening this weekend. 20 spots left. If you know of a student who would benefit, let them know.
- B. Spring Outreach courses are now available. See courses [here](#).
- C. Big Event project requests and volunteer registration are both open; find out how to sign up [here](#).

## **XII. Adjournment**

- A. Senator Watson motioned to adjourn. Senator Isom seconded. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.