



**April 13, 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, Garth Clayborn, Lynetta Morris, Angela Jackson, Alison Taylor, Jennifer Ruud, Veneta Fricks, Angela Polk, Natalie Shock, Elizabeth Gayfield, Thomas McDaniel, Kyana Smith, Richard Hammond, Steven Shook, Tina Wells

**Senators Absent:** Courtney Bryant, Jason Davis, Jennifer Day, Shad Foley, Kimberly Klotz, Hunter Roberts, Julia Robison, Robyn Smith

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

- A. President Eslinger called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

### **II. Approval of March 30, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

- A. The minutes from the March 30, 2022 meeting were reviewed via email and approved electronically.

### **III. Guest Speakers**

- A. None

### **IV. Officer Reports**

- A. President, Nadia Eslinger
  - 1. Pandemic Planning Meeting
    - a) Meetings will continue regularly to keep informed
    - b) Flu is hitting campus hard right now with a 7% positivity rate
    - c) COVID-19 boosters are still available in Student Health Center
  - 2. EAP Survey from Moriah Bruner
    - a) Please complete Survey if you haven't done so already
  - 3. RFP Committee for UMAC
    - a) Marketing Firm for UCA is up for renewal

4. UCA is having a memorial event on campus “Forever a Bear” Memorial for UCA students, faculty, staff, and retired faculty and staff who have passed away
  - a) April 21, 2022 during X-period at UCA Ampitheatre
  - b) Memorial Garden near the Chapel
5. Athletics and Staff Senate Partnership
  - a) Records go back to 2015
  - b) Will continue partnership and will create MOU to formalize the agreement regarding volunteers
  - c) Will be receiving more money per volunteers for football games
  - d) Request from Hunter Roberts to also volunteer for UCA Baseball games next year (February - May)
    - (1) 2 volunteers needed per game to work until 5th inning
    - (2) This is just in talks; not set in stone

B. Vice-President, Carlos Herrera

1. Staff Senate elections ongoing and will end on April 22 so please vote if you have not
2. Exec Staff Elections will be held on April 27 during the next Staff Senate meeting. Meeting will be in person.

C. Treasurer, Kristin Jetts

1. Update on Emergency Fund Foundation Account
  - a) Account Balance: \$1407.20
  - b) Raised \$143.26 from UCA’s Day of Giving
2. Update on Angel Bear Foundation Account
  - a) Account Balance: \$9233.53
  - b) Raised \$15 from UCA’s Day of Giving

D. Secretary, Garth Clayborn

1. No Report

E. Parliamentarian/Historian, Melanie Straw-Watson

1. No Report

F. Ex Officio, Steven Shook

1. No Report

**V. Senate Committee Report/Highlights**

A. Courtesy Committee

1. Sent out one card since the last meeting
- B. Reynolds Committee
1. Three more shows in April; volunteers still needed for South Pacific on April 22. Volunteers can [sign up here](#)
- C. Spring Social Committee
1. Sign up to volunteer during Spring Social
  2. Lots of food has been ordered so please come and enjoy catfish!
  3. Pie in the face email will come out shortly. Please donate to support the Staff Senate Emergency Fund and keep Nadia from getting pied!

## **VI. University Committee Reports**

- A. None

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

- A. Received question about Staff Senate hosting Self Defense Course. UCA PD is willing to offer the training but should be organized by the department, not by Staff Senate.
- B. Suggestion for Administrators being able to show solidarity with the Office of Accessibility, Resources, and Services by going through a “Disability for a Day” exercise passed along to President’s Office

## **VIII. Constituent Concerns**

- A. None

## **IX. Old Business**

- A. Focus Fridays
1. Motion made to change “No Meeting Mondays” to “Focused Fridays” beginning this fall
    - a) First Friday of every month
    - b) Motion passed unanimously (18 yes, 0 no)

## **X. New Business**

- A. Volunteers for Spring Social
1. Need everyone on Staff Senate to [volunteer to work](#) at least one hour
- B. Exec Elections
1. Elections will take place on April 27, 2022 in person

2. Need a Vice President with 2 years left in their term
3. All positions are available
4. 2-3 hours of work per week is required

## **XI. Good and Welfare**

- A. Veneta Fricks passed her dissertation defense on Friday and is officially Dr. Fricks
- B. Ashley Isom is leaving UCA next week for a new position
- C. Audreka Peten thanks Staff Senate for their support during this difficult time
- D. [Commencement volunteers](#) still needed for Spring Commencement on May 6 and 7
- E. Appreciation expressed for the Remote Work days for Staff during Spring Break
- F. Take Back the Night Sexual Assault Awareness Program coming up on April 21, 2022
- G. Student Success is hiring Student Workers for the fall semester. [Apply here.](#)
- H. Tennis team plays this weekend. Come out and support!

## **XII. Adjournment**

- A. Senator Clayborn motioned to adjourn. Senator Watson seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 am.