



Regular Meeting Agenda

December 14, 2022

10:00 am

Wingo 315

Senators Absent:

Travis Johnson, Tina Wells, Shad Foley, Myron Kuykendall, Nadia Eslinger, Nicole Sumner, Ricky Harris, Lynetta Morris, Richard Hammond, Natalie Shock,

Senators Present:

Audreka Peten, Danielle Kraus, Eric Fulton, Robyn Smith, Robby Burton, Veneta Fricks, Carlos Herrera, Courtney Bryant, Jessica Taylor, J.W. Calvery, Jennifer Day, Christy Dade, Elizabeth Gayfield, Alison Taylor, Angela Jackson, Sherita Kern, Whit Ables, Jennifer Ruud, Melanie Watson, Julia Robison, Jennifer Olson, Paige Dutton, Tajaro Hudson

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of the Minutes from previous meeting

- A. 11/30/22 Minutes approved via email.

III. Guest Speakers

- A. None.

IV. Officer Reports

- A. President, Carlos Herrera

- 1. COVID group met, the COVID numbers are still down, but the flu/cold/RSV numbers are relatively high. Make sure to get your vaccinations, take your medications, take care of yourself and please take the time needed off work to recover.

- 2. Submit suggestions of people we can invite to our meetings as guest speakers.

- B. Vice President, Jennifer Ruud

1. No report.
- C. Treasurer, Angela Jackson
1. No report.
- D. Secretary, Christy Dade
1. No report
- E. Parliamentarian/Historian, Melanie Watson
1. No report
- F. Ex Officio, Nadia Eslinger
1. No report

V. Senate Committee Reports

- A. Courtesy
1. One card sent, four requests to be sent.
- B. Winter Feast
1. Congratulations for a great job this year and a big thank you.
- C. Angel Bear
1. Will send special thank you cards to donors of large monetary amounts.
 2. Will be shopping today for remaining angels and purchasing holiday hams for the families. Would welcome anyone to come and help.
 3. Suggesting that possibly next year the minimum amount for each angel be increased from \$50.00 to \$75.00 due to inflation.
 4. Requesting \$500.00 from Staff Senate for purchase of the holiday hams.
- D. Basketball
1. Needing volunteers for the January 2nd game and the remaining dates. To volunteer for Basketball, complete the form [here!](#) We need your help!

VI. University Committee Reports

- A. Consensual Relationship Committee
1. An additional step of reporting has been approved.

2. Requesting additional training specifically for supervisors.
3. UCA Core Values (integrity) will be referenced in policy.

B. Parking and Traffic committee

1. Several approvals for appeals this time around.

VII. Campus Q & A

- A. None

VIII. Constituent Concerns

A. Lighting at crosswalks need to be increased for safety.

- All crosswalks have to be approved by the City of Conway for placing on Donaghey Ave. Kevin and Nelson will look at Donaghey for areas of lighting concerns at the cross walks after the winter break. Items will be added to the Safe Walk list for discussion at a later date.

B. Concerns about the last Bears Facts Day being on “Study Day”. Several student volunteers were unable to utilize the day for study. Can it be on a different day in the future?

- In the past, Study day has always been used as a Bear Facts Day since there is the least amount of activity on campus. Students are volunteers to lead tours and such. Most of the time, the time commitment is 2 hours or less. Student Ambassadors have to reach a certain number of volunteer hours and this is a great way for them to accumulate those needs. As always, the Library is open and ready for the students when they wish to study.

C. Can Human Resources create something that would be helpful for those who are retiring that would answer frequently asked questions? (Examples: How do I pay my healthcare premium? Or, what can I do with any volunteer hours earned and not used? Etc.)

- <https://uca.edu/veri/> - here is a great source of information and FAQs
- Unfortunately at this time, holiday time cannot be transferred to another person or paid out so when someone retires, that time is just washed out.

IX. Old Business

- A. None

X. New Business

A. Motion by Senator Fricks to allocate \$500.00 in Staff Senate Foundation Angel Bear funds to purchase holiday hams / turkeys for the Angel Bear families. Seconded by Senator Ruud. Unanimous votes by all Senators present to approve the motion.

XI. Good and Welfare

A. Athletics:

1. This week:

a. All the sports programs have finished up or scheduled their Holiday community service projects. Many decided to do Angel Bear or Toys for Tots.

b. We will have a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser (proceeds go to charity) on January 29th. Student athletes will be selling tickets when they return from Christmas break.

c. MBB plays at OU on Saturday at 2:00 - will be on ESPN+

2. Next week:

a. WBB plays at UAPB on Monday, the 19th - streamed on UAPB Sports Network & Radio (99.3 The Beat)

b. MBB plays at UALR on Tuesday, the 20th, at 6:30pm - ESPN+ & Radio (106.7 The Buzz)

c. WBB is at home on Wednesday, the 21st, at 1:00pm - ESPN+ & Radio

3. Football is moving to a different conference (FCS). Hoping to be in place to move to the FBS if allowed (not this year though).

B. Senator Hudson expressed thanks for the wedding card received from the Staff Senate.

C. Torreyson Library:

1. Hours will be different during the holiday break. Library will be closed this weekend (Dec 17th and 18th). Will be open in person from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon on Monday Dec 19th. (Will have our professional development that afternoon on the 19th.) December 20th and 21st - The building will be closed both days, but will have the Reference Chat online available from 9am - 4pm.

2. Lots of “de-stress” activities going on now.

3. Lori Hunt is the new Library technician for Education and Outreach.

D. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Prayer Day will be held on Friday, January 13th in the Student Center Ballroom. 8:15 am Breakfast begins and the program starts at 9:00 am.

E. Volunteer hours will be reported to Human Resources on Monday. This will include any commencement hours earned.

F. Enjoy your holidays!

XII. Adjournment

A. Motion to adjourn at 10:25 am by Senator Watson, seconded by Senator Kraus.

Important Dates:

Commencement - Dec 16-17

Remote Days - 12/19-12/21, 1/3