



**Regular Meeting Agenda**  
**January 25, 2023**  
**10:00 am**  
**Wingo 315**

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**Senators Absent:**

Courtney Bryant, Jennifer Day, Jennifer Olson, Paige Dutton, Robby Burton, Shad Foley, Elizabeth Gayfield, Alison Taylor, Tina Wells, Nicole Sumner, Lynetta Morris, Richard Hammond, Natalie Shock, Sherita Kern

**Senators Present:**

Audreka Peten, Danielle Kraus, Eric Fulton, Robyn Smith, Veneta Fricks, Carlos Herrera, Jessica Taylor, J.W. Calvery, Christy Dade, Angela Jackson, Whit Ables, Jennifer Ruud, Melanie Watson, Travis Johnson, Nadia Eslinger, Julia Robison, Myron Kuykendall, Tajaro Hudson, Ricky Harris

**I. Call to Order**

- A. President Herrera called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

**II. Approval of the Minutes from previous meeting**

- A. 01/11/23 Minutes approved via email.

**III. Guest Speakers**

- A. None.

**IV. Officer Reports**

- A. President, Carlos Herrera

1. Reminder for the upcoming [board meeting](#), Feb. 17th. Topics will include Academic Affairs update, introduction of a new trustee, and updates to board policies
2. The UCA planning committee for next year's [Eclipse](#) is in the works, more information will be forthcoming.

3. Senators, the Staff Senate Operations Manual for 2023/2024 needs to be updated by committee chairs. Please include any important notes from this year like timelines, goals for next year, and updated information.

B. Vice President, Jennifer Ruud

1. The Veterans committee has an opening if anyone is interested.

C. Treasurer, Angela Jackson

1. The new Treasurer's report will be available by the next meeting. Quarters one and two of professional development funds should all be submitted for repayment.

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. Senator Robyn Smith is expecting her first grandson in February or March. Jessica Taylor volunteered to sub for her while she is going to be out of town.

2. One card to be sent

B. Emergency Fund

1. Two requests have been processed.

C. Staff Grants

1. UCA Foundation funds \$5000 seed money per year for Staff Senate's discretion. March 3rd is the spring deadline to apply for research or development grants. Up to \$1000 per request. Click [here](#) to submit your application.

D. Employee Recognition

1. Deadline for Quarter 3 nominations is today (01/25/23).

## **VI. University Committee Reports**

### **A. Parking Committee**

1. Met and reviewed several appeals.

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

### **A. None**

## **VIII. Constituent Concerns**

A. New health insurance concerns regarding co-pays. The amount is not listed on the physical card and is causing some confusion at providers office visits. The regular copay should be \$20.00. Working with HR to address it. Make sure you update your new insurance information with all of your providers/pharmacies.

B. Questions about certain student fees when a staff member is taking classes. We have passed this information on to the President's Office and they are looking into this for us.

C. Inclement Weather/Compensation: Due to classified position issues, they are still looking into ways they can compensate or acknowledge staff who had to come in to work on Christmas due to pipes bursting in several buildings (due to the freezing weather).

D. Tik Tok Policy - Compliance with Governor's Executive Order 23-06:

*Per our conversations regarding TikTok and in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 23-06, dated January 10, 2023, please direct the Division of Information Technology (IT) to proceed with the block of TikTok from all internal networks (UCA secure wireless and hard-wired networks) and take the necessary steps to ensure that users remove the application from all university issued devices. Personal devices utilizing UCA wireless will not be impacted. The change will be made Wednesday, January 25, at 7:00 a.m.*

*For any official Human Resources, Title IX, or student conduct investigations the person appointed to conduct the investigation may request access from IT to use the application in limited scope for the purposes of the investigation. UCAPD will coordinate with IT to establish appropriate investigatory access to the application necessary to carry out any law enforcement or campus safety purpose.*

## **IX. Old Business**

### **A. None**

## **X. New Business**

A. None

## **XI. Good and Welfare**

A. Athletes will be participating in a pancake fundraiser at Stoby's on Sunday, January 29, 2023. Funds will be donated to the [Samaritan's Feet](#) program.

B. Senator Peten's daughter Kaidyn Beckwith is on Conway High School girls basketball team (ranked #1) and they went to the tournament game in Washington, DC and was televised on ESPN. They played the #2 team in the country. They lost, but they had a wonderful time and it was a great experience.

C. The [UCA Food Pantry](#) is always in need of donations, both [monetary](#) and [food](#) / hygiene products. Please remember them and consider donating anything you can throughout the year. You can do a planned deduction from your paycheck each month and if you are interested, you can reach out to the UCA Foundation office to obtain a "receipt" to use towards your tax deductibles at tax time.

D. Who is Aramark's contact person? Joshua Gorham.

E. Downtown UCA is closing after spring semester ends.

F. Student Activities Board; February 1st – The True Black History Museum

1. The exhibit is entitled "A tribute to the African-American Journey", and it takes visitors on a journey through the African American experience. Artifacts in the collection range from the many great civilizations in Africa, through the Transatlantic Slave Trade, Slavery, The Civil War, Reconstruction, Jim Crow, the Civil Rights / Black Power movement, through the modern day. The museum is from 11:00am – 3:00 pm in the Student Center Ballroom. All are encouraged to attend.

G. Lot's of things planned for this semester, check out the Student Activities Board event schedule: <https://uca.edu/sab/files/2023/01/Spring-2023-calendar-of-events.pdf>

## **XII. Adjournment**

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

Important Dates:

February 17 - Board Meeting

March 16 - Campus Talk - COB

March 20-24 - Spring Break

April 13 - Employee Service Awards

April 14 - New Staff Orientation

April 20 - Forever a Bear Memorial

April 28 - Spring Social

May 5&6 - Commencement

May 25 - Board Meeting (Carlos and Jenny)  
June 21 - Staff Senate Retreat (tentative date)