



Regular Meeting Agenda
February 8, 2023
10:00 am
Zoom meeting

Senators Absent:

Courtney Bryant, Myron Kuykendall, Paige Dutton, Richard Hammond, Shad Foley

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, Tajaro Hudson, Ricky Harris, Jennifer Day, Jennifer Olson, Robby Burton, Elizabeth Gayfield, Alison Taylor, Tina Wells, Nicole Sumner, Lynetta Morris, Natalie Shock, Sherita Kern

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. 01/25/23 Minutes approved via email.

III. Guest Speakers

- A. None.

IV. Officer Reports

- A. President, Carlos Herrera

1. Four President's meeting - upcoming board meeting and agenda items were discussed. We also spoke about the Inclement Weather policies and how the University plans to act moving forward with other inclement weather events. Administration meets after every major event to discuss how things were handled, what can be improved upon, and how our teams did through the events.

2. I've sent out an updated list with all the senate vacancies for next year. If you are on that list and want to run again for next year's senate, please let Jenny

know! We will send out more information later this month for nominations and the election process for the spring.

B. Vice President, Jennifer Ruud

1. There is an opening on the [Academic Integrity and Discipline Committee](#), if interested, please reach out to me. Travis Johnson has agreed to join the committee.

2. If you intend to run for senate again, please let me know! Happy to have everyone back.

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. Need to send out two cards. Please notify Robyn Smith if any others need to be sent.

B. Professional development

1. Deadline to apply for Quarter 4 (April-June) funding is February 17. [Application can be found here.](#)

C. Employee recognition

1. Employee of the Quarter: Quarter 2 finished. Winners were Audreka Peten, Michelle Wynn, Maria Negrete Padron and Rickey Anthony. Quarter 3 nominations are open, [nominate someone today.](#)

D. Scholarship

1. Will be meeting today to start reviewing applications.

E. Basketball

1. Need volunteers! Please consider helping, sign up to volunteer [here](#).

VI. University Committee Reports

- A. no reports

VII. Campus Q & A

- A. None

VIII. Constituent Concerns

A. As of February 6, the UCA Cheer program has been suspended for the semester. They are looking at a reorganization for the program in the fall, including new leadership. Later update from Athletics: Interim Coach has been found for the Spring Semester so the athletes may still be able to participate in public events and nationals. A full time coach will be hired moving forward.

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. Still awaiting response.

C. Inclement Weather/Compensation to acknowledge staff who had to come in to work on Christmas Eve / Christmas due to pipes bursting in several areas on campus. Administration was able to compensate these individuals.

IX. Old Business

- A. None

X. New Business

- A. None

XI. Good and Welfare

A. [The Gruffalo](#) at Reynolds Performance Hall on Feb 12th & 13th, please [volunteer to usher](#) if you can.

B. Blue Man Group performance on Feb. 8th, start time will be delayed.

C. Athletics:

1. Double Headers on Friday and Saturday.

2. Women's basketball game that was canceled has been rescheduled for 02/21 at 3pm. If you can volunteer to usher, please do. It is during the day, so ushers will need to be there by 1:30 pm. Please speak with your supervisor to approve the time away

from your job. Since it is during work hours, holiday hours cannot be earned but time should also not be used.

3. Tickets are on sale for baseball now. 2500-2600 capacity, expecting a large turnout for the Arkansas game.

D. Job opening for Assistant Director of Transfer Services, [click here to apply](#).

E. Alumni Association want to remind you that March 9th is UCA's [Day of Giving](#).

F. Senator Eslinger's son Aiden will be presenting his play on 02/18 for a live recording, get tickets [here](#).

G. [Hiring a student](#) to help out with social media for the B.E.A.R. L.I.F.E. program, please reach out to Senator Eslinger for more information. neslinger@uca.edu

H. The library is conducting an organizational review.

J. University Training and Division of Student Affairs is presenting a "[Depolarizing Within](#)" workshop on Feb. 22, [click here to register](#).

XII. Adjournment

A. Motion to adjourn at 10:25 am by Senator Ables, seconded by Senator Taylor.

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

June 21 - Staff Senate Retreat (tentative date)