



Regular Meeting Agenda

May 10, 2023

10:00 am

Wingo 315

Senators Absent:

Courtney Bryant, Danielle Kraus, Eric Fulton, J.W. Calvery, Jessica Taylor, Julia Robison, Michael Hopper, Myron Kuykendall, Natalie Shock, Paige Dutton, Tina Wells, Travis Johnson,

Senators Present:

Alison Taylor, Angela Jackson, Audreka Peten, Carlos Herrera, Christy Dade, Elizabeth Gayfield, Jennifer Day, Jennifer Olson, Jennifer Ruud, Lynetta Morris, Melanie Watson, Nadia Eslinger, Richard Hammond, Ricky Harris, Robby Burton, Robyn Smith, Sherita Kern, Tajaro Hudson, Veneta Fricks, Whit Ables

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of the Minutes from previous meeting

A. 04/26/23 meeting minutes approved via email.

III. Guest Speakers

A. None.

IV. Officer Reports

A. President, Carlos Herrera

1. The Faculty Senate elected their new executive staff at their last meeting. Congrats to the following: **President** – Vaughn Scribner, **Vice-President** – Brent Shires, **Secretary/Treasurer** – Holly Langster, **Parliamentarian** – Jeff Hill, **Web Archivist** – Joe Thomas

2. Special thanks to the Spring Social Committee for a great event; the Pie in the Face fundraiser brought in almost \$5,000.00 in donations.

3. Thank you to all of the commencement volunteers whether there by choice or by job; it takes a village and it shows everytime.

4. Thank you card received from Charlotte Strickland on behalf of the University Training Office.
5. Upcoming 05/25/23 UCA Board meeting items on the agenda include: Annual end of year report, camps approval, provisional positions approval, tuition/fees increase and the operations budget for next fiscal year.
6. Annual report due for Senate to UMAC
7. Volunteer hours for May have been reported to HR. That will conclude volunteer hours until August.

B. Vice President, Jennifer Ruud

1. Senate elections are now complete and we have several new incoming senators that have accepted positions.

C. Treasurer, Angela Jackson

1. Working on Quarter 4 Professional Development reimbursements, and will be ordering polos for the senators to be distributed at the retreat in June.

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. Two cards to be sent out.

B. Professional Development

1. Friday, May 12, 2023 is the last day to apply for Quarter 1 funding. The committee will try and meet by the end of May to award.

C. Employee Recognition

1. EOY will meet 05/22/23 to review Employee of the Year processes and get a timeline together.

VI. University Committee Reports

A. Parking

1. Met and reviewed appeals, there were 9 denials.

VII. Constituent Concerns

- A. None.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Staff Senate President stipend: Agency account would be the most appropriate account to use for the proposed amount to be up to \$1,200.00 plus fringe benefits for an approximate total of \$1,584.00. Senator Smith motioned to approve, Senator Morris seconded the motion. Senate vote must occur at the next meeting due to the changes that need to be made to the Constitution / By-laws and email needs to be sent out to campus.

IX. New Business

- A. 2023/2024 Senate executive positions election results:

	Candidate	Move to close	Motion	Second	Senate vote
President	Jennifer Ruud	n/a	n/a	n/a	unanimous yes (last year)
Vice President	Whit Ables	Senator Eslinger	Senator Eslinger	Senator Smith	unanimous yes
Treasurer	Angela Jackson	Senator Eslinger	Senator Eslinger	Senator Smith	unanimous yes
Secretary	Veneta Fricks	Senator Eslinger	Senator Eslinger	Senator Smith	unanimous yes
Parliamentarian/Historian	Melanie Watson	Senator Eslinger	Senator Eslinger	Senator Smith	unanimous yes
Ex-Officio	Carlos Herrera	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

- B. Motion to cancel the 06/28/23 staff senate regular meeting by Senator Gayfield, seconded by Senator Taylor. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion passed.

X. Good and Welfare

- A. The offices of the Registrar and Financial Aid have open positions, to apply visit the [Human Resources career webpage](#)

- B. President Herrera congratulated all of the members of the new 2023/2024 Staff Senate executive staff.

- C. If you will be hosting any camps on campus this year, please reach out to Melanie Watson (Conference Services) for information about the process.

- D. Senator Eslinger stated that she will be out of the office next week on a study abroad trip to Scotland and London, she will have limited email access, if needed for anything, she can get back with you when she returns. Also, it is her birthday tomorrow!

- E. Reminder about remote Fridays in the Summer. If Fridays don't work for you or your office, please be flexible so that everyone has a chance to take advantage of Remote Fridays.

- F. HPER Summer hours are now in effect.
- G. Senator Peten is celebrating her 13 year work anniversary at UCA today.
- H. Special thanks goes to Senator Peten for her volunteering at commencement.
- I. Senator Dade requested you to send any qualified applicants to Financial Aid to apply for several open positions. Also, celebrating 17 year work anniversary at UCA and it's her birthday on Saturday.
- J. Senate retreat invites will go out soon, it will be on June 21st, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. 10:00 am -12:00 pm will be training for next and continuing senators and 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm will be lunch for all including the outgoing senators.
- K. Athletics: All teams are out of town this week/weekend. Baseball is at Jacksonville State, Softball continues to be nationally ranked as they head to the ASUN conference tournament in DeLand, Florida, and Track & Field are headed to Jacksonville, Florida for the ASUN Outdoor Championship meet. We had several softball athletes receive postseason awards and Head Coach Jenny Parsons was unanimously voted the ASUN Coach of the Year.

XI. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn at 10:35 by Senator Taylor, seconded by Senator Ables.

Important Dates:

May 25 - Board Meeting

June 21 - Staff Senate Retreat