



**Regular Meeting Agenda
February 26, 2025
10:00am
Wingo 315**

Senators Absent: 5

Senators Present: 23

Ex-officio: Present

I. Call to Order

- A. President Ables called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

II. Approval of the Minutes

- A. Will be sent for approval and then posted to Inform/website.

III. Guest Speakers

- A. None

IV. Officer Reports

A. President Ables

1. Board meeting upcoming on Friday

B. Vice President Fricks

1. Reminder to submit committee reports and operation manual updates
2. Staff Senator election materials going out soon
a) Dining w/Staff Senate on March 7th to promote elections
3. On March 1st, an email to update our operations manual will be sent to senators

C. Treasurer Watson

1. No report

D. Secretary Kern

1. Transitioning to a format similar to the condensed version of faculty senate to be more efficient and less tedious

E. Parliamentarian/Historian, Travis Johnson

1. No report

F. Ex Officio Ruud

1. No report

V. Senate Committee Reports

A. Scholarship Committee

1. 5 applicants awarded
2. Clarifying application language regarding employees and dependents

B. Courtesy Committee

1. None

VI. University Committee Reports

A. Vector Training Planning Committee

1. Trainings have been selected for upcoming year; trying to avoid repeating the same material in the same way every year and to be more engaging

2. There is a test out option; if you are remotely interested in testing out, try to test out first.. If you start the module, you can't go back to test out
- B. Strategic Planning Committee**
 1. Meeting with EAB rep to facilitate conversations and focus in on what the actual strategic plan will look like and establishing what UCA's identity is.
 2. Complete the strategic planning survey sent via email by the Provost office.
 - a) Incentive: you can be entered into a drawing if the survey is taken within the first 48 hours
- C. Veterans Committee**
 1. Event will be Nov 6, 2025 this year and big changes are being made

VII. Constituent Concerns/Communication

- A. Volunteer hour accrual and showing in leave bank**

VIII. Old Business

- A. Volunteer hours update/discussion**
 1. Hours are submitted to HR on the first business day of the month by the VP. Ex: February hours earned will be submitted on March 3rd. HR will input them by the last pay period of the month.
 2. You can earn up to 32 hours in a calendar year. Ex: If VP Fricks earns 16 hours in 2024, but didn't use them at all...she can roll over all 16 hours into 2025. If VP Fricks wants to earn additional Staff Senate comp hours, she will have to use the 16 rollover before being able to accrue additional hours.
 - a) You can still volunteer to earn senator or professional development required hours, but it would not be added to the comp bank until the 16 is used
 3. 50 volunteers in February, which is the highest in a single month this year

IX. New Business

- A. Bylaws Committee- proposed amendments to constitution and bylaws**
 1. All changes were approved by the senate

X. Good and Welfare

- A. Vice President Fricks- safe spring break initiative outside the Student Center in the amphitheater area and student center block on March 18th from 11 am- 2 pm. Please encourage your students to come. We are also partnering with SAB who will be having a flip flop event. We'll have a dj, cotton candy and popcorn and lots of swag and Narcan given by the Community Care Clinic. Mocktail Bar will also be back**
- B. Senator Taylor- thank you again Veneta because athletics definitely benefits from all of the volunteers. So thank you again for all that work. We got a lot going on in athletics. (Refer to the athletics app for all the sporting events and times). On social media, we've had a lot of broken records this year for our track team and indoor track has been incredible. We are hosting our first ever stunt tournament. We'll have Missouri State, the University of Kentucky and other schools here on campus. Our Student Athlete Advisory Committee is hosting another swab drive for the National Donor Registry for blood related illnesses March 19th & 20th. They'll be set up in the Student Center and the College of Nursing will be involved, which I'll be sending you a request for the Student center.**
- C. Senator Vangsnes- Student Success is working on closing cases from Progress Reports, as well as all of the support offices across campus. All of our advisors are doing an amazing**

job reaching out to those students as well. Go to Knowledge is another online opportunity for professional development. It's in your my UCA. Please take a look at it. There's opportunities for online and on demand or live professional development trainings. The live ones are from across the country. There's a chance to connect with other people and there's also micro-credentialing that you can go through. They are available to all faculty and staff.

- D. Senator Turner- Student Activities Board was supposed to have a spoken word artist for Black History Month. He is now rescheduled for tonight. Let your students know his name is Nick Corman.
- E. Senator Erickson- if anyone works with students who are looking for summer jobs, the Housing applications for our summer resident assistant as well as our summer camps and conference assistants, and our conference coordinators are open until March 1st. It is a nice opportunity for our students.
- F. Senator Hall- Transfer services: our registration opened just this morning for transfer priority week that is occurring April 2nd- 4th. Students only need to attend one day. It's for transfer and re-admit students and it gives them an opportunity to come on campus, experience a short presentation about campus resources available to them. They meet with one of our transfer advisors to set their schedule in advance of the following registration week, and then they get to do a few things like meeting with different campus support services, go on a campus tour and get a little bit of UCA swag. So if you know any transfer readmit students that are looking to come back, uh, for the summer or fall and they are already admitted by mid-March, please encourage them to attend transfer priority week.
- G. Secretary Kern- We have career fair on March 5th from 9 am to 12 pm in the Student Center ballroom. So if you have students who need jobs or they need internships, please encourage them to come. Attire is business or business professional, they cannot wear jeans, even if they just need a requirement for class. We have a lot of companies, so send them our way. Alums are able to come as well.
- H. Senator Calvery- We've got two new librarians coming on board. One on March 1st and one on April 1st.
- I. Senator Goins- Community Care Clinic: I want to everyone know that liquid fentanyl is a thing and it is in our state and over \$12,000 worth was seized this weekend in Little Rock. So just be aware of that. There is a device on campus in UCAPD to detect fentanyl/opioids if you suspect it
- J. Senator Smith-Todd- DBIE ice cream social will be happening on April 10th during Transfer Students week. So just wanted to put that on your radar.

XI. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn at 10:54 am by Treasurer Watson; seconded by Senator Olson

Important Dates:

- March 7th - Dining with Staff Senate (Executive Dining Room)
- March 20th—Campus Talk (X-Period)
- March 30th—W(h)ine and Cheese (Skybox)
- April 25th—Spring Social

