



**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**August 27, 2025**

**10:00 am**

**Wingo 315**

**Senators Present: 27**

**Senators Absent: 2**

**Ex-Officio: Present**

**I. Call to Order**

A. Meeting Called to order by Pres Fricks at 10:02 am.

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

A. Minutes from the previous meeting have been approved and are on the website.

**III. Guest Speakers**

A. None

**IV. Officer Reports**

A. President, Dr. Veneta Fricks

1. Ex-Officio Update

a) New Ex-Officio, Carlos Herrera

2. LLC Move-In Day Thanks to Volunteers

3. Strategic Plan Feedback Sign-Ups - Please give your feedback.

a) [uca.edu/strategic/feedback](http://uca.edu/strategic/feedback)

B. Vice President, Sherita Kern

1. Committee Updates-

2. LLC Move-In Day Volunteer Reminders

C. Treasurer, Shalia Delph

1. Proposed 2025-2026 Budget

Budget Approved

D. Secretary, Teresa Burton

1. No report

E. Parliamentarian/Historian/Assistant Treasurer, Dylan Richardson

1. No report

F. Ex Officio, Carlos Herrera

1. No report

**V. Senate Committee Reports**

A. Courtesy Committee -3 cards

B. Outreach & Communications Committee

1. Organized sub-committees for events- Committee report submitted

C. Football Committee

1. Getting things organized for first game coming up. Volunteers and water

**VI. University Committee Reports**

A. Veterans committee and Homecoming committees have meet. Reports to be submitted.

**VII. Constituent Concerns/Communication**

A. Constituent Concern: "Can we get paid every two weeks and what's causing us from not

doing that because that extra paycheck every couple months or so would be super sweet thank you."

1. Response from President Fricks: "Thanks for reaching out. I've reached out to UCA Payroll regarding this concern and will follow-up with a response to this constituent concern. Have a great day!"

2. HR responded. They are looking into this.

B. Constituent Concern: Can you provide some insight on grant employees being able to accrue Staff Senate time for volunteering? Currently there are some grant employees who do accrue the Staff Senate time while others do not. (Specific examples were given, but not listed here to ensure constituent privacy.) Is this something that can simply be fixed in the system? If not, is there a reason why some grant employees can accrue Staff Senate leave while others cannot?

1. Response from President Fricks: "After receiving additional information from you, I've reached out to UCA Payroll regarding this constituent concern. Once I receive a response, I will follow up with you. Have a great day!"

2. HR responded. They are still looking into this.

C. Constituent Concern: If staff are disabled or have trouble walking long distances, is there a way to mediate a way for them to be able to use the birthday lunch voucher from Aramark?

1. Senator Calvery stated that the employee could reach out to OARS to request transport via golf cart.

## **VIII. Old Business**

- A. None

## **IX. New Business**

- A. Approval of the 2025-2026 budget

## **X. Good and Welfare**

- A. Pres Fricks- Bear Civility Leadership seminar still open for more applicants

Bear Civility Leadership Seminar:

<https://forms.gle/3SwabmHZsjqHTv1r7>

BearTruth Survey: <https://forms.gle/Lb3cucZ32nxRvZe4A>

B. Senator Kern- Career Services WOW closet is accepting donations-business attire. Can be dropped off on 3rd floor of Bernard Hall.

C. Senator Watson- Presidents Back to School Breakfast Aug 28, 2025 McCastlain 6:30-9am

D. Senator Johnson- Career Services SEW closet accepting donations (pants, shirts, jackets, shoes, etc)

E. Senator Mahathay- IT has moved back to Burdick. Help desk is fully functional.

F. Senator Camp-UCA football plays Mizzou tomorrow. Can watch on SEC network.

G. Senator Calvary-UCA PD Brake for Bears coming up- Please use crosswalks and look before crossing the road.

H. Senator Vangsnes-Student Success- Peer coaching meetings and tutoring. Go to website to make appointments.

I. Senator Goins-Campus Surge 2025: University of Central Arkansas - Mobilize Recovery <https://share.google/T8PNjkK30HP71x1yD>

J. Senator Erickson-Givepulse volunteer opportunities available for UCA Public Appearances.

K. Senator Turner-Student Center bathrooms on first floor are finished. Applications for

Student Government are open. SAB- Colin Jost Sept 18. Tickets go on sale tomorrow.

## **XI. Adjournment**

A. Motion to adjourn @ 10:25 am by Senator Olson. Second- Senator Calvery.

### **Important Dates:**

- September 6th - First Home Football Game vs UAPB (6pm at Estes Stadium) •
- September 9th - First Reynolds Show
- September 11th - W(h)ine & Cheese (4:30pm-6:00pm at Buffalo Alumni Hall) • October 9th - Campus Talk (X-Period in the College of Business Auditorium) • December 12th - Faculty Senate & Staff Senate Reception (5:00pm-6:30pm at the President's House)



<b>FY26 Proposed Budget</b>	<b>FY26 125500 (State) Projected</b>	<b>FY26 810013 (Agency) Projected</b>
<b>Annual Budget Amount (Beginning Budget)</b>	3,883.00	
Football Game Volunteer Revenue (6 home games/12 volunteers)		
Basketball Game Volunteer Revenue (26 home games/7 volunteers)		
Reynolds Volunteer Revenue (21 shows)		
*Winterfeast Ticket Sales (350 tickets @\$8.00 each)		
President's Office (WinterFeast)		
President's Office (Spring Social)		
Other		
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>3,883.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Courtesy Committee</b>		
Postage	50.00	
Cards	100.00	
<b>Elections Committee</b>		
Supplies/Binders/Etc		
Yr End/Orientation Meal	700.00	
Printing		
Yr End Awards/Plaques	1,000.00	
<b>Staff Senate Operations</b>		
PO Box		
Staff Senate Shirts	900.00	
Meet & Greets	1,000.00	
Promotional Items		
Donations (BearBoots, Veteran's, etc.)		
President EOY Stipend		
<b>Employee Recognition Committee</b>		
EOQ Winner Awards (Supplies, Plaques)		
EOY Winner Awards (Supplies, Plaques)		
<b>Outreach Committee</b>		
Dance Classes (Instructor + Fringe)		
W(h)ine & Cheese	5,500.00	
<b>Professional Development</b>		
Supplies/Copies		
<b>Scholarship Committee (Foundation funded)</b>		
Fall and Spring Scholarships		
<b>Football Committee</b>		
Supplies/Water	20.00	
<b>Basketball Committee</b>		
Supplies/Water		
<b>Winterfeast Committee (Foundation funded)</b>		
Meal (\$2,500 from President's Office, \$2000 from Aramark)		
Decorations/Supplies/Printing	800.00	
<b>Angel Bear Committee (Foundation funded)</b>		
Supplies (bags, card stock, index cards)	500.00	
**Gifts for Unadopted Angels	2,000.00	
<b>Spring Social Committee</b>		
Meal (\$10,000 from President's Office)	12,000.00	
Decorations/Supplies/Printing		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>24,570.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>(20,687.00)</b>	<b>-</b>

\*All funds from ticket sales are direct deposited to the Angel Bear Foundation Fund

\*\*Unadopted Angel purchases are reimbursed through the Foundation fund