



Regular Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2026

10:00 am

Wingo 315

Senators Present: 21

Senators Absent: 6

Ex-Officio: Present

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order by President Kern at 10:00 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. Kevin Carter- Assoc. VP for Facilities

1. New work order software- [Asset Works- Ready](#) can be updated as the work order goes through the process. You can see the progress and know the status.
 - a) Working on the process to make sure there is a procedure for who can submit work orders to avoid multiple work orders being submitted for the same problem.
2. Two new work order technician positions in the Physical Plant.
3. Project 1 for campus- The new multi-purpose arena to replace the Farris Center.
 - a) multi-purpose building to be used for UCA and community events
 - b) take the pressure off the TREC for those events
 - c) projected that half of Bruce Street will be closed to thru traffic- Met with City Council -Time line will most likely be starting sometime next year.
 - d) There will be a practice gym. There is an open bowl seating concept and also a Club seating area for basketball and football.
 - e) There will be a courtyard area that can be used for tailgating and a plaza area that will create an Athletic corridor.
 - f) Stadium Park- most of it will be removed as this project continues.
 - g) Lease agreement with Massey properties to help with the need for more housing options.
4. Project 2- North Utility Plant- Housing for chillers on campus. There are multiple utility plants on campus, but we are needing one on the North side of campus to provide more chiller capacity for newer buildings that have been built on that side of campus. Also renovations for the South plant are needed.
5. Project 3- Mashburn Hall pipe burst earlier this year. In the process of completing that project.
6. Project 4- Student Center bathroom renovations are complete as well as the front lobby area of the Student Center (last year's project)
7. Project 5- Road and Sidewalk improvements - assessing needs- potentially repairing the section of Beatrice Powell starting at the Donaghey entrance. If we have funds to be able to fund these projects.

8. Apprenticeship School program - Several Physical Plant employees are enrolled in this program to further their skills and knowledge. We are grateful for their hard work and dedication.
 Heather LaPine - Plumbing Apprenticeship School
 Adrian Rockford - Plumbing Apprenticeship School
 Daniel Day - Electrical Apprenticeship School
 Rick Combs - Electrical Apprenticeship School
9. Shout out to all the employees of Physical Plant for the hard work during the recent winter storm. Thanks to Aramark who helped provide food for the employees on campus who were working during this storm.
 - a) Thanks to DeWayne for his superb efficiency and work in response to past work orders.
 - b) If there is a critical emergency, please call Physical Plant immediately, otherwise please utilize the new work order system.
10. Bernard Hall has some repairs/construction happening right now.

IV. Officer Reports

- A. President, Sherita Kern**
 1. Employee Appreciation Update- See attached flyer with week of activities on March 2-6
- B. Vice President, Dylan Richardson**
 1. Upcoming elections reminder- Mid March call for nominations- Elections in April- Results announced by May 1
 - a) Position interests - Let us know if you are interested
 2. Volunteer Hours Update- Hours have been turned in to HR, should be showing up on your dashboard soon.
 3. Committee Chairs to review website and information to be able to update
- C. Treasurer, Shalia Delph**
 1. Treasurer Report -Updated budget summary. Professional Development funds awarded to those who submit their paperwork. Scholarship deadline is coming up.
- D. Secretary, Teresa Burton- No report**
- E. Parliamentarian/Historian/Assistant Treasurer, Melanie Straw-Watson- No report**
- F. Ex Officio, Carlos Herrera- No report**

V. Senate Committee Reports

- A. Basketball Committee- 6 games left this season. [Volunteer opportunities available!](#)**
- B. Courtesy Committee- 2 cards**
- C. UCA Public Appearances Committee- 3 shows scheduled for February. More volunteers are needed. [Register Here!](#)**
- D. Professional Development Committee - Applications open now until February 23.**
- E. Outreach & Communications- Newsletter will go out this week. Special thanks to Ricky Harris for putting it together.**
- F. By-laws Committee - Currently reviewing and working on revising and correcting information. We solidified intended amendments and made a plan (with delegated tasks) to complete the proposal document by our next meeting on March 19, wherein the amendment proposal will be sent to senate for review prior to voting at the next general senate meeting.**
- G. Employee Recognition Committee- EOY nominations will close Feb 20.**

VI. University Committee Reports

A. Veteran's Committee- review of past event Nov 5, 2026 1-3:30 for next event.

Location TBD-Be looking for information to come.

B. Traffic and Parking Committee- Met yesterday- Tickets were disputed. Next meeting March 10.

C. Employee Benefits Advisory Committee- Set meeting date for March 3.

VII. Constituent Concerns/Communication- None

VIII. Old Business- None

IX. New Business- None

X. Good and Welfare

A. President Kern- Teacher's Fair at the end of February (02.27) and Career Fair on March 4. Fairs open to Alumni, CBC and Hendrix, and community.

B. Senator Herrera- GearUp Days at UCA will be in May. Let us know if you want to partner with us for these camps. New Administrative Assistant and Project Coordinator starting soon to have a full team again.

C. Senator Erickson- Launching housing survey on February 22 for Freshman - Encourage Freshman to fill those out.

D. Senator Vangsnes-Go2Knowledge Professional Development online opportunities available for staff members in their MyUCA portal. Coaching and tutoring available for students in the Student Success and Veterans Resource Center (SSVRC) and in the Tutoring and Academic Support Center (TASC) Torreyson Library 223.

E. Senator Delph- BTS Adhoc committee meeting scheduled to meet tomorrow.

F. Senator Calvery- Robot pets available to check out at the circulation desk in the Library.

G. Senator Dickson- Baseball, softball and basketball games going on. Men's and Women's teams doing well. Come out and support our athletic teams.

XI. Adjournment

A. Motion to adjourn at 10:47 by Senator Olson.

B. Second by Senator Watson.

Important Dates:

- Employee Appreciation Week- March 2nd- 6th
 - Employee Appreciation Day March 6th
- Dining w/Staff Senate- March 6th | 11-1 | Christian Cafeteria-Executive dining room
- Campus Talk- March 17th
- W(hine) & Cheese- March 17th | 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm | Buffalo Alumni Hall
- Faculty & Staff Recognition Celebration- April 14th
- Forever a Bear Memorial- April 16th
- Spring Social- April 24th