



## Regular Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2026

10:00 am

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**Senators Present: 19**

**Senators Absent: 8**

**Ex-Officio: Present**

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### I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order by President Kern at 10:02am.

### 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, Sherita Kern

1. Employee Appreciation Overview-Bear to Bear Podcast and Bear to Bear notes were both successful. UCA Bookstore reported a good response to discounts offered. MakerSpace had a large group attending their event. Dining with Staff Senate was a success. Mug pickup is going well. Event at T-Rec was not as successful. Thanks to all the volunteers that made Employee Appreciation week happen.
2. Operations Manual 26-27- Please update your sections in the operations manual. Committee chairs need to make changes, edits, adjustments, etc to each section to provide a smooth transition to future chairs and board.
3. Day of Giving- A great opportunity to donate to many funds at UCA. Please donate as you are willing and able to.

B. Vice President, Dylan Richardson

1. Nominations for Senate elections will go out this week.

C. Treasurer, Shalia Delph

1. Treasurer Updates- Accounts are looking healthy. Waiting on two Professional development recipients.

D. Secretary, Teresa Burton-Mug pickup will be available in a few offices around campus. An email will go out to notify the locations,(Student Center, Student Health, and Harrin Hall) and they will be available at Spring Social as well.

E. Parliamentarian/Historian/Assistant Treasurer, Melanie Straw-Watson- No report

F. Ex Officio, Carlos Herrera- No report

### V. Senate Committee Reports

A. Courtesy Committee- 1 card

B. Spring Social - Plans are coming together for the Spring Social. Vincent's BBQ will provide BBQ and catfish. Other fun activities are planned. More information will be sent out soon.

C. Future Ready Bears Adhoc-Selected a name for the committee/program and pick up location. Assigned committee member responsibilities. Developed a timeline. Discussed incentives for those bringing items for donation to the Spring Social. Reviewed and approved application draft.

Requesting donations of school supplies to help fill the needs of the applications. Donation bins are located in Burdick, Bernard and Harrin Halls. Please refer to the wish list to know what donations are needed. Collecting from now until July 17. We are working on a way to take monetary donations as well. For any questions or concerns, please contact Shalia Delph [sdelph@uca.edu](mailto:sdelph@uca.edu).

**D.** Professional Development- Committee has met and made selections for the 4th quarter PD funds.

**E.** Outreach and Communications- New Staff Orientation presentation today. Thanks to Hannah Hanshaw for presenting information on Staff Senate for new employees.

**VI. University Committee Reports**

**A.** Vector Training Committee- No changes made to the employee training, but combining a couple of the trainings together. As supervisors, you can set deadlines for your department, before the University's deadline for completion.

**B.** UCA Food Service Committee- Making some changes to Twisted Taco's menu and working to improve the wait time to get food. There is a patio available to use as the weather is improving. Other changes coming to dining options on campus.

**VII. Constituent Concerns/Communication**

A. What does it look like for childcare at the T-REC?

Response:

**VIII. Old Business- None**

**IX. New Business- None**

**X. Good and Welfare**

A. Senator Dickson- Basketball season is wrapping up. The Sugar Bears and the Men's team represented UCA well.

B. Senator Peten- Drop list goes out today. Some funding may not be available. Please encourage students to talk to Student Accounts if they have any questions.

C. Senator Vangsnes-Go2Knowledge Professional Development online opportunities available for staff members in their MyUCA portal. Student Lingo is also available for students. For each training session that they watch until April, their name gets put into a drawing for a \$500 Scholarship. There are many options available. 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. Study rooms are also available for students to utilize.

D. Senator Hammond- Pizza contest at the T-REC tomorrow from 12-2:30. Awarding plaques for people's choice and blind taste test contest from vendors. Tom's truck will also be there with drink samples. Donations accepted.

**XI. Adjournment**

**A.** Motioned by: Senator Hammond at 10:35 am

**B.** Second: Senator Olson

**Important Dates:**

- Faculty & Staff Recognition Celebration- April 14th
- Forever a Bear Memorial- April 16th
- Spring Social- April 24th