



General Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2026

10:00 am

Wingo 315

Senators Present: 24

Senators Absent: 5

Ex-Officio: Absent

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- I. Call to Order**-Meeting called to order by VP Richardson at 10:01 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, Sherita Kern- **Absent**
 - B. Vice President, Dylan Richardson
 1. Committee Process Timeline Submissions-Get to VP Richardson this week so they can get updated on the website.
 2. Move-In Volunteering
 - a) Shift 2pm- 5pm; Sign up will be sent once location is confirmed by FY Experience
 - b) Finance & Administration position still available on Staff Senate.
 - C. Treasurer, Shalia Delph
 1. Budget updates
 - a) Committee Budget Reminder-Submit budget proposals by end of today.
 2. Future Ready Bears Update-Successful first year. School supplies are ready to be distributed. This committee will be a subcommittee of Angel Bear Committee.
 - D. Secretary, Teresa Burton- No Report
 - E. Parliamentarian/Historian/Assistant Treasurer, Bo Blew- The constitution and By-laws can be found on the website for review and clarification of policies and procedures.
 - F. Ex Officio, Jennifer Ruud- Absent
 - V. Senate Committee Reports**
 - A. Courtesy Committee- No cards
 - B. Committees that have met
 1. Emergency Fund- 1 awarded
 2. Public Appearances
 3. Outreach & Communication
 4. Winter Feast
 5. Employee Recognition
 6. Elections
 - VI. University Committee Reports**
 - A. None have met for FY27
 - VII. Constituent Concerns/Communication**
 - A. **CONSTITUENT CONCERN**

Can we please get better communication on when sidewalk construction and parking lot closures will be done? There was not any communication about the sidewalk construction and the parking lot that is

closed is not listed on the email that was sent out. The constituent would like for the buildings affected to at least be notified.

RESPONSE FROM KEVIN CARTER

I'm not sure which parking lot the constituent is referring to, because the only lots we have closed right now were sent out to all faculty and staff from the Physical Plant Info account 4 days ago (see below). We are doing work by IHSB, and one entrance to the lot is blocked off, but the lot is still open and accessible from the east side. This one wasn't sent out in a campus email, but the building administrator was notified.

For the sidewalks, these can be tricky because our contractors are working on demolition in the middle of the night due to the extreme heat, so we don't always know which areas will be affected the next day. However, we work with the concrete contractor to make sure these areas are clearly marked with cones, barricades, and caution tape, and also make sure each building has entrances available. I know this can be inconvenient; however, we're working under very tight time constraints with the fiscal year-end closing all of our purchase orders, and trying to have the work completed by move-in. We do our best to notify the campus of closures. In many cases, we try to only notify the building administrators and rely on them to communicate to the building occupants. We have 93 active construction projects going on campus right now, so things are a little hectic. As always, if someone has a concern, they can reach out to the Physical Plant directly, and we're happy to clarify closures or provide more information.

VIII. Old Business- None

IX. New Business

A. Benefits Vendors Suggestions

1. Collaboration with HR to combine vendor fair and Benefits Fair

a) Details to come

b) Vendor specificity

(1) Suggestions- Hurley Chiropractic, Bledsoe Chiropractic, King Family Dental, AR Dermatology, Russell Dermatology

X. Good and Welfare

A. Senator Hall- Common course numbering-coursework is being entered. If you have any issues, reach out to rhall11@uca.edu

B. Senator Davis-Admission applications open on August 1.

C. Senator Delph-Desktop EMS -upgrade failed due to possible server issues. Currently use the old version. Working to get things worked out and will attempt to upgrade again in the future.

D. Senator Watson- More volunteers for August Commencement needed.

E. Senator Vangsnes- Summer Start coming soon. If there are any questions about BearLife, contact Student Success.

XI. Adjournment

A. Motioned by: Senator Watson@10:28.

B. Second: Senator Smith-Todd.

Important Dates:

- Next Meeting: Wednesday, Aug. 12th
- August Commencement: Aug. 8th @ 9 am & 12 pm | Reynolds Auditorium
- Move-in: Aug. 16th | Volunteer @2pm- 5 pm
- Faculty/Staff Convocation: Aug. 19th @9 am