

General Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2026

10:00 am

Wingo 315

Senators Present: 25

Senators Absent: 4

Ex-Officio: Present

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- I. Call to Order-** Meeting called to order by President Kern at 10:00am.
- 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. Thank You!- Commencement Volunteers
 2. Benefits and Wellness Fair met to collaborate with HR and Faculty Senate for this event.
 - a) Oct 19, 2026 - More details to come
- B. Vice President, Dylan Richardson
1. Committee Process Timeline Submissions
 2. Move-In Volunteering
 - a) Shift 2pm- 5pm | Conway Hall; Sign up was sent out with agenda email.
- C. Treasurer, Shalia Delph
1. Proposed 26-27 Budget Review
 2. Future Ready Bears Update
- D. Secretary, Teresa Burton- No Report
- E. Parliamentarian/Historian/Assistant Treasurer, Bo Blew
1. Staff Senate Picture- Location/Time TBD
- F. Ex Officio, Jennifer Ruud- No Report
- V. Senate Committee Reports**
- A. Courtesy Committee- 1 card
- B. Outreach and Communication Committee- planning of Fall W(h)ine and Cheeses underway - Sept 24 at Elizabeth House- more details to come
- VI. University Committee Reports**
- VII. Constituent Concerns/Communication**
- A. I had two staff members that asked to remain anonymous and inquired about Flock Cameras on campus. They have concerns about why they are here? What information is being gathered? How will it be used? What assurances can we get that the information will not be misused...as it has been by law enforcement to track people when it was not related to their job. They are concerned that people they do not want to find them may have access to that information.

Response:

They have concerns about why they are here?

*They are another tool the UCAPD uses to help solve crimes that may occur on our campus
What information is being gathered?*

A snapshot of the license plate and vehicle is taken

How will it be used?

If a search is done for a criminal case, the information gathered may assist the investigator in developing a suspect, and further investigation will be done to obtain a warrant of arrest

What assurances can we get that the information will not be misused?

The UCAPD has policy and procedures regarding the use of the LPR system. Again, it can only be used in criminal cases

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We only share data with other law enforcement agencies.

B.

For the water stations in Bernard, what is the filter routine? How often are the filters changed and how often are they checked? The new ones don't have a display that shows the filters like the previous ones.

Why did the repaving of the roads not happen until August when there was an increase of traffic on campus?

RESPONSE from Kevin Carter

For the bottle fillers, some of them don't have filters, so I'll have to check this one and see.

For the road paving, we have to wait until July 1 for the start of the new fiscal year for the funds to be available. By the time we get a PO back and schedule the work with the contractor, it is usually the end of July. We'd love to do it sooner, but the fiscal year hitting in the middle of the summer doesn't always allow for this.

C. What is the process/policy for supervisors to complete annual evaluations or requested evaluations from a direct report? There have been instances of employees requesting an evaluation and being denied.

RESPONSE

Be sure to meet with your direct supervisor first to express your concern.

If you have an issue with them obliging, the next step would be requesting a meeting with the direct supervisor of your supervisor to further address the concern (follow the chain of command).

If there is still no progress/solution, you would reach out to request a meeting with Bridget and Taylor directly.

D. An Additional concern about the Street/Sidewalk/parking lot closures was received. Response was previously addressed.

VIII. Old Business- None

IX. New Business

A. Approval of 2026-2027 Budget

1. Motion to accept the proposed budget- Senator Watson; Second- Senator Smith
2. Budget proposal passed

X. Good and Welfare

A. Senator Kern-On campus Student Employment Fair- Aug 18, 2026 RWSC Ballroom- 10-2

B. Senator Blew- Honors Freshman move in this Friday Aug 14.

C. Senator Vangsnes-SummerStart move-in this week.

XI. Adjournment

A. Motioned by: Senator Mahathay @ 10:31 am

B. Second: Senator Davis

Important Dates:

- Move-in: Aug. 16th | Volunteer @2pm - 5 pm
- Faculty/Staff Convocation: Aug. 19th @9 am
- Next Meeting: Wednesday, Aug. 26th
- Back to School Breakfast: Aug. 27th @6:30 - 9 am | McCastlain Ballroom
- W(h)ine & Cheese: Sept. 24th @ 4:30 pm | Elizabeth House