



General Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2026

10:00 am

Wingo 315

Senators Present: 23

Senators Absent: 6

Ex-Officio: Present

I. Call to Order

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

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. Dr. Kurt Boniecki- HLC Overview

1. UCA is on a 10 year accreditation cycle. We have to meet criteria for accreditation. It is time for reaffirmation.
2. Need feedback from the campus- Faculty, Staff and Students- Feedback opportunities. There is a flyer attached.
3. Nov 10-11 Consultants will be on campus to meet with constituent groups
4. March 8-9 Site visit -Peer reviewers here

IV. Officer Reports

A. President, Sherita Kern

1. Upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting-Review of the goals for the year
2. Benefit & Wellness Fair- Vendors who promote wellness will be set up with information.
3. SPARK 2026- Annual Conference-Thurs Nov 12 Professional Development-
4. Parity- financial wellness platform- Pilot program
 - a) **University Access**
 - Link: <https://app.thezillennialadvisors.com>
 - Subscription Plan: University Access
 - Access Code: UCA
5. T(ale)Gate Recap/Appreciation -Thanks to all who organized this event. Special thanks to Senator Johnson for being our Grill Master!
6. Senate Participation- Be visible on campus, network and be involved in Staff Senate events.

B. Vice President, Dylan Richardson-

1. Volunteer hours have been sent to HR for September. Reports are sent at the end of each month, and they will be recorded by the end of the following month.

C. Treasurer, Shalia Delph

1. Budget Update-All accounts look well.

D. Secretary, Teresa Burton- No report

E. Parliamentarian/Historian/Assistant Treasurer, Bo Blew-No report

F. Ex Officio, Jennifer Ruud-

1. Welcome for new staff members

V. Senate Committee Reports

A. Courtesy Committee - 4 cards

B. Professional Development Committee- Applications are open for professional development funding.

VI. University Committee Reports

- A. Committee on Committees-Overhaul University Committees- Revisions on the Strategic planning committee
- B. Veterans Committee-Committee met and reviewed ceremony details. Discussed exhibitors who have registered for a booth and the usual ones who come that have not registered yet. Seeking donations to provide lunch for the exhibitors. Scheduling a walk-through for the ballroom setup. Finalizing programs and scholarship certificates. Changed meeting days to bi-weekly up to the week of the event.
- C. Public Arts Committee- Nakeya Palmer is the new Baum Gallery Director. Funds are available for new software to maintain the art collections on campus. Mid South Sculpture Alliance Conference at UCA Oct 2-3. ArtsFest at 5th Ave park on Oct 3rd. Downtown Conway Artwalk Oct 1.

VII. Constituent Concerns/Communication

- A. UCA sends out a lot of donation requests to its employees. Since I am both a student and an employee, I get twice as many of these requests. Many entry-level staff members make around \$31,000 a year, so asking us for money when we already earn so little feels out of touch and frankly insulting. On top of that, it seems like a poor use of money to print and mail out flyers to workers who simply cannot afford to give. I encourage the university to look at how much these mailings cost and let employees opt out of receiving them.

Response-

Thank you for your concern.

There is a "Don't Solicit" list available in Advancement. In the future, if anyone requests not to receive solicitations, they can contact Emma Roberts at eroberts13@uca.edu, and we can add them to the Do Not Solicit list.

VIII. Old Business- None

IX. New Business- None

X. Good and Welfare

- A. President Kern- STEM and Graduate fairs Oct 7 from 9-12
- B. Senator Wile- Conway Corp water curtailment -UCA will continue to water fields that are still being used for Athletic events, but will stop watering once the sport is not being used for the season.
- C. Senator Chikerotis- Majors Fair-Oct 1 from 12:30-3 Student center ballroom
- D. Senator Delph- Angel Bear applications will open Oct 2. Online applications are preferred but paper forms are available. Applications will close on Oct 23 at 4:30pm. We cannot accept late applications. EMS training -Oct 9th- spots open

XI. Adjournment

- A. Motioned by: Senator Hanshaw @ 10:44
- B. Second: Senator Davis

Important Dates:

- Board of Trustees Mtg: Friday, Oct. 2nd @10 am
- Campus Talk: Tuesday, Oct. 6th @x-period | COB Auditorium
- Next Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 14th
- Benefits & Wellness Fair: Oct. 19th @10 am- 2 pm | RWSC Ballroom
- Dining with Staff Senate : Oct 23rd | 11-1 | Executive Dining Room-Christian Cafeteria
- Staff/Faculty SenateHoliday Mixer: Tuesday, Dec. 1st @ 5pm | President's House

HELP TELL UCA'S STORY

HLC Assurance Argument Feedback Opportunities

Faculty and Staff Feedback Forums

Join the forums to tell us what rings true, what feels off, and what is missing from UCA's story.

Topic	When	Where
Integrity in Action	Sept. 24 @ x-period	Burdick 205
Student Success at UCA	Oct. 8 @ x-period	Mashburn 116
Building UCA's Future	Oct. 22 @ x-period	Irby 215

READ THE DRAFT.
SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK.



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STUDENT FEEDBACK FORUM: Student Success at UCA

Wednesday, Sept. 30 | 5:00 p.m. | RWSC Food Court

Encourage students to come share what UCA is really like from their perspective.

Help us make UCA's story accurate, complete, and true to our community's experience.