### List of Topics Used at the 2011 UCA Tournament

Round One, Flight A: *Dangerous Minds*

1. Educators should value creativity over conformity.
2. All college students should have an upper-level writing requirement.
3. We should pay teachers more.
4. Charter schools are not the answer.
5. Student peers, not the principal, should decide punishment for student offenders.

Round One, Flight B: *Dangerous Minds*

1. Public schools are better at educating than private schools.
2. General education courses are unnecessary.
3. Universities should provide health insurance to its students.
4. High schools that graduate students in need of remedial classes should pay for them.
5. Teachers should always be on their best behavior.

Round Two, Flight A: *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*

1. Mike Huckabee should apologize to Natalie Portman.
2. The hearings on Islamic radicalism are offense.
3. Congress should phase out subsides for fossil fuel companies.
4. The Supreme Court correctly ruled in favor Westboro Baptist Church.
5. The biggest threat to America is America itself.

Round Two, Flight B: *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*

1. Obama will never close Gitmo.
2. Congress should pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.
3. The “Right to Die” should be considered a guaranteed right.
4. Same-sex couples should be afforded the right to adopt.
5. The U.S. would be better off if McCain had won.

Round Three, Flight A: *Rudy*

1. Pujols going to the Cubs would be worse than the “Curse of the Bambino.”
2. The Washington Redskins should consider a name change.
3. The Heat should be concerned.
4. FIFA needs instant replay.
5. NFL owners are being selfish.

Round Three, Flight B: *Rudy*

1. The NFL combine is a poor indicator of NFL talent.
2. Mixed-martial arts should become part of the Olympics.
3. The MLB season is too long.
4. Home-schooled students should be allowed to participate on school sports teams.
5. The NIT is less important than the Poinsettia Bowl.

Round Four, Flight A: *Cry Freedom*

1. “A patriot should always be ready to defend his country against his government.” (Edward Abbey)
2. The Irish bailout won’t work.
3. The United Nations should do more to protect the freedom of the press.
4. Human rights violations need not be considered when making business deals.
5. The United States should stay out of Libya.

Round Four, Flight B: *Cry Freedom*

1. More aid is the best way to help the world’s children.
2. Economic sanctions should not be used to achieve foreign policy objectives.
3. Democracy is not possible in Iraq.
4. The World Trade Organization is harmful to the United States.
5. The United Nations needs to take action in Tanzania.

Round Five, Fight A: *Love and Other Drugs*

1. Prenuptial agreements are bad for marriage.
2. Age ain’t nothing but a number.
3. There is no such thing as love at first sight.
4. Love for one’s country can justify marital infidelity.
5. Polygamy should be legal in the United States.

Round Five, Flight B: *Love and Other Drugs*

1. Kisses are better than hugs.
2. Love has died in Hollywood.
3. Unconditional Love does not exist.
4. Ted and Robin are better than Rachel and Ross.
5. Humans should not be expected to be monogamous.

Round Six, Flight A: *Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps*

1. The European Union poses a significant threat to the United States.
2. The situation in Japan will lead to another recession.
3. Brand names are overrated.
4. The price of gas is too damn high.
5. States should increase taxes to deal with budget shortfalls.

Round Six, Flight B: *Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps*

1. We should go back to laissez faire economics.
2. When it comes to automobiles, buy something other than American.
3. Obama should release oil from the Strategic Oil Reserve.
4. Congress cannot fix the economy without entitlement reform.
5. “When you get the money, you get the power.” (Tony Montana, Scarface)

Round Seven, Flight A: *The Great Debaters*

1. IPDA debaters need the Internet.
2. Points from the National Tournament should count towards season-long standings.
3. Content should be valued above style.
4. Open tab room is better than closed.
5. IPDA should alter its speech times.

Round Seven, Flight B: *The Great Debaters*

1. Literal wording of a topic is more important than the framer’s intent.
2. Prep time should be added into the actual debate round.
3. Technology trivializes issues in IPDA debate.
4. Thank you’s in debate are unnecessary.
5. IPDA has become too technical.

Round Eight, Flight A: *Revenge of the Nerds*

1. We should welcome our new computer overlords.
2. Emperor Palpatine was a Republican.
3. Congress should kill net neutrality.
4. Google is making us stupid.
5. You don’t need an agent when you have YouTube.

Round Eight, Flight B: *Revenge of the Nerds*

1. We should commit Facebook suicide.
2. Tablet games will never replace traditional consoles.
3. Chrome is better than Firefox.
4. The “Cloud” is a security hazard.
5. 3D TV won’t succeed.

Octofinals (Outround topics are not themed)

1. “We must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence . . . by the military-industrial complex.” (Dwight D. Eisenhower)
2. The United States federal government should play a bigger role in assisting teenage mothers.
3. Conflicts in Africa should be handled by African countries and not by third parties.
4. AIDS drugs should be made more affordable to developing nations.
5. Today, Martin Luther King, Jr. would be proud.

Quarterfinals

1. Coaches play a minimal role in a team’s success.
2. Mormons will never be accepted as mainstream Christians.
3. The Obama Administration should defend the Defense of Marriage Act.
4. Charlie Sheen is “duh, winning.”
5. Clarence Thomas should recuse himself from cases challenging Obamacare.

Semifinals

1. Ethnic scholarships do more harm than good.
2. Fox News is unfairly criticized.
3. The Cubs will go to World Series this year.
4. Legislators who flee their state are derelict in their duties.
5. The United States should implement Britain’s “Surveillance Society.”

Finals

1. Small Business gets more credit than it deserves when it comes to stimulating the economy.
2. The government should not gerrymander majority-minority districts.
3. Universal Human Rights cannot exist in a culturally diverse world.
4. Christian fundamentalism is worse than Islamic fundamentalism.
5. The use of PED’s should be allowed in professional sports.