



Staff Senate Minutes

April 1, 2025 (2:00pm–3:30pm)

Online Via Zoom: <https://wou-edu.zoom.us/j/85992926494?pwd=bUBlnWx4jQ9XzDUOj6YKpbYlrVjRh4.1>

Start recording - Staff Senate follows Simplified Robert's Rules

- Meeting recordings are for the Secretary to complete minutes effectively; when minutes are approved, the recordings will be deleted

In-Attendance: Alexis Morrison, Ambre Plahn, Rip Horsey, Wendi Mars, Connor King-Goehring, Sandra Holland, Ellie Baker, Kristen Perry, Gregg Vineyard

Absent: Adrian Trujillo

Guests: Heather Brophy, Kwabena Boakye, Margarita Ochoa-Venegas

Approval of minutes

- March 18th Minutes are approved

Guest Speakers

- Kwabena Boakye, our new VPFA, wanted to say a quick hello and introduce himself to the staff senate and invite everyone to feel free to stop by his office anytime you are need of his help. He has an open-door policy and welcomes cross-campus collaboration. Join him and the Administration on April 8 for a budget town hall where he will give the university an update about where we stand financially.

Reports

- Committee Reports
 - Shared Governance
 - Last Meeting: March 13, 2025
 - Next Meeting: TBD for Spring
 - President's Cabinet
 - Last meeting: March 12, 2025
 - Next meeting: April 9, 2025
 - University Council
 - Last meeting: March 12, 2025
 - Next Meeting: June 11, 2025
 - Other - Administrative Equity, Staff Connections, University Advisory Committees, etc.

Unfinished Business

- April coffee & tea break



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- This optional opportunity will take place at 9:00am on April 24. We will meet in the WUC outside of Café Allegro to hold space for folks to talk to us about staff senate and learn more about what we do and for us to promote recruitment for new senators.

New Business

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Goals (SMART)

- Fund the Staff for Students Scholarship
- Build connections through consistent communication and guest speakers

Announcements and Reminders

- Announcements
 - New Admit Day, April 4 - campus will be BUZZING
 - The NWCCU accrediting body will also be here on April 4
 - Budget Townhall – April 8
 - HSI Summit - a full week of activities beginning April 14
- Agenda item suggestions
- Important Training Reminders
 - [Title IX](#) - On hold
 - Information Security Training (linked in Portal)
 - Business Office Campus-Wide Trainings - watch for emails from Cheri Darby & Sandra Holland
 - Check out the @WOU Newsletter for more optional events and training
- Kudos/Recognition
- Public Comments - Anything for the good of the order?
 - Year-End Close Deadlines Memo will be sent out from the Business Office this week
 - April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Abby's House will be hosting many events throughout the month, so please be on the lookout for emails with more information and join them at these events.

Adjourn

Upcoming

- Next meeting: April 15, 2025
- Guest: Judy Sylva, Associate Provost for Academic Effectiveness