



Staff Senate Minutes

July 1, 2025 (2:00-3:30pm)

Online Via Zoom:

<https://wou-edu.zoom.us/j/82225971087?pwd=U9db26L2Q5oQUHFX8JJktdkMXgjJRL.1> (885541)

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: Rip Horsey, Ambre Plahn, Gregg Vineyard, Ellie Baker, Sandra Holland, Alexis Morrison, Dakota Nelson,

Absent: Emily Herb, Connor King-Goehring, Maya Guerra

Guests: Chris Solario, Sheree Solario, Heather Brophy,

Approval of the agenda

- Approval as is, additions, or adjustments must be approved – Correction to date made

Approval of past meeting minutes

- June 3rd Minutes approved

Guest Speakers

- Will resume in September

Reports

- Committee Reports
 - Shared Governance
 - Next Meeting: TBD - Fall 2025
 - President's Cabinet
 - June 11, 2025
 - General Counsel presentation on Attorney-Client Privilege
 - Senate Bill 273 Compliance Report
 - ACH Policy
 - This allows the university the opportunity to expand our direct deposit ability specifically for outside vendors.
 - University Council
 - June 11, 2025
 - University Committee Reports
 - Accreditation Update
 - Still focusing on getting all departments across campus ready to complete their strategic plans. If your department needs help with this, please contact Judy Sylva.



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- Budget Planning Process
 - Other - Administrative Equity, Staff Connections, University Advisory Committees, etc.
 - UTAC – The two big items that have been the focus have been the Banner Optimization and the ACH policy

Unfinished Business

- The Staff Senate marketing tablecloth and backpack are finished
 - Special thanks go out to Ambre for all their hard work and assistance
- Summer Meetings
 - August 19th
 - 9:00-10:00 am
 - Location either WUC's Plaza or 2nd Floor lobby (event request submitted)
 - Coffee chat (one free drink)
 - Discussing Goals and Strategies for 2025-2026
 - September 2, 2025
 - 2:00-3:30 pm Zoom meeting
- Recruitment for Staff Senate
 - Still in need of 2 Classified Staff members
 - Contact Vice President Gregg Vineyard if fellow staff are interested

New Business

- Discussion regarding the flow of Staff Senate meetings
 - Invite staff for constant communication updates for meetings
 - Increase discussions for Vice President and Secretary/Recorder
 - Invite the University Advisory Committee appointed staff to provide updates
 - Invite Staff Connections to provide updates
- Discussion regarding SMART Goals
 - Development, brainstorming, and soapbox presentations are welcomed

Goals (SMART)

- (New Business)

Announcements and Reminders

- Announcements
 - Agenda item suggestions can be made during the meeting or online at wou.edu/staffsenate
- Important Training Reminders
 - wou.edu/hr/title-ix/ - Title IX Resources are listed on their website
 - Information Security Training (Portal link directs you to the Canvas pages)
 - Business Office
 - Campus-Wide Trainings-Watch for emails from Cheri Darby and Sandra Holland



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- Due to year-end priorities, no BO trainings will be conducted in July. Will resume in August.
 - Check out the @WOU Newsletter for more optional events, departmental updates, and training opportunities
- Kudos/Recognition
- Public Comments - Anything for the good of the order?

Upcoming

- Next meeting: August 19, 2025 @ 9am
- Guest: Bring a co-worker to Staff Senate Coffee Talk

Adjourn