

Staff Senate Minutes

October 1, 2024 (2:00pm–3:30pm)

Online Via Zoom: <https://wou-edu.zoom.us/j/85780295099>

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In-Attendance: Adrian Trujillo, Ambre Plahn, Kirstie Rudich, Wendi Mars, Ellie Baker, Connor King-Goehring, Jenna Otto, Sandra Holland, Kristen Perry,

Absent: Alexis Morrison, Rip Horsey

Guests: Michael Ellis, Chris Solario, Noah Carrillo, Logan Doerfler

Approval of minutes

- September 17th Minutes approved

Guest Speakers

- None today

Reports

- Committee Reports
 - Shared Governance - Nothing to report (TBD for Fall)
 - President's Cabinet - Fall kickoff meeting
 - Went over introductions and planning for the year, so nothing to report back. If anyone has topic suggestions, please send Alexis an email.
 - University Council - Nothing to report (TBD for Fall)
 - Other - Administrative Equity, Staff Connections, etc.
 - Rip will be sending an email out to the Unclassified Senators soon to get a meeting arranged for the Administrative Equity Council.
 - Staff Connections – working out details now with CDC about the Halloween Contest and Trick or Treat route for the kiddos.

Unfinished Business

- SMART goals for the upcoming academic year
 - Prioritize Giving Day
 - Can we start looking to solidify our fundraising efforts. Instead of just prioritizing Giving Day, how can we be more proactive and prepared for actual Giving Day. Is there a specific dollar amount we want to set as a goal to raise this year? We are going to reach out to Dave Beasley and see if he can help us recommend/support fundraising efforts.
 - Build connections through consistent communication and guest speakers
 - Ask each subcommittee to set their own internal goals for the year
- Vacant Classified Senator Seats

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- We will have another vacant Classified seat here soon as Kirstie is leaving us. Rip will be sending out a Call for Nominations soon, so be on the lookout for that.

New Business

- Recognition Notifications for Nominees
 - There was a suggestion to start including supervisors in the emails to staff members when they are nominated for staff of the month. While this is a great idea it does add quite a bit more work on the Secretary and other staff in HR.
 - We will continue to send emails out to the individual staff member to let them know they were notified and encourage supervisors to read the MarCom WolfBytes which will include the list of folks that were nominated each month.

Announcements

- Agenda item suggestions
- Kudos/Recognition
- Public Comments - Anything for the good of the order?
 - It looks like there is a new website that features the new Policy Council members. Originally, it looked as if the folks there were not representative of the group that the BOT requires to be on the council. However, at further review the website has been updated and the new Policy Council Members are now comprised of the President's Cabinet.

Adjourn

Upcoming

- Next meeting: October 15, 2024
- Guest: Sara Glascock, Title IX Coordinator, Human Resources