



Staff Senate Meeting Minutes

The first monthly meeting of the Staff Senate was held on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in the Benwood auditorium of the Engineering and Computer Science building. As the first meeting, no minutes were available to approve.

Introductions from the Staff Senate Executive Committee members were given by President Joel Wells, President Elect Mary Lee King, Secretary Rebecca Dragoo, Parliamentarian Carrie Sherbesman, Ex-officio member Susan Lazenby, Ex-officio member Melita Rector.

President Joel Wells presented a Staff Senate overview including the guiding principles: Competence, Clarity, and Community.

Administrative reports were given by:

Chancellor Lori Mann Bruce:

- On listening tour across campus to learn as much as possible about the university
- First observation is the campus has been warm and welcoming with a focus on students
- Plans to talk a lot about enrollment and student growth because she believes in the product and higher education.

Provost Jerry Hale:

- Zoom interviews scheduled to fill the open administrative assistant position
- Vice Provost search will start when nine-month faculty have returned to campus. One or two positions will be posted.

Associate Vice Chancellor Chris Sherbesman:

- Board approved the 25-26 budget
- Payroll deduction for Parking permit is pre-tax now
- Market Ranges 6-11 are the focus for compression review or adjustments
- Welford is now charging for rentals
- Dual-enrollment student fee charges have changed to match dual-enrollment grant.

Standing Committees have not been formed yet so President Joel Wells gave a report on each committee and the process to self-nomination.

President Wells reviewed Old Business that carried over from the Exempt Staff Council (ESC) and Employee Relations Committee (ERC). No motions were made.

- Statewide Annual Leave accrual policies for exempt and non-exempt employees.
- Campus parking fee structures.

President Joel Wells discussed New Business. No motions were made.

- Telecommuting policy

The meeting adjourned at 11:27a.m.

Rebecca Dragoo, Secretary