



August 4, 2026

Approval of Minutes



Staff Senator Check-In



Standing Committee Reports

Curiosity Committee



Staff Book Club Update

How to Be a Good Creature by Sy Montgomery

- Facilitated by Harriett Whitaker (Athletics)
- 9 attendees

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

- Facilitated by Juanita Wade (Military Science)
- 9 attendees

Complications by Atul Gawande

- Facilitated by Judy Gregory (Career Connections)
- 5 attendees

Contact: Victoria Bryan, WCTL, Staff Senate VP
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Staff Conference Review

Conference Survey Results: 55 total responses

- 73% of attendees were very satisfied with the conference overall (No one felt dissatisfied)
- 51% of attendees thought the sessions were relevant to their role/interests, while 47% thought they were somewhat relevant
- 93% of attendees would be interested in attending next year

Staff Conference Review

Feedback:

- Positive- Power Plant Tour, Resource Fair, HR Presentation, and Interactive Sessions
- Future focus areas- Design of agenda/session information, professional development credit sessions, and more ELT involvement

Administrative Reports



HR Minute

Associate Vice Chancellor
Laure Pou



Campus Conversations

Moderated by Brad Bond

Today's Guest:

Executive Director of University Center and
Aquatic and Recreation Center

Aaron Grisham



President's Report



Staff Senator Introductions

Group 1 Senators

Sarah Coffman, Library

Irene Hillman, CECS

Philip Sparn, Graduate School

Kimberly Thomas, PT/OT

Omar Yasin, RCOB

Emma Sampson, HHP - Alternate



Staff Senator Introductions

Group 2 Senators

Stuart French, IT

Denise Lindsey, Mocs Card Office

Tiffany Malapanes, Facilities

Chance Scrimshire, Facilities



Staff Senator Introductions

Group 3 Senators

Dawn Baron, Housing

Jason Harville, Housing

Yasmine Key, UHS

Lauren Ouwerkerk, Student Success

Ryan Worth, ARC

Nicolas Maynard, CFSA - Alternate



Staff Senator Introductions

Group 4 Senators

Alanna Hunnicutt, Access and Engagement

Kenneth Jones, Athletics

Tonya Love, Chancellor's Office

Amanda Whitecross, Advancement

Majdi Alghader, Research Institute



26-27 Committee Chairs

- **Benefits and Employee Development** – Amanda Whitecross
- **Communications** – Philip Sparn
- **Nominations and Election** – Victoria Bryan
- **University Relations** – Jason Harville

- **Bylaw Revision** – Teresa Harrison
- **Curiosity** – Chance Scrimshire and Tiffany Malapanes
- **Staff Awards** – Dawn Baron

2026-27 Committee Self-Nomination Form



Deadline to submit:
August 21



Announcements



Operation Move-In

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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 22
at 2:00pm
in the UC Auditorium



Adjournment

Thank you for coming!

