



Staff Senate Minutes

August 20th, 2024 (2:00pm–3:30pm)

Online Via Zoom

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
- Join the Zoom Meeting - <https://wou-edu.zoom.us/j/85780295099>

In-Attendance: Adrian Trujillo, Alexis Morrison, Ambre Plahn, Sandra Holland, Kirstie Rudich, Wendi Mars, Kristen Perry, Ellie Baker,

Absent: Connor King-Goehring, Jenna Otto, Rip Horsey,

Guests: Heather Brophy,

Approval of minutes

- July 16th Minutes are approved.

Guest Speakers

- None at this time

Reports

- Committee Reports
 - Shared Governance - Nothing to report (on pause for summer)
 - President's Cabinet - Nothing to report (next meeting is September 4)
 - University Council - Nothing to report
 - Other - Administrative Equity; Staff Connections; Scholarship
 - Staff Connections – Planning has begun for the Halloween contest this year.

Unfinished Business

- Determine new goals for the upcoming academic year. We would like to start gathering ideas for what folks want to focus on this academic year. Alexis will send out a Google Form for senators to fill out and have an opportunity provide feedback.
 - Giving Day – putting more effort into this event and being more prepared for it.
 - More connection between WOU Salem and the Monmouth Campuses as well as between departments.
 - Ask each subcommittee to set their own internal goals for the year

New Business

- The President's Office has reached out to the staff senate for nominations for an unclassified and classified staff member to sit on the Search Committee for the VPFA. If you are interested in or know someone to nominate, please reach out to Alexis.



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Announcements

- Agenda item suggestions
- Kirstie has volunteered to provide a presentation about WOU Salem, the OTD construction, and how folks can be a part of the space there at one of our future meetings if we would like? It was agreed that this is a great idea, and we will get it on a future agenda.
- Kudos/Recognition – David Kunz is the staff member of the month for August.... YAY!!
- Public Comments - Anything for the good of the order?
 - HR and the Business Office hold a monthly game competition. They play Bocce Ball and share food. Feel free to join in on the next one. It is a lot of fun and a great way to meet folks across campus.

Adjourn

Upcoming

- Next meeting September 17, 2024
- Guest: Dominique Vargas, Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion