

**University of Wyoming**  
**Staff Senate Meeting – June 2025**  
**Location: College of Business, BU 110**  
**Date and time: 6/4/2025 at 1:15 pm**  
**Zoom Meeting ID: 955 7015 7015**



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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Staff Senate President Adam Comeau at 1:15 PM.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was conducted, and a quorum was established.

- Attendance: 27 Senators present
- Proxies: 5
- Vacancies: 11

**Approval of Agenda & Minutes:**

- Agenda: The June 2025 agenda was approved unanimously.
- Minutes: The meeting minutes from May 2025 were received and approved with unanimous consent.

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**ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

**President's Office – Jadeen Mathis, Public Relations Manager**

- President Seidel is reviewing interim provost candidates; a recommendation will be submitted to the Board of Trustees on June 18. A public announcement will follow.
- Amy McLaughlin will start as Vice President for IT on July 1.
- A Deans and Cabinet retreat will be held on June 10 to discuss institutional priorities.
- The Employee of the Quarter reception for Tricia Olson, Office Associate, will take place on June 11

**Academic Affairs – Mandy Giffords, Chief of Staff to the Provost/EVP**

- A committee is helping with the reorganization of the School of Computing. The director will report directly to the provost. These changes will take effect on July 1. The school will be in Crane Hall. A nominated candidate for interim director will proceed in the selection process.
- The interim director position for Graduate Education remains open; nominations have been received and reviewed.
- A search committee is hiring a search firm and finalizing the position description for the new Dean of Engineering. The hope is to have the final hire completed by October or November.

**Division of Operations – VP Bill Mai**

- The new north dormitory will be open by the fall semester and ready for Saddle Up.

- 15th Street will be open for move-in but will temporarily close afterward to finish roundabout construction. Another closure is planned for December.

#### **Student Affairs – Kate Fahey, Assistant to the VP**

- Interviews are in progress for the “Wellness in the West” position. On-campus interviews are being scheduled.

#### **Human Resources – VP Bob Link**

- I-9 compliance remains strong.
- Graduate assistants continuing summer employment must have their appointments extended.
- Talent acquisition teams are available to assist with recruitment.
- Upcoming deadlines for hiring work-study students have been noted.
- The new absence policy states that failure to appear and notify a supervisor for three consecutive workdays may be considered job abandonment and could lead to termination. Departments may decide on the requirement for doctors’ notes.
- UW is no longer participating in the City Rec Center wellness program; HR is exploring further options and alternatives.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **July 2025 Staff Senate Retreat**

- Tentative Date: Tuesday, July 22 | Time: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM | Location: TBD
- Mandatory in-person attendance is expected, with allowances for prior commitments.
  - *Motion to approve the retreat date – Approved*
- Retreat Planning Committee members: Jesse, Emilio, Molly, Rebecca Sorber, and Connors
  - *Motion to approve committee formation – Approved*

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## **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **President – Adam Comeau**

- Will attend next week’s Dean’s Retreat on behalf of staff.
- Has the final onboarding session scheduled with President-Elect Jesse Grossinger.
- Gave farewell remarks to the Senate.

### **Vice President – J. Baker**

- Gave farewell remarks to the Senate.

### **Treasurer – Henderson**

- Gave farewell remarks to the Senate.

### **Secretary – McGinley**

- Gave farewell remarks to the Senate.

### **Member-at-Large – Roberson**

- Gave farewell remarks to the Senate.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Recognition Committee – Senator Frankie Vogt**

- This was Senator Vogt’s last Staff Senate meeting.
- Tricia Olson will be recognized as Employee of the 1st Quarter on June 11 at the Physical Sciences Building. Calendar invitations have been sent.

### **Staff Relations Committee – Senator Meghan Monahan**

- Update is pending; follow-up required.

### **Governance Committee – Senator Mollie Hand**

- The committee held a retreat planning session and updated internal documents.
- Bylaws will be reviewed as required during even-numbered years.
- Senator Hand will step down as chair and remain as an ex-officio member.

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## **LIAISON REPORTS**

### **Athletics Planning Committee – Senator Teng**

- This year saw the highest number of student-athlete graduates.
- The athletics department achieved its financial goals.

### **Food Security Task Force – Senator Monahan**

- Senator Monahan will resign; a new liaison is required.

### **Freedom of Expression Initiative – Senator Gwen Dailey**

- Planning a speaker series on campus for the upcoming academic year.

### **Public Art Committee – Senator Catherine Conard**

- Four proposals are currently under review.

### **Shared Governance Working Group – President-Elect Grosinger; Senators Tai Baker & Holmquist**

- The group held its first meeting, and the next one is scheduled for June 11.
- The committee discussed its charge and whether President Seidel should participate.
- Monthly meetings will start immediately.
- Members are gathering examples of effective and ineffective shared governance practices to guide future work.

### **2025 State Laws Working Group – Parliamentarian Steven Lupien**

- Meetings are held weekly on Thursdays. Topics include:
  - Firearms on campus
  - Use of restrooms and locker rooms

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## **Public Comment**

- Senator Tai Baker emphasized the importance of maintaining ongoing engagement with the Faculty Senate and ASUW. If the Staff Senate VP is unable to attend Faculty Senate meetings, an alternate should be appointed.

- Staff Senate Chambers will serve as the official meeting space from now on.
- A Staff Senate gathering is being considered to recognize outgoing senators.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 PM.