



University of Wyoming

Staff Senate -- Meeting

Date- Wednesday September 2, 2026

Location: Wyoming Union – Senate Chambers; Teams 1:15 pm

- I) Call to Order
- II) Roll Call
 - Roll was called by Secretary Perez, 3 senators are absent, 2 are present via proxy.
- III) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Drum motion to approve, Castillo seconded, minutes are approved
- IV) Approval of Current Agenda
 - Chancellor motion to approve, drum seconded, minutes are approved
- V) Confirmations (if applicable)
 - a. Election of President
 - Christopher Weber gave a brief introduction of his thoughts and goals around his term should he be elected. Answer some questions of the senate about what he would like to do and see if elected.
 - VP Joe Castillo gave a brief introduction around his thoughts and goals of his term should he be elected. Answered some questions of the senate about leadership roles and experience on this campus.
 - Joe Castillo wins the election as President
 - Vice President elections will be held next meetings
 - b. Kristen Lewis
 - College of Business, Advise Grad students, at UW for 10 years, excited to learn, voice of staff all over campus.
 - Perez motioned to confirm, Drum seconded, Lewis was confirmed
 - c. Dustin Hunt
 - Office of the registrar, been around for 2 year (5 in total), excited to be involved and learn ore
 - o District 2 Home district
 - Castillo motioned to confirm, Lafleiche seconded, confirmation passed
- VI) Presentation (if applicable)
 - No presentations
- VII) Exec Report
 - a. President
 - One new working group committee: collection, policies and procedures
 - o President Dailey to send info to President Castillo to decide who will sit on this committee
 - Looking for interest in the Fee Book Committee
 - Working on active senators to sit on athletics and parking committees
 - o Reviewing if Staff Senate representation could sit on this committee or if we will keep receiving info from appointee Cossitt
 - b. Vice President
 - No report
 - c. Treasurer
 - In reviewing accounts and Endowments and getting familiar with budget, funds have doubled probably due to Holiday Market
 - d. Secretary
 - No report
 - e. Member-at-Large
 - No report
- VIII) Committee Reports

- a. Governance
 - Gov met last week, working on spreadsheets and cleaning up the information.
 - o They are going to dive deeper into how return senators to their home district.
 - Going to keep recruiting senators
- b. Staff Relations
 - Had first meeting of Semester last Thursday, many topics were covered
 - o Tuition waiver
 - o Scholarships – will reconvene this year to discuss staff scholarships
 - o Parking – In touch with appointee Cossitt and Paul Kunkle to have Staff Senate representation on Parking committee
 - o Evaluations – Would like to look at the process of Staff Evaluations, how it's done, how it affects staff
 - o AI committee – more info on BoodleBox, AI conglomerate platform, deployed for Faculty Staff and Students starting in the spring semester.
 - o Survey out to staff about a Transparency Panel – not many responses but the responses received had a lot of things to say
 - Will be leaving open for other to offer input if they did not have the opportunity during Saddle Up.
 - o Still working on making sure Staff Senate sits on Presidential Search committees
 - o Coffee & Conversation Dec 3 2-4p
- c. Staff Recognition
 - Recognition meeting tomorrow @ 2p
 - Rolling out action items and assigning people tasks
 - o Holiday market is through legal
 - o Foundation is including documents and linking them in application
 - o Plan is to announce holiday market next week
 - o Still needs volunteers, new senators should join recognition committee
- d. Communication Committee
 - Will have first meeting tomorrow with Recognition
 - Giving Day info will be coming out soon
 - Once websites are live for holiday market, it will be shared out to send to constituents
 - Archive of previous meeting minutes/documents are being worked on

IX) Liaison Reports:

- a. AI Committee – Senator Weber & Owens
 - No report
- b. Alcohol Policy Committee – Secretary Perez
 - Finished the subgroup, we haven't set a full working group
- c. Athletics Planning
 - i. Scott Chamberlin to provide updates
 - 1. First meeting is Thursday Sept. 10
 - 2. Responsibilities of this role:
 - a. Why – NCAA mandated position, faculty athletic representative
 - b. Oversee Athletic planning committee
 - i. Group of about 30 people, 12 Faculty, 2 Staff, we will try and add staff senate representation
 - c. 3 Sub committee
 - i. Academic Integrity
 - ii. Fiscal Integrity
 - iii. Student Athlete Wellbeing
 - d. Produces an EOY report to the Board of Trustees, Faculty Senate will request the report sometimes, Presented to BOT in July
- d. Campus Safety Working Group – Senator LeBeau
 - No Report
- e. Fee Book Committee
 - i. New senator needed
- Looking at potential fees for the new Aquatic Center

- f. Freedom of Expression Initiative – President Dailey
 - Haven't met as a committee, have one page report to be attached to minutes and monthly report.
 - o Updates around trainings and updates around freedom of expression
- g. Parking Committee
 - i. Brenda Cossitt to provide updates
 - No report
- h. Public Art Committee - Senator Herman
 - No report
- X) External Liaison Reports:
 - a. ASUW
 - Nathan Coorly, Director of Public Internal Policy
 - o Just stated session, a lot of executives were confirmed last night
 - o Looking forward to working with us
 - b. Faculty Senate
 - No report
- XI) Old Business
 - No report
- XII) New Business
 - No report
- XIII) Administration Reports:
 - a. President's Office
 - Kelsey Kine
 - President Reeves wants to thank everyone that was a part of Move In and Saddle Up
 - President Reeves to perform State of University next Thursday 3:30 – 4:30p, WYO Cast available, social hour at pokes pub afterward
 - o 1 ½ hours of release time for everyone
 - Leadership Institute for both Faculty and Staff
 - o Applications are now live; Campus communication went out yesterday with links to applications: <https://www.uwyo.edu/news/2026/08/applications-open-for-2026-27-uw-leadership-institute.html>
 - b. Academic Affairs
 - New faculty orientation last week about 120 new faculty joined the University this fall
 - New Dean and Executive of SER have officially started
 - Provost will be launching a search committee for Director of the Art Museum
 - USP – general education (University Studies Program)
 - c. General Council
 - No report
 - d. Research and Economic Development Division
 - Wrapping up a Summit which was successful Day 1: 275/300 participants
 - ARC released 2 new clusters:
 - o Clusters news release: <https://www.uwyo.edu/news/2026/08/uw-launches-two-new-computing-clusters-to-expand-research-capabilities.html>
 - o Mountain West AI & HPC Website & News Release: <https://www.uwyo.edu/research/announcements/events/mw-ai-and-hpc-summit.html>
<https://www.uwyo.edu/news/2026/08/uw-nvidia-nsf-ascend-engine-to-host-mountain-west-ai-and-hpc-summit-aug-31-sept-2.html>
 - Town Hall information: <https://www.uwyo.edu/research/announcements/vp-newsletter/index.html>
 - e. Operations
 - Cannot be at staff senate until 3p
 - Will be discussing ADA parking, construction and any questions the Senate has
 - o Campus map is an interactive map: https://uwoperations.uwyo.edu/uwopsmaps/UWCampusViewer/Index.html?_gl=1*17u49j0*_ga*_NDYxNzExMjQyLjE3ODM5NzIzMTUuLS4tLjE3ODU1MjA2ODUuNzQ1NDI2OTI5LjE3ODU1MjA2ODUuMTc4NTUyMDY4NQ..*_ga*MTY4NzE1MzQyNC4xNzg4OTcyMzE1*_ga_DCJG3HESYS*cE3ODgzODI4ODkbbzUyJGcxJHQxNzg4MzgyODkxJG01OCRsMCRoMA..
 - o Has different layers so a viewer can pick and choose what they are looking for

- Are we aware and compliant with ADA spaces? Every ADA spot on Iverson is inaccessible.
 - o Managed by the City of Laramie not UW Operations
 - o 9th and 15th are the only accessible crossing right now
 - o South Lot has ADA parking
 - o ADA spaces were added to Fraternity Row to help with North and South Halls
 - o Parking lot behind Education will turn into a green space, basketball court.
 - o How many spots will not require a UW parking permit?
 - It will be a mixture of UW permits and not.
 - o Iverson is set to wrap up for this year Oct 15. Start again in the Spring to be completed Aug 2027.
- f. Government Affairs
 - Mike Smith,
 - Primary election finished Aug 18
 - o First time UW worked with Albany County County Clerk to have voting in the Gateway Center
 - Lots of new faces coming to State legislature and State government, will be sworn in in January
 - UW Budget process (requests from state) has begun, BOT is reviewing before requests go to Governor
 - o New governor will have mechanisms to let his priorities be known to the legislature, core recommendations will be left in place, tweaking around the edges
- g. Student Affairs
 - No report
- h. Division of Budget and Finance – VP Bob Link
 - No report
- i. Human Resources
 - I9s need to be submitted with all new hires to HR
 - If we need to remove employees from positions, keep HR aware so they can be removed from payroll
 - Ask for assistance for timecards
 - Is there a contact for Direct Deposit?
 - o Payroll1@uwyo.edu - can help with all things payment
 - Student Employees have to work (log hours) on the start date of the hire
 - o Most likely an I9 issues which would lead the University is out of compliance
- j. Foundation
 - Senator Herman is hoping to bring someone from Foundation to talk about campaigns
 - Annual giving website can answer all questions

XIV) Question and Answer

XV) Open Forum

- Any updates on Office Associate Position
 - o An offer has been sent
- Staff Listserv and Staff Senate Alias are up and running
 - o Listserv: strictly internal conversation between the senate
 - o Alias: strictly external incoming to staff senate
- Updates on Great Colleges to Work for Survey
 - o Office of the President still waiting to share the official report
- What is the process for collecting Interested staff members for Staff Senate
 - o Join us button on staff senate page
 - o Email Kevin if a staff member is interested
- Thank you, Gwen
 - o Sept. 18 is her last day
 - o Pres Castillo is very excited for this role, willing to stop what he's doing to have a conversation
- Operations will speak on this when they arrive but it's critical that we maintain the ADA compliant spaces and return any that were removed
- Secretary Perez motioned to take a recess until 3p and reconvene when Operations arrives, Senator Drum Seconded, Motion passed by verbal vote.

XVI) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:28p per Senate verbal vote.

Assign new senators to recognition and email to Jane after meeting