

Minutes

UWF Staff Senate

Meeting

via in-person and Google Meet

University of West Florida

May 12, 2026

The meeting of the UWF Staff Senate was called to order at 1:30 pm by Staff Senate President Ethan Henley.

Attendance was taken by sign-in of Senators and online participants via Google Meet. The following Senators were present:

Olivia Ashcraft, Chip Chism, Nadya Collins, Zachary Farrington, Stephanie Fenner, Ann Gilbar, Ethan Henley, Brooke Karas, Mikey LeFevre, Sarah Madaris, Alex Miller, Keyaundra Mobley, Billy Nelson, Angie Quenan, Sandra Taylor, Megan Veach, Pam Scapin, Ivan Zarate Rosas.

Proxy Attendance: N/A.

Absent: Sierra Ebert; Marisa Elmore; Monti Stone

Guests: Dr. Dallas Snider – Vice Provost; Dr. Eric Kollar – Director – Office of the Provost; Jen Andrews – Senior Administrative Specialist, Continuing Education; Angei Morris – Housing Administration Specialist.

1. Administrative Reports

- a. Vice Provost, Dr. Dallas Snider, provided an update that for the Spring 2027 semester, classes will start on January 11, 2027, and end April 30th; does not affect holiday break.
- b. No HR updates.

2. Guest Speaker

- a. N/A

3. Approval of Minutes and Treasury Report

- a. Motion to approve April minutes: Sandra Taylor.
- b. Second: Chip Chism.
- c. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. Brooke Karas, Staff Senate Treasurer, - there are no updates to the Treasury Report.

4. Supervisor of Elections

- a. Sandra Taylor, Supervisor of Elections, presented the Staff Senate E-Board Slate nominees:
 - a. President: Ethan Henley
 - b. Vice President: Zachary Farrington
 - c. Secretary: Angie Quenan
 - d. Treasurer: Brooke Karas
 - e. Supervisor of Elections: Sandra Taylor
 - f. Communications Officer: Olivia Ashcraft
 - g. Senator-At-Large: Chip Chism.
- b. Motion to approve the E-Board Slate as presented: Stephanie Fenner.
- c. Second: Billy Nelson.
- d. Passed unanimously.
- e. Senators rolling off: Nadya Collins, Sierra Ebert, Stephanie Fenner, Mikey LeFevre, Monti Stone.
- f. Sandra Taylor presented six Staff Senate nominations:
 - a. Jenny Feysa – advising and School of Education
 - b. Angei Morris – Housing Administration
 - c. Zackary Newman – University Admissions
 - d. Carly Richards - University Marketing & Communications
 - e. Abby Hopper – Advancement
 - f. Jen Andrews – the Division of Continuing Education
- g. Motion to formally nominate the six candidates: Olivia Ashcraft; second: Angie Quenan.
- h. Passed unanimously.

5. Committee Reports

- a. Emergency Fund Committee–No updates.
- b. ERAP- Supervisor of Elections, Sandra Taylor provided an update – majority of invoices have been paid; met with Jack from HR and reviewed survey results.
- c. Hand to Paw- Senator, Alex Miller, - potentially looking at hosting an October donation drive.
- d. Holidayfest–No updates.
- e. Textbook Scholarship Committee: Senator-At-Large, Chip Chism, no updates/checking to see if the scholarship is awarded during the summer semester; application opens the week after drop/add.

6. New Business

- a. N/A

7. Old Business

- a. Argo Pantry Food Fight – Staff Senate President, Ethan Henley, - staff did not win the blingy armadillo; Faculty had about double the number of Senators show up; Five Staff Senators showed up to volunteer and provide support; Faculty took the win; thank you to those who donated.

- b. University Rebrand Update – Staff Senate Vice President, Zachary Farrington, provided an update -working on finalizing logos.

8. Open Forum

- a. Communications Officer, Olivia Ashcraft, - beginning June 1st, DAESA will now be the Division of Student Affairs; department name changes -Office of Design and Communication will now be Student Affairs Design and Communication; Technology & Support services will be Student Affairs Technology & Support Services; Recreation & Wellness is now Recreation and Aquatics; Wellness is now Office of Health Promotion and is with the Dean of Students Office.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Quenan – Secretary

Staff Senate Executive Board

President- Ethan Henley

Vice President – Zachary Farrington

Supervisor of Elections- Sandra Taylor

Secretary- Angie Quenan

Treasurer- Brooke Karas

Senator at Large- Chip Chism

Communications- Olivia Ashcraft