

Minutes

UWF Staff Senate

Meeting

via Google Meet

University of West Florida

January 14, 2025

The meeting of the UWF Staff Senate was called to order at 1:31 pm by Staff Senate President Ethan Henley.

Attendance was taken by online participants via Google Meet. The following Senators were present:

Patricia Barlow, Tori Bennett, Nadya Collins, Sierra Ebert, Marisa Elmore, Zachary Farrington, Ann Gilbar, Brett Haskell, Ethan Henley, Brooke Karas, Mikey LeFevre, Sarah Madaris, Jenny Makselan, Heather Seitz, Megan Veach, Blythe Webster, Pam Weeks. Chip Chism, Stephanie Fenner, Monti Stone, Sandra Taylor.

Proxy Attendance: N/A

Absent: Tori Bennett, Angie Quenan

Guests: United Way

Ethan Henley motioned to adjust the agenda lineup to move New Business to after the Administrative Reports.

Second by: Patricia Barlow

No presidential report

HR- Jamie Sprague

New Employee Orientation mandatory for OPS

New deductions should show on paychecks from open enrollment changes

ERAP nominations are open until January 24

1. New Business

Campaign to support United Way ends January 31. Areas of focus: health, financial security, community resilience. One time donations or recurring donation options available. Dialing 211 helps with food and shelter. 988- suicide/mental support help line.

Administrative Reports

2. Approval of Minutes and Treasury Report

Motion to approve December Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Sandra Taylor

Second by: Ann Gilbar

Passed unanimously.

Staff Senate Treasurer, Brooke Karas, shared there are no updates to the Treasury Report.

3. Supervisor of Elections

- Sandra Taylor- beginning to look for replacements for senators rolling off.

4. Committee Reports

- Employee Emergency Fund Committee – Staff Senate Treasurer, Brooke Karas, shared there are no updates.
- ERAP – Zachary Farrington and Sierra Ebert have began meeting monthly to plan for the event on April 3
- Hand to Paw – Blythe Webster – campaign concluded and looking ahead to next year.
- Holidayfest – Ethan Henley – shared Holidayfest went well and a special thank you to the volunteers.
- Textbook Scholarship Committee – Sierra Ebert –the application is open and will close January 23.

5. Old Business

- N/A

6. Open Forum

- Senator at Large, Sierra Ebert, shared a fun get to know you exercise about Senators Brooke Karas and Brett Haskell.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator at Large- Sierra Ebert

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- Sierra Ebert

Communications- Marisa Elmore