

Minutes

UWF Staff Senate

Meeting

via Google Meet

University of West Florida

June 10, 2025

The meeting of the UWF Staff Senate was called to order at 1:30 pm by Staff Senate Vice President Zachary Farrington.

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

Patricia Barlow, Chip Chism, Nadya Collins, Sierra Ebert, Zachary Farrington, Stephanie Fenner, Ann Gilbar, Brett Haskell, Brooke Karas, Mikey LeFevre, Sarah Madaris, Jenny Makselan, Angie Quenan, Monti Stone, Sandra Taylor, Blythe Webster, Pam Weeks.

Proxy Attendance: N/A

Absent: Tori Bennett, Marisa Elmore, Ethan Henley, Heather Seitz, Megan Veach.

Guests: Dr. Martha Saunders – University President; Olivia Ashcraft; Alex Miller; Keyaundra Mobley; Billy Nelson; Ivan Zarate Rosas.

Administrative Reports

1. Executive Report – Dr. Martha Saunders – University President.

- a. Presidential change in leadership will begin at 11:59pm on July 13th
- b. There will be a Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, June 12th at 9am in the UWF Conference Center.
- c. Compliment to Staff Senate on ERAP Awards. It's important that we show recognition and appreciation to our friends/colleagues.
- d. Summer facilities projects are going on throughout campus.
- e. Zachary Farrington shared appreciation to Dr. Saunders for her dedication and years of service to UWF.

2. Approval of Minutes and Treasury Report

Motion to approve the May Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Ann Gilbar.

Second by: Pam Weeks.

Passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the April Meeting Minutes as amended.

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 motioned to elect two Senators, Brett Haskell and Chip Chism, who are eligible to serve a second term.
 - i. Second to re-elect both Senators: Patricia Barlow.
 - ii. Passed unanimously.
- Previously Nominated Senators:
 - i. Ivan Zarate Rosas (Biography: enjoys traveling, has been to 27 different countries, loves to try new foods, riding bike with his 2.5-year-old daughter, loves to go antique shopping, and thrift store shopping looking for cast iron skillet; hobbies include watching Liverpool Football Club, cooking; Ivan was born and raised in Northern California).
 - ii. Olivia Ashcraft (Biography: has been employed at the University since November 2021; following a part-time role, Olivia has joined the Division of Academic Engagement and Student Affairs Design and Communication team full-time in 2022; Olivia was promoted to Senior Graphic Designer in 2024; third generation alumna of UWF; graduated in 2018 with a BFA specializing in Graphic Design; has participated in LEAD the Staff version; has been awarded several times in the marketing and collegiate industry competitions for her creative works; outside of UWF, Olivia enjoys gaming, crafting, creating digital illustrations, and spending time with her partner, family, friends, and cat).
 - iii. Keyaundra Mobley (Biography: Pensacola native, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies and a Minor in Communications from UWF; currently enrolled in the Public Administration MSA program; a second year graduate student; served as a SGA Senator in during her undergraduate studies; and soon became the UWF Graduate Student Advisory Board President which was a motivation to join Staff Senate. In her downtime, she

is a huge fan of Disney and Marvel, enjoys going to different Disney theme parks with Epcot being her favorite; and seeing new Marvel movies).

- iv. Alex Miller (Biography: has collectively been working for UWF for 3+ years; started out as a student and currently as a Coordinator of industry engagement in the Career Development and Community Engagement Office. Alex works with employers, faculty, and staff to provide our students with high impact employment opportunities during their time at UWF and beyond; Pensacola native, currently enrolled as a graduate student at UWF in the online masters Information Technology program and is looking forward to graduating in May 2026. His bachelor's degree is in Psychology also from UWF).
 1. Motion to vote previously nominated Senators: Sierra Ebert.
 2. Second: Angie Quenan.
 3. Passed unanimously.
- v. Nomination by Blythe Webster to nominate Billy Nelson for Staff Senate.
 1. Motion to nominate: Blythe Webster.
 2. Second: Sandra Taylor.
 3. Passed unanimously.
 4. Billy Nelson (Biography: started working at UWF in 2014; currently serves as the Circulation Manager in the Pace Library; fun fact: last year, he began serving as the Staff Advisor for the new UWF Rugby Club).
 5. Motion to vote Billy Nelson as a new Staff Senator: Ann Gilbar
 6. Second: Blythe Webster.
 7. Passed unanimously.

5. Committee Reports

- Employee Emergency Fund Committee – Staff Senate Treasurer, Brooke Karas, shared there are no new updates.
- ERAP – Sierra Ebert - no updates.
- Hand to Paw – Blythe Webster –no updates.
- Holidayfest – Ethan Henley – no updates.
- Textbook Scholarship Committee – Sierra Ebert – we awarded two scholarships this semester.

6. New Business

- a. July Staff Senate meeting has been cancelled; we will reconvene in August.

7. Old Business

- a. Juneteenth Event, sponsored by the Black Employees Association, will be held on Monday, June 16th from 11am to 1pm in the Commons Auditorium.

8. Open Forum

- a. Sierra did two truths and a lie for Ivan Zarate Rosas, Sandra Taylor, and Nadya Collins.
- b. Sandra Taylor expressed her gratitude to the Senators that are rolling off.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 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- Sierra Ebert

Communications- Marisa Elmore