



STAFF SENATE MINUTES

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 9, 2025

PRESIDING OFFICER: CHAIR CAMPBELL KEELE

The Staff Senate held the January Session in Glass Hall, room 486. Chair Keele called the session to order at 11:05 p.m.

Absences: Sharon Harter JF1, Melissa Lafarlette JF1, Jared Steeves JF2, Amy Daniels JF4, Nicole Webster JF4, Galen Martin JF4, Ben Metzger JF4, Stephanie Smith Divisional Rep.

Guests: Denise Lofton, Jade Morris, Adrian Balanean, CW Tillman, Kelly Rapp

GREETINGS

- Chair Keele welcomed everyone to the January Senate Meeting.

GUEST SPEAKERS

- President Williams
 - Updates from the Office of the President
- Dean Tamara Jahnke
 - Higher Learning Commission Updates
 - HLC will be here March 30-31, 2026.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

NEW SENATOR SWEAR IN

- Senator Wilkins and Senator Prock were sworn in.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

- Chair report: Provost search is moving forward with candidates for on campus interviews and open town halls. Listening lunches will begin next month; invites will be sent via email.
- Chair Elect: Mid-year budget update. Still two job openings in job family two.
- Past-Chair: Staff Appreciation t-shirts on sale until 2/7/2025.
- Coordinator of Communications: No Report
- Coordinator of Committees: No report.
- Secretary: No report.
- Parliamentarian: Bylaws work group met in December and a second meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION REPORTS

- Academic Calendar (Rigby): 2026 – 2027 academic calendar will not be aligned with SPS.
- Executive Budget (Keele): Discussions on how to be transparent with upcoming budget meetings.
- Faculty Senate (Hahn): Faculty senate included discussions on changes to the constitution, and presentation of an honorary degree.
- Shared Leave (Schlinder): Approved cases for the month.
- Strategic Planning Committee (Hader): Discussion included workgroup progress and is still ongoing.
- University Council (Keele): Discussion included an overview of the marketing analysis, a budget update for the current timeframe, and conflict interest form.
- Wyrick Commission (Webster):

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Public Affairs (Bowles): Sammys Window donation was successful. Next meeting will be January 28th at 3:00 p.m.
- Staff Activities (Mallonee): Alamo Drafthouse Movie this weekend. Tickets for men's and women's basketball tickets will be released in the next few weeks. Next meeting is January 15 1:30 p.m.
- Staff Development: No update.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to close January meeting by unanimous consent made by Senator Hader. The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.