



WKU STAFF SENATE

Monthly Meeting – February 4th, 2025 (10:00 AM) DSU 2081

View Full Meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3r8m2dJ6zEA>

Call to Order: 10:01 AM CST

Roll Call: 19 Senators in attendance; in person and via Zoom.

Approval of the Agenda & Prior Monthly Meeting Minutes: Both approved by unanimous consent.

Christopher Ware Staff Star Awards

I-Tsai Pan– Chinese Flagship Program

Jack Quinn – Academic Program Marketing

Megan Bailey – Mahurin Honors College

Guest Speaker- ITS

Jeppie Sumpter, Assistant Vice President of Information Technology Services, gave updates from ITS and answered questions submitted by staff members. ITS supports students, employees, and guests at WKU. They operate mission-critical systems, power essential academic and administrative functions. Highlights include:

- ITS work ~40,000 tickets annually and put in ~48,000 hours focused on projects annually.
- IT works to be transparent as possible. To learn more about what IT is working on visit <https://wku.edu/its/operations/> and <https://www.wku.edu/its/projects>.
- IT uses discussion boards and focus groups to share information and have discussions about IT concerns.
- IT is working to transition from Cisco to Microsoft Teams for voice communications. There are voicemail features that can transcribe.
- Authentication related issues are one of the highest volume of tickets IT receives.
- ITS recommends continuing to get familiar with Microsoft Teams. It is going to be a core piece in the future.
- ITS is working with campus business units to update the self service side of Banner (TopNet).
- Please view the whole presentation at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3r8m2dJ6zEA>.

Officer, Committee, and Staff Regent Reports

- **Chair – Leslie Vanderpool:**
 - Chair Vanderpool reported that her meeting with President Caboni was scheduled for when WKU was closed for inclement weather so they did not meet.
 - Chair Vanderpool invited Senator Hess to share updates from the BEC. Senator Hess shared that they met two weeks ago. Discussions were about the proposals that BEC will be hearing about permanent budget increases.
 - The Staff Engagement Survey results are in and have been sent out to everyone.
- **Vice-Chair – Jordan Ray:** Senator Ray reported that the search has been reopened for the Assistant Vice President of HR. They asked him to be the staff representative as he was on the hiring committee during the previous search. He will report any updates to the Staff Senate.
- **Secretary – Morgan Moran:** Senator Moran shared that the New Staff Reception scheduled for Thursday, February 12th has been postponed. The Onboarding Committee is looking for a time and location that works for the majority as there were very few who RSVP'd that they would attend. Updates on the new date and time will come soon.
- **Parliamentarian – Jon Adams:** No Report
- **Technology – Kent Johnson:** No Report
- **Treasurer – Andria Henry:**

Treasurer's Report
February 2025
AS OF 2/3/2026, FY25:

E&G Index – 100600

 - Starting Balance = \$2,500.43
 - Additions = \$0.00
 - Disbursements = \$0.00
 - Ending Balance = \$2,500.43

WKUF Account (Staff Senate Excellence Fund) – 1108600

 - Starting Balance = \$2,275.12
 - Additions = \$0.00
 - Disbursements = \$0.00
 - Ending Balance = \$2,275.12

CHF Account (Book Scholarship) – 800139

 - Starting Balance = \$1,969.84
 - Additions = \$0.00

- Disbursements = \$0.00
- Ending Balance = \$1,969.84

- **Communications – Deanna Jenkins:** Senator Jenkins reported that she is still working on getting answers to the anonymous comments from our last meeting.
- **Staff Regent – Jennifer Hammonds:** No Report
- **SGA Representative – Rush Robinson:** No Report

Old Business:

Kevin Werner's Workplace Safety Report: Chair Vincent asked Senator Werner if there were any updates on the tabled Workplace Safety Ad hoc committee. Senator Werner reported that there were no updates to report yet.

New Business:

The Provost and Susan Howarth have agreed to host Town Halls in their respective areas to improve campus communication. Staff are encouraged to attend and come prepared with questions or concerns.

Public Comment: None

Announcements & Notable Events:

Spring Meet and Greet will be April 15th at 10:30am in Nite Class. Refreshments will be served.

Staff Senate Elections are coming this Spring.

Adjournment: 11:13 am CST