



WKU STAFF SENATE

Monthly Meeting – June 3, 2026 (10:00 AM) DSU 2081

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Call to Order: 10:00 AM CST

Roll Call: 17 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

Marci Morehead - Procurement Services

Kristen Darby - Art & Design, Music, & Theatre and Dance

Kathy Bailey - Student Financial Assistance

Officer, Committee, and Staff Regent Reports

- **Chair – Leslie Vanderpool**
 - Chair Vanderpool reported that she did not meet with President Caboni as their scheduled Monday would have been Memorial Day.
 - Senator Hess reported that the BEC met yesterday and they went over the proposed FY27 budget that will be presented to the Board of Regents.
The budget is pretty much the same as last year's budget.
- **Vice Chair – Jordan Ray:** Senator Ray has been asked to serve as a staff representative on a committee through HR. The committee is reviewing in a general sense some of our leave policies. They met once and that meeting was informational. No actions have been taken so far. Senator Ray will update as needed.
- **Secretary – Morgan Moran:** No Report
- **Parliamentarian – Jon Adams:** No Report
- **Technology – Kent Johnson:** No Report
- **Treasurer – Andria Henry**
 - Treasurer's Report
 - June 2026
 - AS OF 6/2/2026, FY26:
 - E&G Index – 100600
 - Starting Balance = \$1,549.51
 - Additions = \$0.00
 - Disbursements = \$268.37 (Pending)
 - Ending Balance = \$1,281.14

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:** No Report
- **Staff Regent – Jennifer Hammonds:** The 2nd Quarterly meeting of the Board of Regents is on Friday.
 - Academic Affairs has the typical program suspensions or approvals; most are suspensions this time. No new programs will be going through. Dean Brown will be speaking to the Board of Regents about the future of PCAL.
 - The big item on the Finance Committee agenda is the approval of the operating budget for next year.
 - The major items on the Executive Committee agenda will be the approval of athletic contracts for the Athletic Director, the baseball coach, and the track and field coach.
- **SGA:** New SGA Student Body President Caden Lucas introduced himself and expressed his gratitude for the work staff do all year long. He is available if Staff Senate have any questions or want to partner with SGA on any initiatives.
- **EVP SOF:** Susan Howarth shared that Friday they will present the FY27 Budget to the Board of Regents. Also, today they are pricing the bonds for the housing project and that it is going well.

Herb asked when the changeover of housing will happen since it didn't happen on June 1st. Susan shared that there was a delay in the bond pricing. It was originally going to happen in May but to get some construction pricing down it was moved to June. The pricing is today and the closing is scheduled for June 11th. Gilbane and Inwood will take over the management and maintenance on June 12th.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comment:

- Senator Werner shared an interaction with a staff member:

Before each senate meeting, I stop and ask each employee I meet if there's anything they want me to pass along to the senate. One of my coworkers shared this with me:

Employee morale is horrible. He said he could see it all across campus as he made deliveries. You don't even have to ask; all you have to do is say good morning and people will start telling you how bad things are.

And then he made a suggestion: Bring back weekly free meals at Fresh. Because a small benefit like that would go a long way toward improving morale.

True or not, the perception out there is that the university is doing nothing while inflation and budget cuts eat away at our livelihood. That perception won't change until the university does something-anything-to show that they value the people that keep things running.

In short: we need a win, even if it's a small one.

Fellow staff members, I thank you and I look forward to working with you to secure that win in the new term.

Announcements & Notable Events: None

Adjournment: 10:24 AM CST