



WKU STAFF SENATE

Monthly Meeting – May 6, 2026 (10:00 AM) DSU 2081

View Full Meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c5G7VmuuIOQ>

Call to Order: 10:00 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

Bethany Smith - TRIO Upward Bound & Educational Opportunity Center

Jenny Clauson - Biology Department

Reece Pratt - Housing and Residence Life

Guest Speaker – TRIO

Jimmie Martin and Lindsey Houchin with WKU TRIO gave an overview of the services that TRIO provides students. TRIO is a set of federally funded programs that help students in their pursuit of a college degree who identify as first generation, Pell grant eligible or limited income depending on definition, and students with a documented disability. There are 7 TRIO programs at WKU. Approximately 30 percent of WKU's undergraduates are first-generation students.

TRIO High School pre-college programs:

- Educational Talent Search
- Upward Bound

TRIO Adult Pre-College Programs:

- Educational Opportunity Centers
- Veterans Upward Bound

TRIO College Supporting Programs

- Student Support Services (SSS)
- Student Support Services, Disabilities (SSS-D)

TRIO SSS, SSS-D, and the Educational Opportunity Center are the programs that serve current students in their programs by providing:

- Academic support: tutoring, advising, counseling
- Financial support: FAFSA support and grant opportunities
- Professional support: Mentoring, professional development opportunities

Learn more about TRIO at: <https://www.wku.edu/trio/>

Officer, Committee, and Staff Regent Reports

- **Chair – Leslie Vanderpool**
 - Chair Vanderpool reported that she did not meet with President Caboni as he was out of town.
 - Senator Hess reported that the BEC went over projected budget information and strategies they are considering. The state did restore the funding they were going to cut.
- **Vice Chair – Jordan Ray: No Report**
- **Secretary – Morgan Moran: No Report**
- **Parliamentarian – Jon Adams: No Report**
- **Technology – Kent Johnson: No Report**
- **Treasurer – Andria Henry**

Treasurer's Report
May 2026
AS OF 5/5/2026, FY26:
E&G Index – 100600

 - Starting Balance = \$1,549.51
 - Additions = \$0.00
 - Disbursements = 0.00
 - Ending Balance = \$1,549.51

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: No Report**
- **SGA:** Rush Robinson introduced the new SGA Student Body President Caden Lucas.
- **EVP SOF:** None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Senator Henry proposed spending \$650 on upcoming expenses for our June workshop lunch and new shirts for the incoming Senators. The motion was passed.

Public Comment: None

Announcements & Notable Events: None

Adjournment: 10:36 AM CST