

STAFF SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, August 11, 2026
SSB 105

Agenda

- I. Call to Order – 2:04pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. VOTE to Approve Previous Meeting's Minutes (7/14/2026)
 - a. Approved
- IV. Guest Speakers
 - a. Peter Balabuch, Executive Director, Dining Services
 - i. Rollover primarily affected commuter students and faculty/staff because the plans were originally set up to roll over forever.
 - ii. Met with Audit and Compliance, which we found we have ghost liability for these ghost credits/accounts. When the FY flips it is shown as "unearned" revenue which went back to 2013 since 2020. Since then the cost of food has risen 31% so when looking at managing our funds we were asked to slowly filter out this type of set up. Starting with commuter students we gave money back to the state of Texas and refund some of it.
 - iii. Now in 2024 we've began changing the faculty staff plans and made the decision to stop selling plans that roll over perpetually. We sent information out to people who had these plans and let them know it would end August 7, 2026. We had to make this change and now faculty staff have the same access as students to the same meal plans. We could no longer carry over unearned revenue. Liability exists with roll over plans.
 - a. When is the end date for the new plans? Swipe plan / 80 or 40 will end in the Spring semester (May ish)
 - b. 5 a week or 8 a week ends at the end of this semester. Why does it end at the end of the academic year and not fiscal year? So staff is frustrated we cannot have swipes during the summer.
 - c. Exciting news for the Union? If you have any of the 40/80 swipe plans we're opening Mean Greens in Kerr Hall, which will be open in October.
 - d. Student Union Food Court is open limited hours this week and open full open hours next week. We've added a Ramen bar and we are working through contractual obligations with Qudoba and expect it to open around October.

- e. We will also be opening Scrappy's Ice Cream, Voltage Coffee and are partnering with West Oak coffee to renovate the old Starbucks spot.
 - f. Considering an Auntie Annes for old Taco Bueno Spot.
 - g. Union Circle Subs has Gyros now
 - b. Sue Aichele, Human Resources
 - a. Not present
 - c. Jeanette Garriga, President's Office Liaison
 - a. We are working on broader updates to the website and Look North
 - b. Clover's paw-fice hours are
 - i. Tuesday, August 18, 2026 2:30pm to 3:30pm
 - ii. Tuesday, September 1, 2026 2:30pm to 3:30pm
 - iii. Tuesday, September 15, 2026 2:30pm to 3:30pm
 - iv. Tuesday, September 29, 2026 2:30pm to 3:30pm
 - v. Tuesday, October 20, 2026 2:30pm to 3:30pm
 - vi. Tuesday, November 10, 2026 2:30pm to 3:30pm
 - vii. Tuesday, November 17, 2026 2:30pm to 3:30pm
 - viii. Tuesday, December 1, 2026 2:30pm to 3:30pm
 - c. President's Sack Lunch
 - i. Wednesday, October 28th from 11:30am-1pm, Union 314

V. Constituency Concerns

- a. Call for New Constituent Concerns
 - a. Sidewalks are unwalkable – we need more specific information
 - b. CVAD building – tree limbs are dangling into walking spaces could we have those trimmed? – we need more specific information will pass it along to Facilities
 - c. We have some staff that are struggling with necessities, we would like to get some information on the
 - i. Benefits – Could we get more information about offering those staff members?
 - ii. Food Pantry – Diamond Eagle Resource Center
 - iii. Could staff senate donate money to the food pantry and stock it or do a food drive or collect and provide staff food pantry.
 - iv. We can ask and get an update on funds for staff for emergency items or to donate towards a food pantry for staff members.

VI. Officer Reports

- a. Chair Report – Jenna Schuster
 - a. none
- b. Chair-Elect Report – Nikki Sparks
 - a. none
- c. Secretary Report – Cheyenne Moore

- a. OUT
- d. Treasurer Report – Jeffery Kam
 - a. Working on moving forward with treasurer taking over professional development fund moving the ABAs, if you have any questions or concerns, please let Jeffery know.
- e. Communications Report – Shelley Schaffer
 - a. OUT
- f. Parliamentary Report – Philip Aguinaga
 - a. none
- g. Assessment Coordinator Report – Hannah Kronenberger
 - a. none
- h. Past-Chair Report – Alex Ames
 - a. Make sure you’re taking care of yourselves!

VII. Standing Committee Chair Reports

- a. Communications and Public Relations – Walker Smart / Heather Treadway
 - a. none
- b. Membership and Assessment – Jazmyne Dixon
 - a. Collaborating with committee after meeting to discuss next steps on developing a survey for employee needs around campus.
- c. Staff Success – Anita Johnson / Ethan Gillis
 - a. Moving forward with staff success and running an escape room.

VIII. University Committee Updates

- a. Call for University Committee Updates
 - i. none

IX. VOTE on Professional Development Fund Requests

- a. Applicant 1-6 – Approved by unanimous vote

X. Old Business

XI. New Business

- a. Nametags
- b. Tumblers

XII. Announcements

- a. Call for submissions for integrity champion, if you think someone is deserving please let me know I have a QR code but we will also be drafting something for the staff senate news letter. – Christina Rucker

b. Updates about parking – all parking tags are virtual this year and parking attendants are able to scan a lot in 10 minutes or less. Paper parking tickets will still be issued on vehicles if a citation is issued. – Nikki Sparks

No other announcements or concerns.

XIII. Adjournment / Dismissal to Standing Committees – 2:37pm