



**I. Call to Order**

President David Finney called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

**II. Attendance**

Members present: Kari Albarado, Joe Bidwell, Dan Bishop, Vanessa Canter, William Cate, Rachel Colwell, Jennifer Crigger, O.J. Early, Kimberly Ferrell, David Finney, Joy Fulkerson, Brooke Garland, Wendy Guinn, Cody Henson, Kathi Horne, Ethan Hutchison, Ruthie Jones, Rachel Kellogg, James Lively, Jenny Lockmiller, Crystal Maupin, Cody Morelock, Skylar Moore, Donna Nelson-Barnes, Ryan Parvin, Melanie Peters, Debbie Roach, Katie Sellers, Brayton Siddell, Jr., Aneida Skeens, Jessimine Strauss, Elizabeth Thomas-Joseph, Jeremy Watson.

Members absent: Cody Greene, Suzy Hooven, Candy Massey, Stefanie Murphy, Amy Slaughter, Ben Smith.

**III. Welcome New Senators and Officers**

President David Finney opened the meeting with a networking opportunity for newly elected Senators and Officers to informally meet and greet one another.

**IV. Minutes**

President Finney presented the August meeting minutes for consideration. Senator Bidwell made motion to approve, and the motion was seconded by Senator Lively. The motion carried, and the minutes were approved.

**V. President's Report**

1. President Finney delivered a presentation about the history, purpose, and expectations for Staff Senate followed by introductions of newly elected Senators and Officers for the 2024-2025 term.
2. President Finney gave updates from the most recent University Council meeting, including updates on enrollment, compensation plan, Voyager implementation, salary increases, and more. He asked Senators to Save the Date for the shared governance joint reception for SGA, Faculty Senate and Staff Senate on November 14 at the Martin Center.

**VI. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Canter gave a report on current financials.



## **VII. Old Business**

None

## **VIII. New Business**

1. President Finney informed the Senate that the executive committee is working to develop a formal proposal for a staff ombuds with Senator Fulkerson and Vice President Morelock taking the lead on the draft. He shared that the Senate should expect a special called senate meeting later this month to review and approve the proposal for the executive committee to present to the administration on the Senate's behalf.
2. President Finney asked that Senators review the committee descriptions available on the Staff Senate website and notify him and VP Morelock via email by Friday of their top 2 preferred committees and if they want to be a Chair. The executive committee will review Senators' preferences and will slate committee chairs and members, and Senators can expect notification of committee assignments later this month.

## **IX. Adjournment**

Senator Henson made the motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Senator Strauss. The meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.