



WKU STAFF SENATE

Monthly Meeting – April 2nd, 2025 (10:00 AM) DSU 2081

View Full Meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCw7QGaPOAw>

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

Joanna Castlen, Applications & Programming Services

Weston DeShon, Academic Program Marketing

Keyonna Whaley, DSU Operations

Guest Speaker

- Zach Jones, Assistant Director-WKU Center for Financial Success shared information about The Center for Financial Success and answered Questions submitted in advance and from meeting attendees.

The Center for Financial Success is housed within the Gordon Ford College of Business. They are connected with the Personal Financial Planning Program within the Department of Finance. The Center offers ~6-10 students within the program applied learning experiences per semester. The students get to serve as financial coaches who serve their peers by helping manage their money and by delivering personal finance education. They are currently on the third floor of Grise Hall. Next semester The Center for Financial Success will move to 1st floor of the new College of Business building.

- The Center for Financial Success offers free one-on-one financial coaching. They help students with budgeting, spending plans, addressing debt situations, paying for school, and other financial planning conversations.
- Faculty and Staff can schedule appointments with The Center for one-on-one Financial Planning sessions.
- There are plans in the work for the Center of Financial Success to offer Faculty and Staff a Financial Education seminar series.
- The Center also runs a High School Personal Finance Summer Camp.
- Watch full remarks at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCw7QGaPOAw>.

Officer, Committee, and Staff Regent Reports

- **Staff Regent – Jennifer Hammonds: No Report**
- **Communications – Deanna Jenkins:**
 - The Staff Senate received two emails from two different staff members asking questions about parking changes. We reached out to Parking and Transportation and they got back to us. The two staff members were contacted directly with communications that addressed their concerns. Parking and Transportation has been invited to our June meeting, and they have accepted.
- **Treasurer – Andria Henry**

Treasurer's Report
April 2025
AS OF 4/1/2025, FY25:

E&G Index – 100600

 - Starting Balance = \$3,493.24
 - Additions = \$0.00
 - Disbursements = \$166.08
 - Ending Balance = \$3,327.16

WKUF Account (Staff Senate Excellence Fund) – 1108600

 - Starting Balance = \$2,230.12
 - Additions = \$15.00
 - Disbursements = \$0.00
 - Ending Balance = \$2,245.12

CHF Account (Book Scholarship) – 800139

 - Starting Balance = \$1,924.84
 - Additions = \$15.00
 - Disbursements = \$0.00
 - Ending Balance = \$1,939.84
- **Technology – Kent Johnson: No Report**
- **Parliamentarian – Jordan Ray: No Report**
- **Secretary – Morgan Moran: No Report**
- **Vice-Chair – Leslie Vanderpool: No Report**
- **Chair – Tanya Vincent**
 - The BEC did not meet yesterday. The next meeting is scheduled for April 15th.
 - President Caboni and Chair Vincent did not meet. If anyone has any questions or concerns to bring to the President, please share them with Chair Vincent.
 - Chair Vincent Shared her thanks to the Senate members for their work on the Staff Meet and Greet.

- Chair Vincent asked Senator Jenkins about the feasibility of switching from X to LinkedIn. Senator Jenkins will look at the analytics for the Staff Senate X account.
- Human Resources will be the guest speakers for next Month. A call for questions will be sent out around April 22nd.
- Chair Vincent asked Regent Hammonds about her questions for Parking and Transportation. Regent Hammonds would like to see utilization data for the Park Mobile parking spots in the Hub Lot. Senator Moran will reach out to Parking and Transportation director Ginny Griffin and send the response to the senate members.

Old Business:

- 2025-2026 Senate Elections: There are 11 vacancies that need to be filled next year. 10 seats will roll over to next year. Chair Vincent confirmed the election date of April 30th. We will have a call for nominations from 4/9-4/18. Nominees can campaign from 4/23-4/29 before the election of April 30th. Please encourage fellow staff members who may be interested in serving on Staff Senate to fill out nomination forms.
- Benefits Committee: Jordan Basham sent Chair Basham updates from the last Benefits Committee Meeting. He shares that the Benefits Advisory Committee held a special called election on March 5th and a regular meeting on March 19th. They are on track with program planning timelines. March was slated for preliminary Health Plan cost projections. The next round of projections are slated for June.

New Business:

- None

Public Comment:

- Weston DeShon, one of this month's Staff Star awardees, shared in the chat on YouTube: "While I wasn't able to join the meeting today, I wanted to thank Nina and Morgan so much for their kind words and recognition. It truly means so much to me to have received this award. I'm proud to be part of such an amazing community and I'm looking forward to the work we will be able to continue to do."

Announcements & Notable Events:

- Next Staff Senate Meeting: May 7th, 2025, 10:00 am
 - HR will be our guest speaker

Adjournment: 11:11 AM CST