

General Senate Meeting

Agenda: August 13, 2025
Lowman Student Center 230
1:30 – 2:30 PM

Call to order – Zacj Bellot

- Called to order at 1:34pm

Approval of Minutes – Katy Pelton (Secretary)

- Motioned by Michelle Meers
- Second by Tara Conlee
- Vote to approve. No reason to decline approval of minutes.

Treasurer's Report –Victoria Kirkland (Treasurer)

- ◆ E-Board-\$671
- ◆ Friends of Account- \$5516
- ◆ Development- \$220
- ◆ News- \$11
- ◆ Events- \$ -\$20
- ◆ PDC- \$1041
- ◆ Executive Committee will work on spending the remaining funds by the end of the fiscal year.

President's Report – Zacj Bellot

- First meeting with Dr. White is 9/4/2025
- Goal: to revise bylaws and constitution so that the proposed changes can be presented to Dr. White at the 9/4/2025 meeting.

Committee Chairs Reports

- **News & Networking** –Lidia Brown & Mikah Boyd
 - Follow up on social media: shsustaffsenate
 - Instagram and Facebook
 - Working on getting a LinkedIn account
 - Creating email timelines to announce events
 - Spotlight on Staff for July and August
 - Working on website updates
- **Nominations & Elections** – Emily Figueroa
 - Working on ensuring that nomination numbers are accurate and correct, in addition to equitable representation based on employees in the division.
- **Staff Affairs** – Breanna Soqui & Adrienne Luera
 - June 27, 2025: July 3 skeleton crew day instead of the week day before or after the holiday being “the holiday”. It impacts non-exempt staff. Per HR, we did not get credit for July 3 which is why we do not have that day off and it is a skeleton crew day.

- July 20, 2025: Per Parking there is not an option to place one vehicle on two permits permanently. As individuals need this accommodation, individuals should call the Parking office.
 - A suggestion was made for department parking which we are not confident would be acceptable for personal reasons.
 - Alicia swapped license plates for the permit as users swapped vehicles.
- **Staff Development** –Michelle Meers & Angela Buckner
 - 9/30/2025, 10am-11am, LSC 230: Hot Topic – Hazing Laws with Gene Roberts & Chelsea Smith
 - There will be a Zoom option for this Hot Topic so that those unable to attend in person will be engaged.
 - First committee meeting is on September 9, 2025
 - PDC timeline will be discussed
 - Committee members have gone through Talent Management training so that we can add sessions and mark attendance.
 - Committee is working on incentives to increase attendance and interaction.
- **Special Events** – Megan Hobbs-Barrett & Yolanda Jamison
 - 9/17/2025, 7:30am-9am, LSC 241A: Meet your Staff Senate representatives
 - Partnering with COM and TWC to engage staff members at those locations.
 - Committee will look into an option for the University Plaza
 - Swag, drawing, donuts, and coffee
 - 10/31/2025, 8am-10am, LSC Orange Ballroom, Spooktacular – October 2025
 - Working on costume contest ideas, food selection
 - Working on Spring and Summer events
 - Engagement Points!!!
 - If staff member attends staff senate member and completes survey, they receive an entry into a end of year engagement prize.
 - Partnering with Kat Klub – if staff attend Kat Klub staff nights, that attendance and survey attendance will count for staff senate engagement initiative as well.

Old Business: Updates, Discussion/Action Items

- Reminder: Presidents Reception on 9/15/2025 at 4pm
 - Staff Senate invite send for a placeholder
 - Office of the President will send an invite and we need to respond to the invite.

New Business: Updates, Discussion/Action Items

- Happy upcoming birthday to:
 - Angela Lewis – TODAY 8/13
 - Lydia Cravens – 8/15
 - Sandy Clapp – 8/22
 - Jhonny Keefer – 8/24

- Megan Hobbs-Barrett – 8/27
- Dena McKinney – 9/1
- Michelle Meers – 9/4
- Mikey Bullock – 9/9

Department/Campus Announcements

- SB 37 – Faculty senate is being disbanded in September 2025
 - Zacj will reach out to the Faculty Senate president
- August 19-24, 2025: Residence Hall move-in all campus
- August 21-24, 2025: Bearkat Kick Off will be happening – LSC will be super busy (to include food options)
- 17th Street Road work will be done next week and will impact traffic patterns
- AB3 is fenced off and demo and construction will be done over the next 18 months.
- Huntsville Chamber of Commerce Fair on the Square Committee needs volunteers for those who would like to give back to the community. Open to student, student orgs, faculty and staff. October 6, 2025.

Upcoming Events

- 9/3/2025, 1:30pm-2:30pm: Staff Senate Executive Board Meeting
- 9/10/2025, 1:30pm-2:30pm: Staff Senate General meeting
- 9/15/2025, 4pm: Reception with Dr. White – be on the look out for the RSVP
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Call for Adjournment – Zacj Bellot (President)

- Adjourned at 2:10pm