



Staff Senate

Minutes

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 | 3:00 PM | MUC 307

President Licari's Report

- The Governor's budget did not fully fund THEC's request.
- As a result, tuition increases are directly affected.
- Applications and admitted students are ahead of last year at this time.
- "Be a Gov! Tour" is scheduled in a few weeks.
- Men's basketball secured its first regular-season conference championship since 2008; tonight's game is vs. #2 Central Arkansas.

VP Finance and Administration Shahrooz Roohparvar

- Presented bonus structure proposal

SGA Report

- Passed a resolution for improved water dispensers in dorms.
- Voting today on new furniture for the ROTC area.
- Springtastic, a campus carnival, is set for April 11.
- New Vice President: Sydney Miller.
- Working on SGA culture initiatives.
- Completed a campus blood drive.
- Launched "Office of the Month"; last month's honoree: Physical Plant.
- Elections will take place in March.

Staff Senate President's Report

- Shahrooz approved dress code guidelines.
- Vice Presidents or supervisors will set individual office expectations.
- Sick Leave Bank: limited enrollment periods in January and July; moving forward with implementation.

Vice President's Report

- Elections for new senators and next year's executive board in May
- Executive Board must submit an application

Secretary's Report

- No report.

Treasurer's Report

- Balance: \$1,269.22 (no change from last month).
- Shirts have arrived; contact Claudia for size exchanges.

Communications Director's Report

- No report.

Committee Reports

Recognition Committee

- Conducting a needs assessment to identify preferred appreciation methods.
- Considering a newsletter for shout-outs.
- Staff Member of the Year award will be managed by this committee (previously part of Student Leader Awards).

University Policy Committee

- No report.

Parking Citation Committee

- Five appeals to be reviewed by the end of the week.

Leadership Academy

- Planning for the Food Pantry to speak next month.
- Attending HR meetings to discuss Staff Senate.
- Using a QR code for new employees to answer questions; Megan will send introductions for new employees.

Student Success Committee

- Spotlights are ongoing.
- Next spotlight is March 18 for CASE.

Events and Programs Committee

- Employee Appreciation Day is March 31.
- Faculty and Staff Senate Appreciation Hour will be discontinued due to low turnout.
- April 22: wear polos for a group photo.

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.