Austin Peay State University
CLARKSVILLE TENNESSEE

Staff Senate

Minutes
Wednesday, October 28, 2026 | 3:00 PM | MUC 307

1. **Called to Order at 3:01 p.m.**
2. **Reports**
    - President of Staff Senate gave the report on behalf of the University president.
        - THEC meets next week: Review university performance and state funding allocations through the higher education funding formula. Tuition and Scholarships: Potential tuition increases in future years. State lottery funding is limited, which could result in reductions to HOPE Scholarship funding as the state works to balance its budget. No vote is expected at the meeting.
        - University Closures: Closed the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and December 23–January 3 for winter break.
    - Student Government Association. No report.
    - Staff Senate Executive Board:
        - President Report
            1. IT Multi-Factor Authentication information was sent out.
            2. Employee Discipline Polices: Two policies enacted in January, by the state of TN. The University president to review those policies.
        - Vice President
            1. The costume contest is on Friday, October 30th. Individual picture and/or group photo may be submitted; however, you can only win one category. Upload photos on Govs Connect. SGA votes.
        - Secretary
            1. Reviewed upcoming events *[See Attachment]*
            2. Link for submitting upcoming events Staff Senate Event Announcement – Fill out form
        - Treasurer. /'No report
        - Communications Director. No report
3. **Committee Reports**
    - Recognition and Appreciation Committee: Appreciation & Belonging Hour is Thursday, October 29th.
    - University Policy Committee: Currently reviewing a few policies including employee discipline policy. The committee will meet via teams on Thursday, October 29th.
    - Parking Citation Appeals Committee: Last month there were 17 ticket appeals.
    - Leadership Academy Committee: We are waiting for an HR specialist to be hired.
    - Student Success Committee: No report.
    - Events and Programs Committee: No report.

4. **Old Business**
    - President of Staff Senate gave an update on the University's Strategic Framework Committee meeting. The committee will meet again on Friday, October 30th.
5. **New Business**
    - Staff Costume Contest
        - Reviewed categories & deadlines
    - Registration is open in library, with assistants or students can wait until November 18th
6. **Adjourned at 3:21 p.m.**

Upcoming Events

Date & Time	**Event Name**	**Location**
October 31, 2026 - 11:00 am	Volleyball	Dunn Center
November 1, 2026 – 1:00 pm	Soccer Match	Soccer Field
November 2, 2026	Registration open for Clifton Strengths Day	https://govsconnect.apsu.edu/otp_signup?module=event&event_id=380060&private_event=1
November 5, 2026: 11:30am-12:00pm	Final Month: Zoom to Teams Transition	Teams: https://www.apsu.edu/online/faculty/resources/webinars/techbytes.php
November 9, 2026	First Gen Commons Open House and First Gen Celebration Week Official Kickoff	Memorial Health 116
November 16-19, 2026	Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week	Multiple Locations
November 17, 2026 from 11am-2pm	International Film Night (International Education Celebration Week)	Art & Design building, room 120
January 19, 2027	CliftonStrengths Day	TBA