



Staff Senate

Minutes

Wednesday, August 27, 2025 | 3:00 PM | MUC 307

Call to Order

Called to order at 3:03 p.m.

President's Report - Dr. Licari

- Thanked everyone for smooth move-in and successful GO weekend
- Noted this freshman class had a full normal high school experience without COVID interruptions
- PITC successful - numbers forthcoming; hours should be logged via link in President's Corner
- Enrollment update: Final numbers pending census date
- Retention up 2.5% from last year
- Campus vitality initiative: Encouraging more faculty/staff engagement at campus events
- Fundraising: Laying groundwork for next comprehensive campaign

SGA Update - JT (SGA Vice President)

- SGA donated \$6,000 to FLEX program
- 60+ applicants for SGA positions; 40 applicants for 5 freshman representative slots
- Full senate expected by September 15
- All major events planned for the year
- New community service requirement for SGA members
- Seeking collaboration opportunities with Staff Senate

Staff Senate Executive Updates

- Treasurer Report: Current balance \$2,000 (allocated for Halloween Costume Contest and Help an Elf)
- Orientation materials available on website under resources
- Committee assignments distributed - all senators required to serve on one committee

Initiatives and Events Discussion

Proposed activities include:

- Coffee/food truck mingles for staff/faculty/students
- Monthly rotation of sports event attendance
- Networking events with students
- Wellness activities (fitness challenge, Foy activities)
- "Get to Know Your Advisors" program
- Faculty/staff convocation in larger venue
- Senate Social (informal lunch)
- Coffee with Senate (webinar format)
- Advocacy for raises based on degree attainment
- President hosting Staff Senate in suite
- Homecoming float participation
- Trivia night
- Staff Senate presentations on roles
- Tailgate events
- Raffle incentives for event attendance
- "Dine with Staff Senators" initiative

- Scavenger hunt
- SHAPE campaign expansion
- Staff/student game night
- Chili/soup cookout with SGA
- Policy review for clarity and accessibility
- PeayBay recognition system implementation
- Monthly HR updates on new staff
- New hire meeting attendance
- Welcome to Clarksville training
- See Red Friday participation

Action Items

- Order Staff Senate t-shirts
- Senator recognition at Appreciation and Belonging Hour
- Walking Wednesdays initiative
- Schedule Gavs Suite training

September Events

- September 10: Women's Lacrosse first practice, 9:00 a.m., soccer field
- September 16: Pour Decisions social hour
- September 22: These Hands Don't Haze, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.