



Meeting Minutes

8/6/2025

Via Zoom and In-Person

Meeting was called to order by Bre Anne Springer 10:00 a.m. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

Senators Present:	BreAnne Springer, Susan Villines, Bobbie Dodson, Dori Grinie, Kathy Sorells, Sean Souders, James Lee, Josh Baca, Izzy Matthes, Linda Brown, Jenny Castanon, Dean Foster
Proxy:	Bre Anne Springer for Maggie Calloway
Absent:	Samantha Johnson

Approval of Minutes by President Bart Brown for Regular Staff Senate meeting: The minutes were reviewed and approved. Motioned to approve by Bobbi Dodson, and seconded by Dori Grinie, motion passed.

Approval of Agenda for August 6,2025 by Bre Anne Springer: Moved to approve the new agenda by Susan Villines, the agenda was seconded by Bryan Kathy Sorrels, motion passed.

President’s Report: Bart Brown

- **Presidential Transition Update**
 - The Board of Regents voted to disapprove the agreement previously made with Dr. Shepard by the former board. That agreement is no longer in effect. The board’s legal counsel is continuing to review the details surrounding it.
- **Staff Input in Presidential Search**
 - In the ongoing work with the Anthem Group, I will be sending out a separate survey to gather input from staff on what qualities, values, and priorities you believe are most important in our next university president. This feedback will help shape the conversations within the search committee. I will be serving on behalf of the staff. I’m hopeful that we’ll be able to include an additional Staff Senate member on the committee to further represent the diverse perspectives of our staff.
- **Working with Interim Leadership**
 - We are committed to collaborating with Interim President Dr. Maples and appreciate his willingness to work with shared governance as we navigate this period of transition.
- **Campus Appreciation**
 - Thank you to facilities team for continuing to keep our campus looking beautiful and to the IT department for their ongoing work to restore and secure university systems. You are valued.
- **Looking Ahead**
 - As we welcome our students back to campus, let’s take every opportunity to support them with empathy, patience and guidance. Let’s be the pillars they can

lean on, offering encouragement, resources, and sense of belonging here at WNMU.

Vice President’s Report: Dori Grinie

- I’m honored to step into the role of Vice President and to serve in a new capacity.
- Thank you to facilities and maintenance, the campus looks beautiful. A big shout out to Admissions, Graduate Admissions, Financial Aid, Business office and Registrars office. We see all the hard work you’re doing to support the students. We appreciate you.

Treasurer’s report: Susan Villines

Supplies & Expenses:	\$600.00
Travel:	\$600.00
Staff Recognition:	\$1,1444.37
Staff Development:	\$404.60

Recognition – Employee of the Month: BreAnne Springer –

Shelby Benfield from Advising Center was recognized as the August 2025 Employee of the Month.

Committee Reports:

Salary, Benefits, & Classification (Senator	No report.
Rules & Ethics (Senators Foster, Calloway and Barraza):	There are beginning to review Bylaws and Constitution.
Career Development and Training (Senators Grinie & Baca):	Will be discussing in new business.
Elections (Senators Souders, Matthes and Brown):	No report
Staff Handbook (Senators Dodson and Sorells):	No updates.
Assessment (Senators Sorells & Foster):	No report.
Rewards & Recognition (Senators Springer, Villines and Castanon):	Will meet this week.
ADHOC: Web Presence Team (Senators Dodson & Grinie):	No updates.
ADHOC: Department Highlights (Senator Lee and	No updates will meet this week.

ADHOC: School Spirit Committee: (Senators Springer and Baca):	No report
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Old Business: Voting

- A. None

New Business:

- A. Swearing of new officers (Bre Anne Springer)
- Bre Anne Springers swore in new officers, Josh Baca, Linda Brown, Maggie Calloway, Jenny Castanon, Dean Foster, Samantha Johnson, James Lee, and Izelle (Izzy) Matthes.
- B. Discussion and Vote on permanent removal of Career, Development and Training Committee from committee reports. (Dori Grinie)
- Will not remove committee – will keep active incase they need to work with Pro Dev.
 - Bobbie motioned to meet quarterly with Pro Dev Susan seconded; motion passed.
- C. Purchase of name plates using Staff Senate funds. (Pres. Brown, BreAnne Springer)
- Senator Springer would like to get approval to purchase name plates for the cost of 193.50 from the S&E account.
 - Susan motion to approve name plated Foster seconded; motion passed.
- D. Purchase of polos (Senator Springer)
- Approved by the Pres. Office. Should hear from Alexandra by the end of the week.
- E. Other

Announcements and Open Forum:

- A. Tuition waivers- please submit by the end of the first week.
- B. Convocation next Wednesday, August 13th.
- C. Service Excellence Awards deferred until October due to cyber-attack.
- D. Linda Brown shared that some constituents felt there was too much community feedback during the presidential search and not enough feedback from staff, faculty, and students. Will discuss further.
- E. Bart will be advocating for an additional member of staff to added to the Anthem committee to better represent staff voices.
- F. Kim Woodward form the One Stop is asking Staff Senate to form a committee to support the food pantry.

Next Meeting: Staff Senate: September 3rd @ 10am in the Seminar Room/ Zoom available (5755386317).

Adjournment: moved to adjourn 10:29am by Senator Dodson, seconded by Senator Foster, and the motion passed.

