

Meeting Minutes

1/14/2026

Via Zoom and In-Person

Meeting was called to order by President Bart Brown @ 10:00 a.m. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

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

Approval of Minutes by President Brown Regular Staff Senate meeting: motioned by Treasure Springer; seconded by: Secretary Villines.

Approval of Agenda by President Brown: motioned by Senator Brown; seconded by: Secretary Villines

President’s Report: Bart Brown

- I want to thank all staff for the work you do to support out students, faculty and each other. Staff plays a huge role in keeping things running smoothly during these busy weeks.
- The presidential search is moving forward. The search committee will meet to discuss the pool of vetted applicants. I will be sending an email with a survey link to keep in mind what staff are looking for during this process.
- I want to take a moment to congratulate out service award recipients and our Presidential Leadership Award winner. These recognitions reflect years of dedication and leadership, and they highlight the many ways staff contribute to the success of this institution.
- On behalf of the Staff Senate , thank you all for everything you do, and here’s to a great start to the semester.

Vice President’s Report: Dori Grinie

- I want to recognize Purchasing and the Mailroom (Amy, Fatima, and Shaun) for the incredible work and support all staff. It’s a formidable job, and they do it with professionalism, care, and grace.
- Web presence – Bobbi received an update from Sebastiano that we should be receiving our shell site within the next week. We can began working on repopulating our information.

Treasure report: Susan Villines

Supplies & Expenses:	600.00
Travel:	600.00
Staff Recognition:	1761.00

Staff Development:	414.00
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Recognition – Employee of the Month: Springer, Villines and Castanon –

Eric Lowe from Education Department is Employee of the month for January 2026.

Committee Reports:

Salary, Benefits, & Classification (Senator	No report
Rules & Ethics (Senators Foster, Calloway and Barraza):	No report
Elections (Senators Souders, Matthes and):	No report
Staff Handbook (Senators Dodson and Sorells):	No report
Assessment (Senator Sorells and Foster):	Meeting to finalize Assessment Convocation March 6 th .
Rewards & Recognition (Senators Villines and B. Springer, and Castanon):	We are all caught up for right now.
Web Presence Team (Senators Dodson & Grinie):	Received update from Sebastiano – repopulating the site back up.
Department Highlights (Senators Villines and Lee):	Still revising footage
School Spirit Committee: Senator Springer and Baca):	No report

Old Business:

<p>A. None</p> <p>B.</p> <p>C. Other</p>

New Business:

A. Approval of spending from Staff Senate Travel Fund for Staff President trip to Santa Fe for Board of Regents

- a. The hotel will be 250.00 a night. Will use 350.00 from travel fund.
- b. Approval to move 350.00 from travel fund motioned by Secretary Villines 2nd by VP Grinie: motion passed.

B. Union Staff

- a. Will have a working session next week to discuss further.

C. Other

Announcements and Open Forum:

- A. Student Life is having there Chile cook off today.
- B. WNMU men's basketball plays Thursday at 7 and Saturday at 2.
- C. Tuition waivers are still being excepted until Friday.
- D. Debra Noble – This month is Stalking Awareness month. They'll be working with Student Life and Athletics. We need all training to be complete to get to 100%

Next Meeting: Staff Senate: February 4th @ 10am in the Seminar Room/ Zoom available.

Adjournment: moved to adjourn @ 10:26am by VP Grini, seconded by Senator Baca, motion passed.