



# KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Staff Senate Meeting  
December 18, 2024

Senators attending:

- Robert Bridges
- Ryan Capps
- Hadley Cottingham
- Becca Cox
- Joshua Davis
- Lindsey Jefferson
- Aimee Kane
- Lyn Kunkel
- Andrew McCanless
- Karen McDonnell
- Shelina Munoz
- Qing Qing Norris
- Caitlyn O’Kelley
- Sylvia Okonkwo
- Kelley Price
- Suzanne Rothery
- Patrick Steimer
- Trudy Vaughan

Proxies:

- Veronica Bramlett – Proxy for Melissa Lappe
- Laura Fortenberry – Proxy for Jacqueline Winters-Allen
- Michael Stephens – Proxy for Savannah Lockman
- Orië Thornton – Proxy for Dana King

Guest: Aaron Streimish, CIO

- Approval of November 2024 meeting minutes
  - Andy made motion
  - Trudy seconded
- Guest speaker: Aaron Streimish
  - Aaron says he’s impressed by KSU employees’ talent and dedication
  - Believes KSU is on the trajectory to become the largest institution in Georgia
  - Reorganization of UITS structure, streamlined.
  - Redoing all UITS project intake processes, project management tends to fall short in CIO’s talks with fac/staff. Putting governance in place with the Taking Flight plan.
  - Rebooting ServiceNow.
  - App rationalization, “skinny down” application portfolio. Getting rid of redundancy and streamlining UITS support.
  - Moving from VMWare.
  - Moving towards subscription-based purchasing to keep the budget stable.
  - Changes are going to impact everyone on campus.
  - Duo is going away, redoing IMAP. Duo will be replaced with a Microsoft authentication program, will not need to authenticate as often. Project begins in 2025.
  - Needs Staff Senate to push news about changes through to their departments and help encourage everyone to adapt to new changes.

- Inclement weather policy
  - Updated policy to include “modified operations.”
  - If KSU is closed, there are no classes or work (unless you are an essential personnel).
    - Essential Personnel determined by cabinet. Usually public safety, facilities.
    - Office of the President must approve any essential personnel. An employee cannot be told by their manager
  - Modified operations: faculty will determine what their classroom policy will be
    - The cabinet member for each department will make the decision on how they will proceed. There will be standardized communication that will be sent out at their discretion.
  - Webpage with FAQ being built right now, if there are questions that people will ask please reach out to Karen
  - Policy will go live by Jan. 1
  
- Potluck
  - This applies to anything on campus
  - Cannot bring in homemade food for office potlucks but can bring in labeled food from grocery stores.
  - Food must have ingredients list/allergens attached.
  
- Robert Milam
  - KSU officer lost everything in a house fire, currently receiving medical care for third-degree burns, skin grafts
  - Got burns from going back in to save his girlfriend
  - Gofundme: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-rt-milam-rebuild-after-devastating-loss>
  
- Service project for Spring
  - Day of Service: Staff Senate project
  
- New meeting structure
  - Starting in January
  - Can attend on either Marietta or Kennesaw campus
  
- Website
  - Site is being rolled into New Omni
  - Stratcomm will make website updates from here on out
  
- Josh Davis’s Group:
  - Starting group on using Sharepoint for colleges
  - Resuming Coffee Talk in Jan.
  
- Communications:
  - New website, site updates
  
- Motion to close: Andy
- Second: Aimee