



KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Staff Senate Meeting

May 28, 2025

Senators attending in person:

- Robert Bridges
- Carla Budinsky
- Ryan Capps
- Hadley Cottingham
- Amiee Kane
- Mark Kirkley
- Lynn Kunkel
- Karen McDonnell
- Shelina Munoz
- Kelley Price
- Susanne Rothery
- Donald Spencer
- Trudi Vaughan
- Jacqueline Winters-Allen

Senators attending online:

- Molly First
- Melissa Lappe
- Andrew McCanless
- Claire Rutte
- Orie Thornton

Guests: Veronica Bramlett

- April 2025 minutes: Motion to approve made and seconded
- June meeting will be "all hands," all in one room
- New senators will be announced and we will recognize retiring senators

Old Business

- The Election Committee has reached out to senators who haven't been and identified senators who have left KSU. We will be electing 26 new senators due to reorganization, drop-offs, etc. While this is a volunteer org, we need people plugged in and willing to help out. Ballots will be sent out in about a week.

Question: Should new senators be invited to the June meeting?

Answer: The Election Committee will think about it.

- The shirt order has been submitted and paid. Shirts will be distributed at the June meeting.

New Business

- The Employee Appreciation Committee will have an ice cream social, June 9 at Kennesaw and June 11 at Marietta. Marietta needs 2-3 more volunteers. Other events include Owlympics, a kickball tournament, and other fun stuff. Chili 'N Cheer and the Ugly Holiday Sweater contest will be separated since it was too much to organize together.
- We do not have a quorum to vote on AY26 Staff Senate Officers, but we can nominate today and vote online.
 - Secretary: Kelley Price
 - Treasurer: Amiee Kane
 - Parliamentarian: Orie Thornton
 - President-Elect: Trudi Vaughan

Committee reports:

- Executive Committee: Once determined for AY26, we will meet June 12 to figure out meeting dates.
- Communication Committee: We are updating the Staff Senate SharePoint to include information from the committees and the Website Update Request Form. Submissions to the Weekly Feed are now on the same page. The person who runs the HR website might be allowed to update the Staff Senate website if we want – we will confirm.
- House Committee: We used money from one of the Foundation accounts to buy shirts; what can we do with \$1250 next year? One suggestion: Training Day/Professional Development for all KSU staff. We also have other accounts; what can we use it for to benefit all staff? We still don't have access to some Foundation accounts - we need to take this higher.
- Employee Appreciation Committee: We have selected a scholarship winner, but Payroll needs to finalize paperwork before we can contact the candidate. We've determined a new process going forward, which will be documented in SharePoint.

Open forum:

- Welcome Committee – Can this be put on the docket for the next academic year? The Executive Committee will discuss it in the June Strategic Planning Meeting.
- July meeting (first of AY26): We will go over Robert's rules, senator expectations, and SharePoint training. Dr. Schwaig will possibly join.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded.