

STAFF SENATE MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2025

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Online Meeting Only

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I. Meeting Called to Order

II. Guest Speaker –

- Bill Shepard, Vice President for Advancement and Tim Littel, Assistant Vice President, Corporate Relations & University Initiatives
 - [Presentation](#)
 - Two years back to Wright State, Wright State student and student life/affairs student employee; continued on to positions in student affairs at Wright State; left in 2017, returned to Wright State after
- Advancement – what they do? Fundraising and alumni engagement, <https://www.wright.edu/giving>
 - Annual giving
 - Faculty/Staff donor program, great participation each year
 - Working with offices/departments on fundraising for projects
 - Major giving – officer in each college to work with Dean but reports to Advancement
 - Planned giving – last year almost 10 million in planned gifts!
 - Corporate & Foundation giving
 - Donor relations – scholarships managed here
 - Advancement Research & Prospect Management – help decide the major giving team will spend their time
- Alumni Engagement
 - Alumni Relations Team – 200 programs last year
 - Alumni Association – its own 501c3 organization, volunteer board, typically alumni on board
 - Networks & Societies – way for affinity groups to plug into the group at large, connect with others
 - Volunteering – service days, PACK program
 - Events – Homecoming week Feb 5-8, steering and making sure alumni have an opportunity to participate
- Never stops fundraising but campaigns help to package and organize those efforts; determine the focus and recruiting key individuals
 - Next will be focused on student success, likely last 6-7 years
- Is Advancement the same as the Foundation? No
 - VP of Advancement is responsible for fundraising and alumni engagement
 - Foundation is fiscally managed separately, advancements’ “bank”
- Advancement is about telling the universities story

- Holistic Corporate Relationship Management – strategic process for workforce development and corporate engagement
 - Philanthropy
 - Research
 - University Engagement
 - Experiential Learning & Career Services
 - Alumni
 - Athletics
 - Procurement
 - Build Relationship Management Teams –
 - Engagement Plan providing for Corporate Partner Alignment
 - Working proactively with our top corporate partners to meet specific strategic goals
 - Reporting progress to Corporate Engagement Council
- Survey data shows that Wright State is back and better than ever in public opinion; helps fundraising efforts
- Lake Campus – has point person, Bill attends [Western Ohio Educational Foundation \(WOEF\)](#) board meetings monthly to help assist Lake Campus
- How can staff help efforts? Each should consider themselves an ambassador, promote the message, can always reach out

III. Old Business

1. Minutes – Approval of [December](#) minutes
 - a. APPROVED

IV. New Business

1. Chair's Report
 - New timesheets and leave reports roll out delayed until February or March
 - People Admin updates planned for after end of academic year
 - Staff Symposium planning in progress, date TBD
 - Staff recognition event – will be discussed in executive committee again
2. Staff Senate Committees and University Committee Reports
 - Governance and Membership – no report
 - Policy and Welfare – have not met
 - Communications and Marketing
 - i. Working on blog entries right now
 - Community Coalition – Homecoming Staff Spirit Contest, <https://www.wright.edu/event/homecoming>; previous winners can win this
 - i. Timeline:
 1. January 16 - Announce Contest at Staff Senate Meeting
 2. January 27 - Begin Decorating and Submission Form Opens
 3. January 31 - Close Decorating (So it's up for Homecoming Week)

4. February 4-5 - Voting (Similar fashion to holiday contest)
5. February 6 - Announce Winner/s
- ii. Prizes:
 1. 1st Place - Box Seats for the Thursday, February 27th Basketball Game (Senior Night) with drinks and bottomless popcorn and hot dogs.
 2. 2nd Place - \$100 Catering Voucher
 3. 3rd Place - \$50 Catering Voucher
- o University Committees – no reports
3. Upcoming guest speakers:
 - o February – Jim Denniston, Acting University Provost
 - o March – Susan Schauer, VP of Enrollment Management
 - o April – Sue Edwards, President
 - o May – Greg Sample, COO & Executive Vice President and Javan Conley, AVP Facility Operations

V. Open Commentary

1. Emily Yantis-Houser- [Ohio State Bill 401](#) “Bathroom Bill”
 - a. December meeting was cancelled so no concrete updates right now, can take questions to the committee on behalf of staff
 - b. Will become law at end of February
 - c. Can send message to Emily Yantis-Houser, emily.yantis@wright.edu
 - d. Webinar about compliance and enforcement coming up
 - e. There are still universal and single user restrooms across campus, [info](#)
2. Scholar in Residence Program, Jen Attenweiler – looking for someone that lives in dorms and will coordinate programs, compensation is housing, jennifer.attenweiler@wright.edu
3. Betsie Turner shares: Coffee Chat/Connections with the President on Feb. 6 from 9:30-10:30 in Allyn Hall. An email will be forthcoming.
4. Courtney Laukitis shares: Homecoming is Feb 5-8th with the theme being “Under the Stars: Every Star Tells a Story.” <https://www.wright.edu/event/homecoming>
 - a. The homecoming committee has delivered posters across campus but if someone would like more posters or postcards please contact Courtney Laukitis.
 - b. The homecoming events are available on the website and Engage (wright.edu/homecoming). We have a schedule jammed packed with fun and opportunity to connect the current students to our alumni.
 - c. There is a women's basketball game on Wednesday at 7pm and a men's basketball game on Saturday at 7pm.
 - d. One event we are really excited to add this year is the "Stars on the Stage: Rathskeller After Dark" where we are bringing back the vibes of the Rathskeller Bar but the event will host dueling pianos, cash bar, snacks, and memorabilia of the Rathskeller and the Student Union.

- e. Thank you all for your celebration, collaboration, and support for homecoming! I can't wait to share this event with you.
5. Sarah Cicora – December commencement went really well; encouraged others to participate in the future

VI. Schedule Reminders

1. Staff Senate Meeting – Virtual	Jan 16	9:00am
2. Staff Senate Talkback (SU 010)	Jan 23	12p-1p
3. Staff Senate EC Meeting	Feb 6	9:00am
4. Staff Senate EC Meeting	Feb 13	9:00am
5. Staff Senate Meeting – Virtual	Feb 20	9:00am
6. Staff Senate Talkback (SU 010)	Feb 27	12p-1p
7. Staff Senate EC Meeting	Mar 6	9:00am
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VII. Adjourn

Heath Marker moved to adjourn, Debra Radford seconded

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