

East Tennessee State University

Staff Senate

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Date: May 11, 2026

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 2:52 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Facilitator: Cody Morelock, Staff Senate President

Scribe: William Cate, Staff Senate Secretary

Senators Present: A. Slaughter, A. Fortney, B. Smith, B. Siddell, C. Morelock, C. Maupin, D. Bishop, D. Roach, D. Nelson-Barnes, E. Montana, E Hutchinson, G. Osborne, J. Lively, J. Crigger, J. Lockmiller, J. Bidwell, J. Fulkerson, K. Albarado, O. Early, R. Colwell, R. Kellogg, R. Sells, S. Barger, S. Hooven, W. Cate

Guests:

Absent: A. Birchfield, A. Skeens, B. Garland, D. Finney, J. Strauss, J. Watson, K. Ferrell, L. Joseph-Thomas, M. Peters, S. Moore, S. Murphy, V. Canter

Agenda Overview

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - a. April Approvals
3. Information Items
 - a. President's Report
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - c. Committee Updates
4. Old Business & Follow Ups
5. New Business
6. Announcements, *What is on your mind?*
7. Adjourn

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Meeting Notes

1. **Call to Order**

President Morelock called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and thanked members for shifting to Zoom modality.

2. **Approval of Previous Minutes**

President Morelock presented the April minutes for consideration. No corrections were needed. Senator Sells made a motion to approve the April minutes, and the motion was seconded by Senator Fortney. The motion carried, and the April minutes were approved.

3. **Information Items**

President's Report

President Morelock provided updates from University Council -

- Dr. King noted the installation of new firewalls to prevent future cyber-attacks. She also noted that routine PC replacements were ongoing, with tests of the emergency system expected later this week.
- Christy Graham presented a 4.2% undergraduate and 2.6% graduate tuition and fees increase, to be voted on during the May Board of Trustees meeting.
- President Noland provided an enrollment update, noting trends for both new enrollment and retention are in a positive direction. He noted that fall budgets are being built on an assumption of positive enrollment.

Treasurer's Report

President Morelock provided an update on the Staff Senate account balances. There are no changes in the account balances from April, but the Office of Administration provided funding support for the Staff Celebration catering expense.

- Main Account: \$9,693.64
- Awards Account: \$18,000.00
- Holiday Fund: \$632.44
- CBC: \$681.25

Committee Updates

President Morelock and Senator Fulkerson noted the blood drive is on May 19 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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President Morelock and Vice President Albarado reiterated the need for volunteers during the afternoon of May 19 and all day on May 20 for Staff Celebration setup and strike. The signup sheet is linked in the *Supporting Documents & Reminders* section below.

President Morelock reminded that the raffle is still a planned event for the Staff Celebration, but entering the raffle will require access to a web-capable device.

Vice President Albardo and Senator Hutchinson provided an update on the Awards Committee, with the nomination period closing successfully and many compliments to the work of the entire committee.

There is no update from the Staff Concerns Committee.

4. Old Business & Follow Ups

President Morelock provided an update on the next round of staff salary enhancements, noting that Dr. Noland presented several options to Vice Presidents and to Staff Senate Executive members. President Morelock will share more information as President Noland continues his conversations.

5. New Business

None.

6. Announcements, *What is on your mind?*

Senator Cate reminded that the Board of Trustees meeting is on May 21, but no meeting materials are posted yet. Many finance items are anticipated for vote.

7. Adjourn

Senator Siddell made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Senator Fortney. The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

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Action Items Summary

Task

Responsible Party

Due Date

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Supporting Documents & Reminders

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