



Monthly Meeting

March 19, 2025 | 8:15 a.m. - Noon | Mineral Resources Bldg. Room 301 | Zoom

Staff Council promotes a positive work environment for all Classified Employees through effectively advocating for our peers in the University's decision-making process.

Name	Title	Department	Present
Browne, Thea	Administrative Assistant Senior	University Libraries	Yes
Bucklew, Jay	Administrative Associate	Research Integrity & Compliance	Yes
Crabtree, Joan	Manager, Physical Plant II	Auxiliary/Operations	Yes
George-Jones, Tara	Program Manager	Global Affairs	Yes
Joplin, Michael	Manager Physical Plant II	Auxiliary Operations	No*
Lemine, Matthew (Brett)	Trades Specialist I	Auxiliary Maintenance	Yes
Richards, Tim	Piano Technician Senior	College of Creative Arts, Music	Yes
Robinson, Shirley	Administrative Assistant	Academic Affairs Admin.	Yes
Savage, Diana	Campus Service Worker Lead	Auxiliary/Operations	No*
Seime, Sarah	Director, HR Partners	T&C, Employee Relations	Yes
Stewart, Dianne	Administrative Associate	Engineering & Mineral Resources	Yes
Vincent, Jodi	Administrative Assistant	WRC and LGBTQ+ Center	No*

**Excused*

Also in Attendance: Holly Leleux-Thubron, *University Communications Specialist Senior, UR*
 Treasure Barberich-Wyckoff, *Office Administrator, Arts and Sciences*

Submitted By: Janelle Squires, Administrative Secretary, Staff Council Office

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Shirley Robinson, at 8:33 a.m. and a quorum was established.

First Business

Approval of February minutes motioned by Tara. Dianne seconded. All in favor and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

By Joan Crabtree, *Secretary/Treasurer*

Joan has been unable to attend the last few meetings due to other obligations.

She reported the ending balance in October was \$2,067.02.

In November, there was one expense of \$21.20 for the telephone. That left an ending balance of \$2,045.82.

In December, one expense of \$21.20 for the telephone. That left an ending balance of \$2,024.62

In January, one expense of \$21.20 for the telephone. That left an ending balance of \$2,003.42.

In February, one expense of \$21.20 for the telephone. That left an ending balance of \$1,982.22.

Approval of Treasurer's Report motioned by Tara. Dianne seconded. All in favor and motion carried.

Chair's Report

Shirley reported she attended the Faculty Senate meeting and voiced her concerns regarding HB 3279 that would eliminate faculty, staff, and students from the BOG.

She also serves on the Order of Vandalia committee. They met recently and selected five individuals.

Advisory Council for Classified Employees (ACCE) Report

By Jodi Vincent, *Classified Staff Council Rep.*

Jodi was unable to attend the meeting but emailed a brief report:

In the March meeting, we discussed continued watching of the status of HB 3279 and HB 3192. Changes in these two could have an impact on higher education. We also discussed our revised brochure, which should be ready soon and I will share it with everyone at that time.

Also, if you have not also said you do not want to shorten term limits for Classified Staff, students, and faculty, please let your voice be known at the state level. They have removed the non-voting but have currently kept in the term limits.

Board of Governors (BOG) Report

By Shirley Robinson, *Classified Staff Council Rep.*

Shirley was unable to attend last month's Staff Council meeting as she participated in the process of interviewing candidates for the new president of WVU and the BOG met on February 20-21 that week.

They selected the next president of the university, Michael T. Benson. She feels they have made the right choice.

Committee Reports

Legislative

By Jay Bucklew, *Chair*

Jay did not have much to report on at the time. The group was included in the letter that went to legislators regarding HB 3279 voicing our collective opposition.

The group has concerns about PEIA but cannot do anything until the legislature decides to address it.

Compensation

By Matthew (Brett) Lemine, *Chair*

Brett did not have anything to report.

Staff Council Scholarship (Tuition Assistance)

By Dianne Stewart, *Chair*

Dianne shared we are waiting for the next cycle; the application deadline for the summer term is April 1.

Welfare and STAAF

By Shirley Robinson

Shirley shared Tara's suggestion of holding a food drive to benefit the Rack II with the committee and they think it is a good idea. They will set up a meeting among both Welfare and STAAF committees to discuss further.

She has been in contact with the Athletic Department about a staff day at a WVU baseball game.

Athletic Council

By Shirley Robinson, *Classified Staff Council Rep.*

Shirley reported they will be searching for a new basketball coach soon.

Blood Drive

By Michael Joplin, *Coordinator*

Mike was unable to attend.

Student Retention

By Tara George-Jones

Tara reported they met recently and decided to do a hydration station outside the Mountainlair on April 25 from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. to offer water and a snack to students. There are four people currently to staff the table, but welcome anyone who wants to join.

They talked about having Staff Council t-shirts made. Tara will look into that.

Old Business

Thea and Sarah had been working on identifying staff perks among different departments on campus. They met and discussed featuring a staff perk monthly on our website and decided to start with the libraries and all that they offer. Thea shared the document with the group via email. They would also like for this feature to have a name, and she shared some suggestions with the group. After discussion, the group agreed on the name, "Hidden Gems."

New Business

The group discussed the solar on campus initiative that SGA presented to the group last month. Thea shared Dean Diaz reached out the SGA reps.

Shirley shared the Welfare and STAAF committees are discussing a sundries/food drive for the Rack II. Per Tara's suggestion, they will also talk about preparing a meal at the Rosenbaum Family House.

Staff Council is participating in the Day of Giving this year to benefit our Scholarship/Tuition Assistance fund. A letter to staff and deans will be going out.

President's Meeting

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26 beginning at 2 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda items are as follows:

1. Any updates on HB 3279?
2. Any new information on PEIA and/or a contingency plan?
3. Presidential transition – how can Staff Council serve both President Gee and President-elect Benson?

Adjournment

Adjournment motioned by Tara. Dianne seconded. All in favor and meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.