



# WKU STAFF SENATE

Monthly Meeting – February 7, 2024 (10:00 AM) Senate Chambers, DSU 2081

**Call to Order:** At 10:00am CST

**Roll Call:** 19 Senators in attendance; in person and via Zoom

**Approval of the Agenda:** Approved by unanimous approval by Staff Senators

**Approval of Prior Monthly Meeting:** Approved by unanimous approval by Staff Senators

**Christopher Ware Staff Star Awards**

Mary Evans, Program Developer, The Center for Gifted Studies

Jennifer Holland, Assistant Director, Philanthropy & Alumni Engagement

Suzanne Moore, Senior Academic Advisor, ACDC

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Stacey Bibelhauser**

Dr. Bibelhauser has taught tax courses at WKU for over 20 years. She addresses questions submitted to staff senate regarding Income Tax updates and information. Please view her full presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RN1vvLCw0hE>.

**Officer, Committee, and Staff Regent Reports**

- **Staff Regent – David Brinkley**

The Board of Regents had committee meetings on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Academic Affairs Committee:** There were nine action items. I do not sit on the Academic Affairs committee this year so I have no participation in that committee.

*Action Items:*

- AA-1 Approval of Academic Program Suspension Adult Education Graduate Certificate
- AA-2 Approval of Academic Program Suspension Corporate and Organizational Communication
- AA-3 Approval of Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience
- AA-4 Approval of Bachelor of Science in Data Science
- AA 5 Approval of Graduate Certificate in Marketing and Sales
- AA-6 Approval of Undergraduate Certificate in Economic Data Analytics
- AA-7 Approval of Graduate Certificate in Trauma and Resilience
- AA-8 Approval of Undergraduate Certificate in Food Service Design
- AA-9 Approval of sabbatical recommendation(s)

*Information Item:*

- Faculty Presentation (*Marko Dumančić*)

**Finance and Budget Committee:** There were three action items.

*Action Items:*

- FB-1 Approval of 2023-2024 statement of revenue & expenditures: Highlights from that meeting are: Expenditures are up 2 percent compared to this time this year. Revenue is up 1 percent compared to last year to date. Personnel Expenses are 48 percent of the budget mid year.
- FB-2 Approval of personnel actions

FB-3 Acceptance of auditor's reports and financial statements, WKYU-TV and WKYU-FM Radio for the year ended June 30, 2023: I had to abstain from

Information Items:

- Quarterly financial statements (*Susan Howarth*)
- Quarterly internal audit report (*Bruce Weisman*)

**Student Affairs Committee: No action Items**

Information Item:

- Student Presentation

**Executive Committee: No action Items**

Information Item:

- Athletic academic progress report (*Todd Stewart*)

A person was available at the end of the meeting to answer questions related to the closure of Hilltopper Hall. There were no questions.

Regent David Brinkley's contact information, email [david.brinkley@wku.edu](mailto:david.brinkley@wku.edu) or email anonymously at [wkustaffregent@gmail.com](mailto:wkustaffregent@gmail.com).

You can contact me with any questions or concerns anonymously at [wkustaffregent@gmail.com](mailto:wkustaffregent@gmail.com).

- Communications – Tanya Vincent-No Report
- Treasurer – Andria Henry

AS OF 02/06/2024, FY24:

E&G Index – 100600

- Starting Balance = \$3,668.00
- Additions = \$0.00
- Disbursements = \$0.00
- Ending Balance = \$3,668.00

WKUF Account (Staff Senate Excellence Fund) – 110860

- Starting Balance = \$1,998.42
- Additions = \$18.35
- Disbursements = \$0.00
- Ending Balance = \$2016.77

CHF Account (Book Scholarship) – 800139

- Starting Balance = \$1,679.84
- Additions = \$10.00
- Disbursements = \$0.00
- Ending Balance = \$1,689.84

- Technology – Anthony Gilbert-No Report
- Secretary – Morgan Moran- No Report
- Vice-Chair – Gina Stoll- No Report
- Chair – Jordan Basham
  - The Staff Regent election is ongoing. The committee has been working on that. The process is going well.

- Staff Senate election is election begins today. There are 19 seats open. Please encourage colleagues that they believe would be great. All employees who have been employed at least a year on July 1<sup>st</sup> are eligible to run.
- Met with the President. Conversations were about the development of the WKU budget and state appropriations.

**Old Business**-None

**New Business**-None

**Public Comment**-None

**Announcements & Notable Events:**

- Staff Regent Candidate Forum – 11am (Tentatively)
- Staff Excellence Awards Nominations are being accepted through Monday, February 12, 2024!  
Categories Include:
  - Customer Service, Teamwork, Student Support, Unsung Hero, Part-Time, WKU Affiliate AwardNomination forms and full program details are [available here!](#)
- President's ONE WKU Award - WKU is honoring members of the campus community— a faculty member, a staff member, and a student— who make extraordinary contributions and have achievements in advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging, ensuring all are treated with dignity and respect. This award is intended to encourage dialogue and action through advocacy, role modeling, scholarship, and service.

Nominations are now being accepted. The deadline for submitting nominations is by the end of the day (11:59 p.m.) on **Friday, February 9, 2024**. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Monica Galloway Burke ([monica.burke@wku.edu](mailto:monica.burke@wku.edu)). [Staff Nomination Form](#)

- Next Staff Senate Meeting: 10 am March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- TBD- Next Guest Speaker

**Adjournment:** Meeting Adjourned at 10:41am