



PROFESSIONAL SENATE MEETING MINUTES

8/1/2025

10:00 AM MDST | LRC 121 (Flex Room)

ATTENDANCE

- **Officers Present:** David Castro, Juan Hernandez, Sarahi Diaz
- **Senators Present:** Carmen Short, Chris Shuster, Vanessa Martinez, Vanessa Borunda, Keegan Bain
- **In Person Attendees:** 5
- **Virtual Attendees:** 12

AGENDA ITEMS

I. Call to Order at 10:00 AM by Juan Hernandez

II. Approval of Agenda

- David Castro Presented the meeting Agenda
- Motion to approve: Keegan Bain
- Seconded by: Chris Shuster
- Outcome: Approved

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- David Castro presented the previous meeting minutes.
- Motion to Approve: Keegan Bain
- Seconded by: Vanessa Borunda
- Outcome: Approved

IV. Updates

- **Professional Senate Webpage:** The Professional Senate webpage has been updated to include information for officers, senators, and upcoming meetings. Next steps are to upload meeting agendas and minutes to the webpage.
- **Bylaws and Constitution Changes:** David Castro presented the proposed changes to the constitution. The updated document will be uploaded to teams for members to review. The proposed changes will be voted on in the next senate meeting if no changes are made.
- **NCAR Updates:** David Castro presented Dr. Powell's answers to the NCAR questions from the previous meeting.
- **Professional Senate Funds:** David Castro received clarification from Craig Collins regarding the senate funds. Craig stated senate funds can only be used for professional development. David suggested a conflict management course. Greg Tripp suggested a professional development training called Crucial Conversations.
- **Committees:** David Castro is setting up meetings with the presidents of the Support and Faculty Senates to discuss which committees are still active and which need to be reactivated.
- **Support Senate Opportunity:** The Support Senate is still accepting sign-ups for CPR training.
- **NISOD:** David Castro gave an overview of the NISOD website and the professional development webinars that are available to all staff and faculty. Greg Tripp will be adding the NISOD link to Cosmolink for quick access.

V. Open Discussion

- ENMU Day at the Races Event: Administration is seeking to host a similar event to the ENMU Day at the Races Event. They are looking for activity and location suggestions. Some of the suggestions presented were a cowboy theme, bowling night, rodeo at the fairgrounds, paint ball, and laser tag.
- Open Floor: Vanessa Borunda introduced Victor Ramirez the new Retention Specialist for the ACCESS grant.

Reminder that there is a new student orientation being held in the ITC building on Wednesday, August 6th.

VI. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Chris Shuster
- Seconded by: Vanessa Borunda
- Vote to Adjourn: Unanimous
- Meeting Adjourned at 10:24 AM