



PROFESSIONAL SENATE MEETING MINUTES

5/8/2026

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

ATTENDANCE

- **Officers Present:** David Castro, Juan Hernandez, Sarahi Diaz
- **Senators Present:** Keegan Bain (Teams), Vanessa Martinez, Chris Shuster, Carmen Short
- **In Person Attendees:** 4
- **Virtual Attendees:** 10

AGENDA ITEMS

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

II. Approval of Agenda

- David Castro presented the meeting agenda.
- Motion to approve: Chris Shuster
- Seconded by: Vanessa Martinez
- Outcome: Approved

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- David Castro presented the previous meeting minutes.
- Motion to Approve: Vanessa Martinez
- Seconded by: Chris Shuster
- Outcome: Approved

IV. Updates

- **Admin Council and Core Team Update**
 - The admin council meeting was rescheduled. David Castro will update professional senate staff via email at a later date.

- New Senator Elects
 - David Castro introduced the incoming senators:
 - Kim Biggs, Academic Affairs
 - Chris Bullard, Business Affairs
 - Tad Scott, Student Affairs

Incoming senators will begin their term in July 2026

- Senator Vacancy
 - With the exit of Vanessa Borunda there is now a senator vacancy for Academic Affairs.
 - A poll will be sent out to vote for a new senator. The new senator will begin their term in July 2026. The poll will close on May 22nd at 12PM.

- Senate Budget Idea
 - David Castro will be reaching out to supervisors around campus to inquire about training they provide to their staff members.
 - A pool party for professional staff was suggested as a way to use the senate funds.

- New Staff
 - David introduced the newest professional staff members:
 - Branden Chapman, Learning Resource Coordinator
 - Jessie Ramirez, Talent Search Program Counselor

V. Open Discussion

- Open Floor:
 - Reminder that the survey for the AVP of Student Affairs applicants has been sent out and will close on May 12th at 12pm.

VI. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Chris Shuster
- Seconded by: Carmen Short
- Vote to Adjourn: Unanimous
- Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 AM

*Please watch the video recording of the Professional Senate meeting [here](#) for full details on meeting topics.