PROFESSIONAL SENATE MEETING MINUTES

10/9/2026

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

ATTENDANCE

- **Officers Present:** David Castro, Juan Hernandez, Sarahi Diaz
- **Senators Present:** Keegan Bain, Vanessa Martinez (TEAMS), Chris Shuster, Kim Biggs, Chris Bullard, Heidi Franks
- **In Person Attendees:** 1
- **Virtual Attendees:** 5

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: Keegan Bain
- Seconded by: Chris Bullard
- Outcome: Approved

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

IV. Updates

- Professional Senate Activities Committee
  - The next frisbee golf tournament will be held on October 15th at 3:30PM in the IC building. Contact Nathaniel Reynolds for details.
  - Nathaniel states that Frank is supportive of the basketball tournament but would like to see more support for the events.
  - Nathaniel also suggested having campus representation at other community sports leagues.
  - Polls will be sent out in the future to gauge staff interest.

- Webpage
    - David was made aware that the new senators are not currently listed on the Professional Senate webpage. He has placed a request with Greg Tripp to update the webpage.

- Conversations and Cookies with Craig
    - The next installment of Conversations and Cookies with Craig will be held on October 12th from 3:30pm-4:30pm in the Health Sciences Center.

- Academic Affairs Senator Seat
    - The poll to vote on the academic affairs senator is now closed. David will contact the winner of the election.

V. Action Items

- Student Affairs Senator 1 - How would you like for the Student Affairs Vacancy to filled?
    - Due to a close vote the senators decided on continuing with the vote as is or to send a new poll to only Student Affairs staff.
    - Outcome: Split decision. 2 senators voted to continue with the vote, 2 senators voted to resend the poll to only student affairs staff, and 2 senators abstained from voting. David Castro was the tie breaker. A new poll will be sent out to Student affairs staff and a vote will be held at the next senate meeting.

- Student Affairs Senator 2 – Should Chris Shuster remain in his Senate seat, if not how should the seat be filled?
    - The senators again decided on continuing the vote as is or to send a new poll to only Student Affairs staff.
    - Outcome: 4 Senators voted to send a new poll to only student affairs staff and 2 senators voted to continue with the vote. David will send a new poll to student affairs staff and a vote will be held at the next senate meeting.

VI. Open Discussion

- Heidi Franks is suggesting listing the members of the core staff on the webpage. The members of the core staff were discussed and David will seek more information at the next admin council meeting.
- There are no updates on when the cafeteria will be operating normally. Currently they are only serving Starbucks and deli sandwiches.
- Chris Bullard is in contact with an individual regarding professional etiquette training.
- Motion to close Discussion: Chris Shuster, Seconded by: Keegan Bain

VII. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn: Keegan Bain
- Seconded by: Kim Biggs
- Vote to Adjourn: Unanimous
- Meeting Adjourned at 10:27 AM

*Please watch the video recording of the Professional Senate meeting here for full details on meeting topics.