

Meeting Minutes - SSU Staff Council

April 14, 2026

Call to Order

A meeting of the SSU Staff Council was held on April 14, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m..

Attendance: 67 participants

Chair's Report

- Kyle reported that committee assignments and vacancies would be distributed the following day and encouraged staff to participate in shared governance opportunities.
- He noted that staff voices are expected to expand in coming years and later emphasized the importance of speaking up in ways that promote dialogue and preserve opportunities for communication with senior administrators.

Administration & Finance Report

- David Crozier reminded attendees that the IT Help Desk had moved to Salazar.
- The university signed an agreement with Verizon to install a campus tower by the end of 2026.
- Kyle asked whether the tower would help address campus dead zones and where it would be located. David did not have location details at the meeting.

Giving Day Presentation

- Adam Jarman, AVP for Development in University Advancement, presented information about the fifth Giving Day, scheduled for April 23.
- Giving Day is a fundraising campaign intended to raise awareness of philanthropy and will use a new giving platform.
- Carly Davis shared that Giving Day has been redesigned as a 24-hour online event with an in-person celebration in the Plaza featuring coffee and donuts, thank-you messages, a photo booth with Lobo, a prize wheel, Swirl Time, games, and an opportunity to name an SSU duck for \$19.67.
- Casey Kelly reviewed the Giving Day toolkit. Adam explained that the toolkit is designed to deliberately support participating campus groups in promoting fundraising efforts, and many groups had already signed up to participate.

Interim Provost / WASC Update

- The Interim Provost discussed the WASC Notice of Concern. Jen Lilig is the official WASC liaison, and Stacey has accepted an invitation to remain Interim Provost for another year.
- The Notice of Concern was described as not being a sanction. WASC will return in a year and is particularly interested in enrollment, fiscal management, and shared governance.
- Stacey reported that the institution needs to clearly demonstrate how it is meeting WASC requirements and discussed the importance of clarifying the university's mission, including how a liberal arts institution can also be career focused.
- Kyle raised concerns about transparency, communication regarding the interim provost role, financial deficits, and enrollment information.
- Stacey stated that the larger challenge is how the campus improves on the matters identified and indicated that mission-related conversations would begin in the spring.
- John suggested a public conversation about the university mission, and Jen Lilig noted recent participation in the WASC conference.

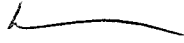
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No additional items were recorded.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:56pm.

Kelly Clark
Secretary


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