

Thursday, March 12, 2026

- Call to Order – John Bassett, 2:03 pm
- John Introduces President Wendler
 - PPHM
 - Original Pioneer Hall building will remain and be updated to code, but the additions will be demolished
 - Legislators toured museum last week, but museum does not qualify for state funds
 - State funds have decreased and expenses have increased
 - There is just no money out there that can help bring the museum to code and to be maintained, not even through A&M
 - End of WT Foundation Campaign
 - Ending with the final gift of \$5 million to nursing school
 - No other System school has a fundraising campaign such as what WT has accomplished
 - 50% Off Tuition
 - Since the Staff Council initiated the 50% off tuition, it has now been extended to Region 16 and 17 and beyond
 - Many employees taking advantage of this benefit
 - Question was presented regarding Aramark and SSC. President Wendler encouraged those employees to talk to their supervisors. He would be glad to meet to establish a benefit plan for their employees.
 - Employee of the Month
 - Wants to change the recognition to quarterly instead of monthly
 - Makes the recognition more prestigious and would raise the monetary award to \$1000, which would in turn raise the Employee of the Year
 - Wants the focus to be on excellence among our staff
 - Vice Presidents also agree with this change
 - Staff Council will discuss and vote during the April 9th regular meeting

- **Approval of previous meeting minutes - Renee'**
 - Change CRAZE to CRASE
 - Motion to approve: Sabrina Imel; 2nd: Caitlin Eastin
- **Approval of Treasurer's Report - John**
 - Balance \$958.19
 - Pending: Caught You Caring (\$120)
 - Motion to approve: Renee' Huseman, 2nd: Pam Young
- **Updates and comments from the President**
 - Met with President Wendler on 2/16/26.
 - Asked President Wendler to speak at the March meeting
 - He is happy with suggestions for the coming months, such as possible self-defense class, CRASE and leadership seminars
- **Old Business**
 - Daulton Eastin sent out a campus wide email requesting donations from college departments
 - Three departments committed to donate, but no funds have been donated yet
 - John will follow up with these departments
 - Keep fundraising to be able to have Summer Fling
- **New Business**
 - Update from Vice President – Shelby
 - Beth Mowry agreed to give a talk regarding emotional intelligence (maybe in May)
 - **Staff Council Subcommittees**
 - Employee of the Month Committee – John Bassett
 - March EOM – Kimberly Hanna
 - Thursday, March 26 @ 3:00pm in Geneva Schaeffer Education building
 - Staff Appreciation & Events Committee – Sabrina Imel
 - Caught You Caring very successful but too time consuming to organize and deliver all cards. Electronically might be a possibility for next year, or for box numbers to be included on the cards so that the post office can deliver

- No events in March
- CRASE training in April
- Summer Fling in May will depend on donations presented
- FunFest in July
- Professional Development Committee – Adam Jiwa
 - Topics for speakers: organizational training, Buff \$mart for staff
- Communications & Outreach Committee – Adam Jiwa & Patrick Diepen
 - Nothing to report
- Election Committee – John Bassett
 - Elections after Spring Break
- **Adjourn: 3:18 pm**