



Minutes

Staff Senate

Regular Meeting

January 15, 2026

Thursday 11:30 am

TE-120 by Amber's Office in
STEM/ Google Meeting

- I. Establishment of Quorum / Roll Call**
Amberlyn Gonzales, Crystal K. Western Ford, Fayla Ray, Adam Luna, Anthony Lujan, Alejandro Montoya
- II. Call of Meeting to Order**
Meeting called to order at 11:33 a.m.
- III. Approval of Agenda–January 15, 2026**
Motion made to approve agenda by Fayla, seconded by Adam.
- IV. Approval of Minutes–December 9, 2025**
Motion made to approve minutes by Crystal, seconded by Anthony.
- V. Public Comments (3 min. limit)**
No public comment.
- VI. Informational / Discussion Items (Action Item if specified)**

- Letters of Support for President Carol Linder
Due to the decision by the BOT at their January 13, 2026 meeting, they decided to extend President Linder's contract by only 3 months. This has left many in the Luna community very upset and concerned and wanting to do something to support President Linder as well as to voice our concerns about the effects that this may cause. The Staff Senate as a group was not comfortable writing a letter as a whole, and there are job security concerns with writing a letter for support. It was decided that individuals of the Staff Senate will write their own letters of support. Discussion was had about our opinions about the BOT decision regarding President Linder. Concerns were raised about BOT actions, decisions, implications of this decision on HLC and accreditation. The idea was made to collect individual letters from staff to be read at the February BOT meeting. There is a 3-minute time limit for public comment at BOT meetings.

Suggestion was made to do a letter from the Staff Senate with the names of those who do agree to the letter, and a sentence saying who does not agree to the letter.

A decision was made to write individual letters, ask staff in person to write letters of support for President Linder with no names, then those who want to read these at the February BOT meeting can sign up to do so. Crystal will talk to the Faculty Senate Chair and Student Senate Chair to ask them to spread the word about this to faculty and students.

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Alejandro - Financial Aid, Admissions, Student Success

Crystal - Allied Health & CTE

Anthony and Adam - Library and Maintenance

Fayla - Preschool, School of Business & Department of Education

Amberlyn - STEM/Humanities, Nursing, IT

- Tuition Benefit Guideline Form revision update
Amberlyn is sending an invite for a working meeting Jan. 16, 2026 from 9-11am in TE-120 conference room to work on the Tuition Waiver Guidelines.

VII. Unfinished Business / Follow-up Items

- Fundraiser(Flea Market Craft fair-Date TBD)
- 4 day work week
- Bylaw Revision
 - Remove Staff Organizational Chart

VIII. New or Follow-up Items for next meeting

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.