



HELENA COLLEGE STAFF SENATE
Minutes
May 6, 2026 | 10:00 am | via Teams

Helena College Mission: Helena College supports our diverse community by providing the paths and tools necessary to assist learners in achieving their educational and career goals.

Staff Senate Mission: Support all staff members and to enhance visibility and influence on campus and within the community.

☒ Ratchford, Stephanie / Pres	☒ Fife, Tyler	☒ Pierson, Patricia
☒ Mousel, Mark / Vice-Pres	☐ Haikka, Tommi	☒ Reddington, Kasandra
☐ Caldwell, Kim / Secretary	☐ Hansen, Nina	☐ Rogers, Tony
☒ Thennis, Anna / Treasurer	☐ Hormell, Wayne	☐ Semenza, Holly
☒ Adamek, Marika	☒ Howard, Beau	☒ Stergar, Christy
☐ Anderson, Kelsey	☐ Kelly, Carrie	☐ Thompson, Greg
☐ Bacon, Rick	☐ Marston, Mike	☐ Wagner, Cole
☐ Benasky, Ed	☐ Mortimore, Kathy	☐ Youde, Ellie
☐ Carroll, Rebecca	☐ Mousel, Melissa	☐ Guest
☐ Collins, Brad	☐ Nelson, Jeff	
☒ Dalton, Natasha	☐ Palen, Dana	

Agenda

- I. Call to Order – Stephanie called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM
- II. Review of Minutes – Tables for next meeting
- III. Treasurer’s Report – Anna
 - Petty Cash – \$39.47
 - Budget in UMDW – \$500.00
- IV. New Business—
 - a. Nominations for next term: Patricia (Trish) Pierson accepted nomination for President-Elect. Discussion regarding Bylaws and further nominations. Anna Thennis self-nominated as Treasurer. Marika Adamek self-nominated as Secretary. Action: Ballots will be sent via email next week.
- V. Additional Items – No written Committee reports. However, Anna gave an update for EWE encouraging participation in the upcoming evening event at

Holter/Grandstreet. Watch for an email invite from Abby. Marika gave an update for Professional Development. Money is available for the AY 25/26 if anyone has something they should submit asap. Marika also gave an update for IDEA Council. Much of what was happening regarding accreditation was relayed at yesterday's State of the College. Check out the info and dashboards mentioned in last month's reports. Marika is coming off the council so a new staff member will be needed for next AY 26/27. If anyone has questions, please reach out to Marika.

VI. Adjournment – Beau motioned and Anna seconded. Meeting was dismissed at 10:18 AM.

a. Next meeting – June 3, 2026 @ 10 AM via Teams