

April 12, 2024
10:30 AM

Staff Council Meeting

Attendees: Joy Skinner, Kay Grigsby, Dean Cockerham, Beth Sinnwell, Amy Wilson, Adrian Norris, Kris Steege, Ryan Callahan

Not Present: Abbie Raum, Jamie Hollaway, Sheila Kittleson, Sephanie Newsom

Minutes

Agenda item: Member Changes

Discussion:

It was announced that Henrique has stepped away from Staff Council due to ITS staffing changes and project priorities.

Kay Grigsby was welcomed to the Staff Council by all attendees. She has agreed to be the meeting scribe moving forward.

Agenda item: Student Employee Appreciation Week

Discussion:

Staff Council wishes to extend their appreciation to Abbie Raum for all of her hard work with Student Employment and the appreciation week activities.

We were all reminded of the appreciation week lunch at the Mensa on April 12 and encouraged to attend if able.

Agenda item: National High Five Day-- April 18th

Discussion:

National High Five Day will be on April 18th this year, and we discussed placing a note in The Juice to celebrate as part of our endeavor to promote fun staff items. Wording for the post will be discussed with Alan Simmer during submission.

Agenda item: Open Discussion

Discussion:

We were updated that the 2024 awardees for the Exemplary Staff Awards have been informed and are planning to attend the awards ceremony.

Kay brought up the lack of contact information on the Staff Council website. Council reviewed their decision to keep an individual email off of the website in order to democratize the contact process. Individuals with questions, concerns, or ideas are encouraged to submit them in the "Questions, suggestions, and applause" area of the website, or to reach out to any of the listed council members directly.

Amy brought up the 2024 Christmas holiday schedule for discussion. Since Christmas falls on a Wednesday this year, the holidays could be placed on either Dec. 23-27 or Dec. 25-31.

Attendees discussed the pros and cons of each option. Some offices, such as Advancement, have to work on the 31st, but an alternate holiday day can be worked out internally. Additionally, many people have family holiday plans on Christmas Eve, so we feel it is important to include this day in the provided holidays.

It was decided to recommend Dec. 23-27 for the Christmas holidays. HR will also ask if the 31st could be given as a half-day holiday for morale.