

Staff Council Meeting

Attendees: Joy Skinner, Kay Grigsby, Abbie Raum, Dean Cockerham, Beth Sinnwell, Shiela Kittleson, Ryan Callahan, Kris Steege, Steph Key, Amy Wilson

Not Present: Stephanie Newsom, Jamie Hallaway, Adrian Norris, Brenda Cummer, JP May

Minutes

Announcements

We have two new members, Steph Key from Maintenance as well as JP May from Dining. Steph Key was able to attend the October 15 meeting and was introduced to the group.

Another meeting with Faculty Council and the Senior Leadership Team has been scheduled for November 12 from 3:30-5:00.

Agenda Item: Staff Event Ideas for Winter Term

Discussion:

Ideas were presented for possible events to improve staff morale during the months of January, February, and March of 2025. Staff Appreciation Day, which was celebrated last year, lands on March 7, 2025 during spring break. Feedback from last year's event indicated that people did not like that it was held on the Friday of spring break as many people took PTO that day.

Some suggestions brought forward included a dessert swap, departmental open houses, a poker run, staff outfly, and a staff volunteer day. There was also a short discussion about whether the annual staff retreat should be reinstated. This event was generally held at the end of the year, but was discontinued due to the COVID pandemic.

Agenda Item: Four Day Work Week

Joy has heard back from one VP regarding our solicitation for input from last meeting. This discussion will be continued once the other VP has had a chance to provide their input as well.

Agenda Item: Holiday Calendar

The Holiday Calendar has been approved as was. If we have feedback for next year's calendar, we will need to provide it earlier.
