

UI Staff Council Executive Committee  
Tuesday, April 2, 2024  
9-11 am  
2520B UCC and Zoom

## Attendance

**Present:** Neda Barrett, Nima Chaudhary, Makur Jain, Molly James, James Jorris, Brian Morelli, Ashley Peters, David Stenersen.

**Absent:** Jackie Kleppe

**Liaison:** Kellie Digmann.

**Guest:** Matthew Getz, Chase Norton.

## Minutes

SCEC March minutes were adopted unanimously without changes.

## Discussion topics

### **Staff Council April Agenda Review - Jorris**

The HR topic is Organizational Effectiveness Programs and Services presented by Rachel Napoli. The well-being topic is Built and Natural Environment presented by Stratis Giannakouros. Maria Bruno will present an update on the Leadership Excellence Work Group. The Staff Council officer election process will continue, led by Makur Jain. Lynette Marshall will present on UICA Advancement Partnership & Campaign Readiness 2024.

### **Iowa Heartlanders Hockey – Getz**

Getz attended the meeting to raise awareness about opportunities for team building and staff events through the Iowa Heartlanders professional hockey organization. He noted celebrations, employee retention, and employee recruitment as part of the engagement with the University of Iowa. The Iowa Heartlanders is an AA affiliate of the Minnesota Wild hockey club, based at the Xtreme Arena in Coralville. Getz explained the club's mission is to become a valuable and beloved community asset. He has been working to build engagement and create fun in the community. Jorris organized a Staff Council outing at a Heartlanders game on April 5.

### **Hawkeye Caucus & DEI Event – Jorris**

Jorris previewed the Hawkeye Caucus Day at the State Capitol Building in Des Moines on April 3. Staff Council had 15 members sign up to attend and staff a table in the Capitol Rotunda. The purpose of attendance is to build awareness about the role of staff at the university.

The UI Staff Council Diversity and Welcoming Celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 4 to 5 p.m. at the IMU Ballroom. This is an invitation-based event in which speakers will present on diversity and welcoming and staff contributions will be recognized.

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**DEI Task Force Update – Barrett**

The work of the task force is in a holding pattern as its recommendations are reviewed by UI administration and then presented to the Board of Regents. Barrett said she believed the work of the task force has been worthwhile.

**Elections – Jain**

Jain provided an overview of the spring elections. There are candidates for all seats and voting is underway. Jain reviewed nominees for officer elections and noted speeches and voting for those seats would occur at the May Staff Council meeting.

**Adjournment**

Jorris adjourns the meeting.

**Next meeting**

May 1, 2024

2:30-4:30pm

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