

UI Staff Council Executive Committee  
Wednesday, April 2, 2025  
2:30 – 4:30 pm  
2520-B UCC

## Attendance

### **Present**

Neda Barrett, James Jorris, Sam Mitchell, Donna Wong-Gibbons

### **Administrative Liaison**

Kellie Digmann,

### **Unable to Attend**

Nima Chaudhary, Brett Cloyd, Molly Collins, Ashley Peters, David Stenersen

### **Approval of UISC Executive committee meeting minutes**

Wong-Gibbons motioned; Mitchell seconded. Minutes of the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved

### **Discussion Topics**

#### **Staff Council Agenda Review by James Jorris**

*April Agenda:* Reviewed agenda for April SC meeting. Most of meeting will be closed for SC only business.

*May Agenda:* Split between President Wilson and SC elections. Change date to 5/14/25. Moving “new & returning” to after elections.

#### **Staff Council Elections & Committee Year End Updates by Neda Barrett**

April 9 – Nominations open

April 9 – May 7 – Candidates accept nomination and are asked for statements

May 6 – Last day for nominations (EOD)

May 8 – Nominee statements sent to councilors

May 14 – Elections 60 minutes. No statement, panel questions asked by Neda and James. Allotted time for each office will be determined during May 7 SCEC meeting. Tie breaker questions if needed.

1. President-Elect
2. Secretary
3. Budget Officer
4. At-Large (4)

#### **Political Items Via Email by Neda Barrett**

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Reminder that, as councilors, our university email addresses are considered public records. This means our information can be requested and accessed at any time. Please use discretion and be mindful when discussing potentially political or sensitive topics via email. Will invite a speaker from legal office to share information during the June meeting.

**Navigating Legislative Challenges and Institutional Strategy in a Changing Political Landscape by Donna Wong-Gibbons**

General Discussion

**Budget Request: Coca-Cola Funds by David Stenersen**

Jennifer Graham | \$642 | CLAS Staff Appreciation event: 5-2-25 | Workflow ID: 15315902

Unanimous approval by attendees. Kellie will send out an email.

**UISC Councilor & Constituent Concerns by James Jorris**

Staff retention concerns: refer to previous presentations SC (Trevor Glanz) and HC (Kyle Anson)

Vision insurance: will forward comment/request to HR

**Action Items from Leadership by James Jorris**

Reminder of UI's mission and core principles

Planning for UISC membership following the Mission acquisition

- Strategies to engage remote staff, as most of the 100 new team members will be spread across the state
- How can we make them feel welcome and part of the UIowa community?

Leadership (Pete/Laura) request:

- Share positive aspects of UI compared to other institutions
- Focus on strengths and unique benefits
- What specific examples can we highlight?

**Ideas for next year** – Core Mission, connections, communications, ask for solutions in addition to councilor concerns, submitting/sharing positives with communications committee so they can be more widely shared, highlighting staff and locations that are not centralized such as Hygienic Labs and Mission locations (Discover Your University)

**Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 pm, 2520-B UCC