

## UI Staff Council Executive Committee

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

2:30 – 4:30 pm

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### Attendance

#### Present

Neda Barrett, Josey Bathke, Amanda Bibb, Hilary Jensen, James Jorris, Sam Mitchell, Mel Sanders, Bridget Toomey

#### Not Present

Ashley Peters

#### Administrative Liaison

Kellie Digmann

### Approval of UISC Executive committee meeting minutes

#### Minutes approval:

- March 4, 2026 – UISC Executive Committee Meeting – motion by Sanders second by Mitchell, [approved with no edits]

### Discussion topics

#### Welcome, Agenda Overview and Minute Approval/Staff Council Meeting Agenda Review

Barrett welcomed the executive committee, reviewed March minutes and reviewed the April agenda. April's meeting will be the last public meeting of her presidential year, it leans heavy on internal UISC business.

#### Staff Council Bylaws: Policies & Procedures

Bathke reviewed the Staff Council Bylaws related to Policies and Procedures. The document is intended for Executive Committee use only and serves as an unofficial internal reference containing reminders, rules, and items meant to be carried forward from year to year. She noted the document had not been updated recently and is working to ensure consistency in language and alignment between the University Staff Council and UISC. Executive members were asked to review the updated document on the Executive Committee Teams page by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2026. The document will remain internal and will not be posted to the website. A reminder was given for the new Executive Committee members to read through the materials.

#### Upcoming Meetings/Agendas

Barrett reviewed upcoming meeting agendas, with Provost Kregel and President Wilson, noting that the March meeting had been cancelled due to President Wilson's travel. Agenda items for the April meeting include UISC representative elections, adding Executive Committee nomination numbers, and a group photo. Mitchell provided the executive committee an overview of healthcare-related topics discussed with Denise Jamison, including changes to non-compete enforcement affecting UIHC, insurance company taxation and Medicare budget concerns. Jorris shared an update

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on United Way, reporting that fundraising goals were met, including the UI goal toward the \$2.3 million community target. They will share these updates with President Wilson.

**Open Discussion & Constituent Concerns**

**1. Review Questions Submitted for SC April Presenters**

Questions submitted for upcoming April presenters were reviewed and refined. Additional questions were added for presenters Cheryl, Joni, and Chanelle to strengthen discussion.

**2. Zach Wahls, Iowa Senator Speak at SC Meeting (Toomey)**

Discussion centered on concerns about inviting only Senator Zach Wahls to speak and whether outreach should instead include all local representatives. Members supported reconsidering invitations after the November local elections to include broader representation. There was also discussion about reviewing the role of the University Relations Committee moving forward, with possible follow-up involving Pete Matthes.

**3. Staff Council Video re: Education Committee (Barrett)**

A request from the Education Committee to include a Staff Council video in the newsletter prompted discussion on long-term placement and use of the video. Ideas included hosting it on the website, using it for onboarding, orientation, and calls for nominations, and linking it in introductory and onboarding emails for new councilors. Closed captioning is needed, and the goal is to upload a version that can be edited as needed.

**4. Health Care Week Planning**

Discussion focused on participation options for Health Care Week, including staffing the sunshine cart or tabling, at the event with confirmation that participation is not limited to healthcare employees. Co-chairs will determine the preferred direction. Sam will follow up with co-chairs and reach out Community Outreach Co-Chairs, Anne and Amanda, who have supported posting efforts in the past.

**5. Iowa Now and Staff Council Awards Article**

Executive Committee discussed coordination and next steps related to the Iowa Now Staff Council Awards article, emphasizing alignment on overall messaging and continued collaboration. Designated members will follow up to support the process moving forward.

**Adjournment**

- Jorris motioned to adjourn, Bibb seconded; motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:31 pm.

**Next meeting:** May 6, 2026 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm