

Staff Senate Meeting

May 28, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

[Join us via Zoom](#)

1. Standing Items

- a. Call to order
- b. April minutes to be approved and posted
- c. Approval of Agenda
- d. Chancellor Team Update - Chancellor Scarlatta
 - i. Honored to be interim Chancellor, very thankful for the easy transition from all staff to adjust. Spending time in Ann Arbor on Tuesdays and President Grasso is doing great. Thank you for your support!
 - ii. Dinner with the Regents the night before they were on campus at the estate. They wanted to learn more about us and asked for a list of our needs.
 - iii. Regent's meeting went great. A small protest but all went well.
 - iv. MASU is putting a pause on international student visas, as shared in the NY Times. We are working with Ann Arbor to see what we can do.
 - v. We are moving from the AB up through next week, opening again 6/9 in SSB. We expect the AB to reopen in June 2026.
 - vi. Question about HR moving under the Chancellor's Office, aligns with ECRT and is a permanent move until the next Chancellor.
 - vii. Question about the Chancellor's house transition. Grasso will keep it through the summer and there will be a discussion about the home moving forward.
 - viii. Discussion about TOA days (time off award) with the leadership and will make an announcement shortly (Thanksgiving). Take your vacation days, a lot of staff are at max.
- e. Provost Team Update - Provost Kridli
 - i. Thanks for the warm welcome. There is a commitment to ensuring a smooth transition.
 - ii. April graduation ceremony was great, thanks to everyone who volunteered.
 - iii. Applaud those that received faculty promotions, which were shared in the Provost update.
- f. HR Update - Rima Berry-Hung
 - i. Office of Holistic Excellence plug, mentioned in the May 13th article in the Reporter, about digital storytelling. Click [here](#) to learn more.
 - ii. USU Update: Bargaining could begin in June but is subject to change and will provide updates as appropriate. Those that are included should start receiving updates from union leadership.
 1. Question about membership requirements and union dues. Staff will receive more information from the union leadership.
 2. Staff should reach out to the union if there are things you want to have a voice on, and would like to be included in the bargaining process.
 3. Union contact: info@universitystaffunited.org. More information: <https://universitystaffunited.org/recognized-units/>.
 - iii. MHealthy: May 31st is World No Tobacco Day. [Resources here](#).
 - iv. HR is included with the AB move to SSB and we do anticipate it being a smooth transition. Please reach out if you have questions or concerns.

- v. Floating Holiday is 8 hours to designate a personal holiday and must be used entirely by the end of the calendar year. It will not roll over.
- g. ITS Update - Rich Durant & Joseph Lubomirski
 - i. HR - [Personal Data Changes](#)
 - ii. [Secure Print](#)
 - iii. [Slack Workplace](#)
 - iv. [Windows 11 Update](#)
 - v. Zoom phone location will be updated for AB move to SSB.
- h. Student Government Update - Rida Patni, Secretary
 - i. Memorial Day Parade participation, walking with Veterans and DPSS
 - ii. Selecting new E Board, including Vice President
 - iii. Coordinating a round table with student organizations to understand challenges and look forward to continuing to work with us in Staff Senate.
- i. Dept of Public Safety - David Hawkins, Chief of Police
 - i. Big thanks to CEHHS for allowing an emergency operations center during the Regents meeting and all those involved to help with the success.
 - ii. We have a Real Time crime center that is shared with Dearborn PD. This technology uses live camera feeds and not facial recognition to augment the work that is done here for safety. People can't copy or download our video, or use it in any way without permission.
- j. Budget Update - Richard Durant \$18,124.32 projected budget

2. Staff Senate Committee Updates

- a. Staff Development - Tom Wesley
 - i. Professional Development Grant update: 11 awarded, average is \$345.06.
- b. Parliamentary - Sheryl Kubiak
 - i. By laws were sent out to the Staff Senate via email 4/23 for [review of proposed amendments](#). There was an amendment to the proposal to strike "due to unforeseen circumstances" under Elections, Seat Declination on page 7. A motion was made to accept the amendment as changed, seconded and passed.
- c. Communication - Mary Jones
 - i. Website updates for accessibility, including videos to be removed
- d. Hospitality/Staff Engagement - Nick Capul
- e. Staff Recognition - Donna Kerry

3. Announcements and Dates

- We won't meet in June, the Staff Senate will be at a retreat to plan for next year.
- Starting July 1st, you have to do your flights through CTP if you want to be reimbursed.
- [Share your ideas](#) for future meeting topics, bringing people together and improving staff morale
 - Thank you for the recent suggestion for breakout rooms to get to know each other and brainstorm ideas for future meetings. We will discuss at the retreat.
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