

Staff Senate Meeting

April 22, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

[Join us via Zoom](#)

1. Standing Items

- a. Call to order
- b. March minutes posted
- c. Approval of Agenda
- d. Provost Team Update - Provost Kridli
 - i. Spring Open house was a success and highly attended. Thank you for all that contributed to the success of this event.
 - ii. End of the semester events including the Lavender and Veteran celebration and athletic banquet to recognize our students.
 - iii. Waiting to hear about the chancellor search in light of the news about Ken's health. Wishes for a full recovery.
 - iv. May 11th will begin office moves to the Dan Little Building (old AB). The Provost Office will be working remotely while IT works to get everything connected. Provost, HR, ECRT, IA, External Relations will be in the wing that previously housed the Chancellor, Provost, HR and IA.
 - v. SSB will close to begin the renovation project. COB is expected to move in January 2028.
 - vi. \$5 million investment fund from Ann Arbor included a project led by Kelsey Parker, a year long research experience for undergrad students to increase engagement from day one.
 - vii. Maureen Linker update: [Center for American Dialogue, including a recording of the preview day events](#). Approximately 600 people attended; The president shared the vision, there was a panel discussion with congress representatives and highlighted the importance of respectful dialogue.
- e. HR Update - Rima Berry-Hung
 - i. Chancellor Team Update
 1. Please join the Chancellor's Walk & Talk.
 2. Thanks for your interest in joining the Chancellor's small gathering lunch on May 4th. There was a strong interest, so more will be scheduled.
 - ii. Reminder to take scheduled vacation time. Vacation reports show that 25% (103) of staff are near or at max. HR is happy to facilitate conversations with you and your supervisor if needed.
 - iii. MHealthy resource coach is available to faculty and staff, an individual that can help when you're experiencing struggles - more financial. They help to identify resources such as community funding.
- f. ITS Update - Matthew Speck, ITS Service Center Supervisor
 - i. [Okta prompting for frequent logins](#)
 - ii. [Okta Fastpass](#) - Windows Hello or Touch ID reduces the effort of logging in and speeds up the process. Contact ITS if you need help or have any questions.
 - iii. [Digital Accessibility information and training](#), the deadline was extended but doesn't change that we should make our digital presence accessible.
- g. Student Government Update - Imaan Rao, Vice President

- i. Last Tuesday we broke ties for senators and elected
 - ii. New president of Student Government inauguration on May 6
 - iii. Imaan Rao is graduating and will be passing the meeting information on to the new president.
- h. Dept of Public Safety - Chief Paul Tennes
 - i. Happy administrative professional day to everyone, thanks for all you do!
 - ii. This week, with External Relations, there will be a tabletop exercise on crisis communications that is 12 months in the making.
 - iii. Preparing for commencement and Regents meeting in May.
 - iv. Kaitlin Deslatte talked about [participation with the Veteran Service Office for the Memorial Day parade](#) and invited us to participate.
- i. Budget Update - Thomas Wesley \$8,624.22

2. Guest Speaker: Grace Maves, Assistant Sustainability Program Manager

- a. It's Earth Day today, but every day is Earth Day.
- b. Energy challenge was hosted this past Thanksgiving and winter break, asking staff and faculty to take actions for saving energy. Building maintenance and plant operations were asked to go above and beyond, Jeremie McCoy, Andy Meyer and Tom Irwin were challenge winners.
- c. Easy actions we can take to conserve energy:
 - i. Notify [facilities](#) about open windows and propped doors, especially in winter.
 - ii. Unplug devices when you leave or use a power strip that stops draw, unless you have a green plug load control device in your office. Energy continues to be pulled even when devices aren't in use.
 - 1. ITS asked that you do not turn of Xerox.
 - iii. Student founded project called Protect Avian Travl or Project PAP for short that brings awareness to bird migration and collisions. [Report bird collisions on campus.](#)
 - iv. Planet Blue Ambassador training for more information about all the things talked about today and more. Shout out to Julie Faust and her team that have completed the training and are taking actions to be better stewards of the earth and campus resources. Email gmares@umich.edu to schedule a Planet Blue Ambassador training for your office!
 - v. EIC turns 25 in May and monthly gifts can support their programs that provide future generations with information to become good stewards of resources.

3. Staff Senate Committee Updates

- a. Staff Development - Jennifer Macleod
 - i. [PD Grant](#), approx \$4k has been approved for 9 staff members. Submit your requests for up to \$500..
- b. Parliamentary - Sheryl Kubiak
 - i. 2026 Elections, please nominate and/or email Sheryl directly.
- c. Communication - Michelle Fallscheer
 - i. We sent a thank you note to President Grasso and received a note back that will be shared with everyone. Thanks for your support!
- d. Hospitality/Staff Engagement - Nick Capul
 - i. End of semester celebration on 5/13 at 5pm, [please RSVP](#) by 4/27

- ii. Working on summer events, including another self defense class and Professional Development lunch speaker tentatively set for 6/4 with a focus on customer service.
- iii. Jessica Calderon shared that there is a bike-to-work day event in the works for 5/15? and Grace Maves is working on something cool for that as well.
- e. Staff Recognition - Donna Kerry, no updates

4. Announcements and Dates

- We want to hear from you! Do you have anything you'd like to share today?
 - [Share your ideas](#) for future meeting topics, bringing people together and improving staff morale.
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