

Staff Senate Meeting

May 27, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

[Join us via Zoom](#)

1. Standing Items

- a. Call to order
- b. April minutes posted
- c. Approval of Agenda
- d. Chancellor Team Update - N/A
- e. Provost Team Update - Provost Kridli
 - i. Congratulations on Chancellor Scarlatta's official appointment
 - ii. Faculty promotions were recently announced
 - iii. Move into the Dan Little Building (DLB) is under way
 - iv. Reminder to fill out the Staff Satisfaction Survey
 - v. Student orientation season begins June 2nd and will continue most Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the summer
 - vi. Reminder to take summer vacations and enjoy the warmer weather with family and friends
 - vii. No updates on the Provost search. Two announcements from the Provost's Office to be shared soon: Maureen Linker is stepping down and plans to retire in April 2027. Joan Remski intends to return to the Provost's Office and will assume those responsibilities. Need to fill the Vice Provost for research position while Ghassan Kridli resumes Provost responsibilities.
- f. HR Update - Lisa Copeland
 - i. Happy to be moved back into the DLB (formerly AB) and located in a new space
 - ii. Echo reminder to complete the Staff Satisfaction Survey
 - iii. Performance Appraisals are due soon
 - iv. HR Benefits office, along with the Commission for Women, is planning a retirement class for Friday. If you're unable to attend there's a [presentation on the website](#)
 - v. Reminder to use the Floating Holiday by the end of the calendar year
 - vi. Staff members can accumulate unused vacation up to a max of twice the annual accrual rate so make sure you're taking your time!
 - vii. Confirmation that the Provost search is in the very early stages and updates will be shared as it becomes available
- g. ITS Update - Joseph Lubomirski
 - i. [Preferred network while on campus is MWireless](#)
 - ii. Canvas outage update: There was a security incident so we shut our site down and Dearborn's information was not breached.
- h. Student Government Update - Rupinder Singh (not able to attend)
- i. Dept of Public Safety - Chief Tennes
 - i. Summer is a time where they focus a lot on training. They are happy to provide active attacker and safety awareness training.
 - ii. Training last week to strengthen processes and support the community.
- j. Budget Update - Thomas Wesley \$8,068.33 with expected expenses from the Ford's Garage event and Professional Development grant.

2. Staff Senate Committee Updates

- a. Staff Development - Tom Wesley
 - i. PD Grant closed May 8, total of \$5300+ awarded out of \$6,000 budget
 - ii. [Donation platform in partnership with with IA to support this initiative](#)
 1. Good time to give with a matching platform.
- b. Parliamentary - Sheryl Kubiak
 - i. 2026 Election results to be shared soon
 - ii. Sheryl's last day is Monday, June 1. Thanks for your service & congratulations!
- c. Communication - Michelle Fallscheer
 - i. Staff Senate Newsletter - Spring, April 8th
- d. Hospitality/Staff Engagement - Nick Capul
 - i. Thanks for attending the Ford's Garage event, we had a great turnout
 - ii. Please join us on 6/4 for the speaker lunch event with Zing Train. [RSVP by 5/29](#)
 1. Chancellor's & Provost offices have helped with the cost
- e. Staff Recognition - Donna Kerry, nothing to share

3. 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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