

# **APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER**

Welcome to the April edition of our Staff Senate newsletter! This month, we had significant discussions that will shape the future of our Senate.

We discussed the need to balance out roll-off membership for this year to avoid a mass exodus and provide continuity between years in a 3-year period. We are considering changing the number of senators rolling off each term so that only 10-12 senators roll off each year out of the 33 senators.

We are exploring the idea of having some senators roll off now and allowing them to run for next year's senate to serve a new 3-year term. Our hope is that this would help maintain a balance in our Senate.

We had a robust discussion on how to balance representation. One suggestion was that a person from the Staff Senate would represent multiple departments. We also discussed the possibility of adding new representatives instead of people rolling off and being re-elected. We hope to cap the number of senators around 30.

These discussions are ongoing, and no decisions have been made. We encourage you to share your thoughts and attend our upcoming meeting on May 13 in the Johnson Library.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

#### MAY

Monday, May 13 10:00 AM Johnson Library

#### **JUNE**

Monday, June 10 10:00 AM *Johnson Library* 

#### **JULY**

Details to be determined

**AGENDAS & MINUTES** 

**STAFF SENATE REPS** 

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## **APRIL 2024 COMMITTEE UPDATES**



Bylaws **updates** 



### Jessica Redding, Chair

The Bylaws Committee is preparing to change to the House Committee, where they will work on bylaws, budget, and policy.



Budget, Finance, & Fundraising



#### Mark Kirkley, Chair

We currently hold \$1250 in the Staff Senate Fund and \$3022.28 in the Foundation account, with an additional \$166 from the Shamrock Fundraiser pending inclusion.



Policy & Procedure updates



#### **Rob Bridges, Chair**

Plans are in the works for the merging of this committee, the budget committee, and the bylaws committee. Updates have been made to the language of several policies to be in compliance with USG policy updates.



Staff Development & Recognition

updates



#### Jenna Scanling, Chair

Congratulations to Brandi Courrege, the recipient of the Star Staff award!



Communication updates



# Jacqueline Winters-Allen & Hadley Cottingham, Co-Chairs

The Communications Committee is working on a way for staff members to submit photos for social media via a convenient form. They will continue to share updates via newsletter and social media.

# **NEW & NOTEWORTHY**



#### USG Staff Council Conference Volunteers needed!

KSU Staff Senate will host the annual Staff Council Conference on October 16-17, and we need volunteers to help everything run smoothly. <u>Learn more about this volunteer opportunity.</u>

#### How Can Staff Senate Help?

If there is a way that the KSU Staff Senate can help address an issue or concern, or you want to celebrate a KSU Staff Member on the KSU Staff Senate Instagram, <u>submit your information to us.</u>



#### Congratulations, Brandi!

Congratulations to Assistant Director of Creative Services Brandi Courrege, the recipient of this semester's Star Staff award! We presented the award during a staff meeting. Brandi, the KSU community appreciates all you do!



