

### **AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER**

With the start of a new semester under our wings, the Staff Senate is ready to soar. It is our pleasure to bring you updates from our July and August meetings in this month's Staff Senate Newsletter.

The Staff Senate welcomed 12 new representatives from departments across campus. To find your department's representative, check out the **Staff Senate website**.

The Senate voted in June to reinstate the role of Staff Senate Parliamentarian and nominated James Stinchcomb, who previously served on the Part-Time Faculty Council. Stinchcomb will serve as Parliamentarian for the Staff Senate for one year.

In June, the Staff Senate discussed changes to the Staff Development and Recognition Star Staff Award bylaws. The revised bylaws allow comments collected during the Star Staff nominations process to be shared with the individuals who were nominated for the Star Staff of the Semester award. The final vote to approve this change will take place during the September meeting.

The September 11 meeting will be online only. For a link to join the meeting, please check the Staff Senate website.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Monday, September 11 10:00 AM Virtual Only

#### **OCTOBER**

Monday, October 9 10:00 AM Sturgis Library

#### **NOVEMBER**

Monday, November 13 10:00 AM Johnson Library

#### **DECEMBER**

Monday, December 11 10:00 AM Sturgis Library

**JUNE MINUTES** 

**JULY MINUTES** 

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### **AUGUST 2023 COMMITTEE UPDATES**



Bylaws updates



### Jessica Redding, Chair

The Bylaws Committee is in the process of adding the Parlimentarian Role into the Bylaws. The update is on track to be presented at the October meeting.



Budget, Finance, & Fundraising



### Mark Kirkley, Chair

All accounts have been updated to the new officer. Kirkley will serve as the Budget, Finance, and Fundraising Chair for this year.



Policy & Procedure updates



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

Rob Bridges will serve as the Policy and Procedures Chair for this year.



Staff Development & Recognition

updates



#### Jenna Scanling, Chair

The Staff Development & Recognition Committee's updates to the Star Staff bylaws will come to a final vote at the September 11 meeting.



Communication updates



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

The Communications Committee plans to coordinate the monthly newsletter, dissemination of meeting minutes, and manage updates to the Staff Senate website and social media.

### **NEW & NOTEWORTHY**



# Star Staff of the Semester nominations for fall are open!

The KSU Star Staff of the Semester award recognizes employees who have gone above and beyond in their professional, community, and collegial engagement at KSU. It is awarded 3 times per year, once each semester.

#### 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, submit your information at this link.



## Want to improve your technology skills?

Did you know that UITS offers free, instructor-led workshops for KSU staff on tons of different software? Click here to view this semester's workshop schedule and sign up for training.

# Welcome, new senators!

- Sanjoosh Akkinei
- Carla Budinsky
- Hadley Cottingham
- Kyle Dawson
- Aimee Kane
- Savannah Lockman

- Janice Malone
- QingQing Norris
- Caitlyn O'Kelley
- Kelley Price
- James Stinchcomb
- Cynthia Tatis

