



OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

The leaves are changing, the mornings are chilly, and pumpkin spice seems to waft out of the campus Starbucks. It must be October, and we are delighted to bring you this month's Staff Senate Newsletter!

Since our last meeting, one Staff Senate Representative attended the 2023 USG Staff Council Conference at Augusta University. KSU is set to host the conference in 2024, and planning is underway.

The Staff Senate continues brainstorming plans for events, campus community engagement, and fundraising. The Senate discussed the potential of an end-of-October get-together on the Campus Green. They also plan to hold an Owl-O-Ween Halloween Message Fundraiser to encourage staff appreciation. This fundraiser would resemble the shamrock and Valentine's Day fundraisers that the Staff Senate offers.

This month's approved minutes are not attached. Staff Senate didn't have the quorum it needed to approve the September minutes at the October meeting. The Staff Senate will vote to approve the September and October minutes at the November meeting.

The Staff Senate will meet again on Monday, November 13, at 10:00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

NOVEMBER

Monday, November 13
10:00 AM
Microsoft Teams

DECEMBER

Monday, December 11
10:00 AM
Sturgis Library

JANUARY

Monday, January 8
10:00 AM
Microsoft Teams

FEBRUARY

Monday, February 12
10:00 AM
Sturgis Library

AGENDAS & MINUTES

STAFF SENATE REPS

OCTOBER 2023 COMMITTEE UPDATES



Bylaws updates



Jessica Redding, Chair

The Bylaws Committee is in the process of adding the Parliamentarian Role into the Bylaws. This item was planned for action in October, but due to lack of quorum, will be voted on in November.



Budget, Finance, & Fundraising updates



Mark Kirkley, Chair

The Budget and Finance committee has paid the \$50 USG Dues the Staff Senate was billed. The committee is monitoring the account for updates.



Policy & Procedure updates



Rob Bridges, Chair

The Staff Senate Policies Portal is moving to SharePoint. The Professional Staff Pet Policy is currently in the works, with updates to come in November. The Cohort Schedule and Campus Access policy are also in review.



Staff Development & Recognition updates



Jenna Scanling, Chair

The Staff Development & Recognition committee awarded the summer Star Staff award to Coles College Academic Advisor Caitlyn Sumner in September.



Communication updates



Jacqueline Winters-Allen & Hadley Cottingham, Co-Chairs

The Communications Committee encourages you to share holiday photos from your office, whether it's Halloween costumes, holiday decor, or a themed treat; send us your photos for a chance to be featured on our socials!

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 once each semester. Click the image to nominate!

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 to us.](#)



Want to improve your technology skills?

Did you know that UITS offers free, instructor-led workshops for KSU staff on tons of different software? [Check out this semester's workshop schedule and sign up for training.](#)

**Please join us at the
2023 Benefits Fair**

**TOGETHER,
we are better.**



See you at the Benefits Fair!

The 2023 Benefits Fair will take place on October 26 at the KSU Center, starting at 10:30 a.m. Make sure you come see us at the Staff Senate table!



Be sure to follow KSU Staff Senate on Instagram!

