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Staff Council

## University of San Francisco Staff Council Newsletter

August 2023



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### Message from the 2023-24 Communications Subcommittee

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Welcome to the 2023-24 academic year! The Staff Council communications

subcommittee will be sharing a newsletter in advance of our meeting each month to give updates on what the Staff Council has been working on, promote events, and to advertise awards and other staff accomplishments. The 2023-24 Staff Council communications subcommittee welcomes any information you would like to add to the upcoming newsletters. Please reach out at any time.

Ella Frazer, CAS Dean's Office

Melissa Thompson, Office of Assessment & Accreditation Support

Nicholas Ynami, Information & Technology Services

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## August Staff Council Meeting and Future Meetings

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Please join us for the next Staff Council meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 12–1 p.m. The August agenda is available on our [Staff Council website](#).

You may register for the August and future 2023 Staff Council meetings by clicking the button below. Please note you can register for only four meetings at a time.

[Register for 2023 Staff Council Meetings »](#)

Past agendas and meeting minutes can be found [here](#).

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## Announcement from the Executive Board

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Thanks to the **recommendation** made by the Inclusion, Diversity for Education and Accountability (IDEA) subcommittee, we are pleased to announce that Human Resources has increased the number of Concern therapy sessions from eight to 10 sessions per issue, per year, for you and your eligible family members. If you have already started a series of sessions before Aug. 1, you will only be eligible for eight

sessions. The increased number of sessions is not retroactive.

To take advantage of this service, visit [employees.concernhealth.com](https://employees.concernhealth.com) and click "Get Services." Register using "USF" as the company code to create your confidential digital dashboard. If you need immediate assistance, call Concern at **(800) 344-4222** and ask for a confidential phone consultation with a counselor. For more information about Concern's services, visit the [Concern EAP webpage on myUSF](#).

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## What has the council been working on?

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- The Staff Council Bylaws have been updated and can be accessed [online](#).
- The 2022-23 Staff Council Annual Report is also available on the [website](#). This report details the Staff Council's yearly activities and events.
- Staff Council subcommittees have been welcoming new members and are getting started on their work for the year. All staff members at USF are encouraged to reach out with questions, comments, and ideas at any time throughout the year via our [webform](#) or by emailing [staffcouncil@usfca.edu](mailto:staffcouncil@usfca.edu)!

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## Recognizing Staff Accomplishments

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Thanks to staff suggestions and the work of the awards and recognition subcommittee, the Staff Council website now has a [page](#) to recognize staff accomplishments. Staff are invited to submit their own or another staff member's accomplishments for recognition using this [form](#) (please make sure to get the staff member's permission if submitting on another's behalf). Entries may be edited for length and clarity before being posted. Questions? Please email [staffcouncil@usfca.edu](mailto:staffcouncil@usfca.edu).

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## Contact the Staff Council

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Staff members can submit comments, questions, and concerns through the [Staff Council website](#). Submissions may be anonymous. Please submit your comments

**Council website.** Submissions may be anonymous. Please submit your comments **here**. The council values all staff input!

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## Staff Council Members

Jill Ballard | Staff Council Executive Board – Vice President  
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Steven Bosso | Institutional Effectiveness and Safety  
Kimberly Bruno | Professional Development  
Danielle Castillo | IDEA  
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Tina Ricafrente | Professional Development  
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