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## University of San Francisco Staff Council Newsletter

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## Message from the 2023-24 Executive Board

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The Staff Council is excited to begin its second year!

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We'd first like to thank all the members of the 2022-23 Staff Council and extend a special thank you to the previous Executive Board for their leadership and guidance of the inaugural Staff Council. Melissa Thompson, Michelle Santana, and Gina Alvarez led the Staff Council effortlessly and established many norms that will help all future Staff Councils operate efficiently. We will continue to honor their hard work.

The Staff Council continues to focus on deepening our role in shared governance on this campus, hearing the voices and experiences of all USF staff, and providing guidance and feedback to leadership on important issues that affect staff. We hope all staff feel represented and able to connect with each member of the council.

The biographies and statements of Staff Council members are available on the **Staff Council website**, along with the **Staff Council bylaws**. Please take a look at who will be serving on the council and feel free to reach out to any of us as needed. We invite you to attend the Staff Council meetings, explore our website, and most importantly, get involved. Feel free to email us at [staffcouncil@usfca.edu](mailto:staffcouncil@usfca.edu) with any questions, concerns, or celebrations to share.

#### **Staff Council Executive Board**

Domonique Crosby, Staff Council President

Jill Ballard, Staff Council Vice President

Amy F. Joseph, Staff Council Clerk

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## **Staff Council Meetings**

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Please join us for the next Staff Council meeting on **Wednesday, June 14 from 12–1 p.m. PDT**. Please click below to access the meeting agenda.

[June 14 Agenda »](#)

You may register for June and future meetings by clicking the button below. Please note that you can only register for four meetings at a time.

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

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

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## What has the council been working on?

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- The Executive Board received updates from Staff Council HR liaison Diane Nelson that the President's Cabinet **meeting minutes** are in the process of being updated and that the council's One Card **recommendation** was shared with President Paul J. Fitzgerald and is under discussion.
- The Inclusion, Diversity for Education and Accountability (IDEA) subcommittee sent a recommendation to HR regarding mental health care, with a request to increase Concern sessions from 8 sessions to 10 sessions, which is what other Jesuit institutions make available.

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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 **web 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? 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 [here](#). The council values all staff input!

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## Staff Council Members

Jill Ballard  
Claudine Bibeau Parks  
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Danielle Castillo  
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Domonique Crosby  
Erin Echols  
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