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Meet Your New Executive Board



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Welcome from Your Staff Council

Dear Staff,

Welcome to the new academic year! We're excited to serve and support you throughout 2025–2026. As we welcome everyone back to campus, we'd also like to extend a warm welcome to **President Salvador Aceves**.

We invite you to join our monthly general Staff Council meetings, where you can connect with colleagues across departments, share ideas or concerns that impact your work, and collaborate on ways to enhance the staff experience at USF.

This year, here's what you can expect from your Staff Council representatives:

- More collaboration and connection across campus
- Easier ways to share your ideas to improve the staff experience
- Meetings and events that build community and belonging
- An executive board that stays connected with leadership
- Fresh energy and momentum for the year ahead

Here's how you can stay connected and engaged with Staff Council:

- Attend general Staff Council meetings to hear about what's happening across campus.
- Share feedback (suggestions, ideas, or concerns) through our **contact form**.
- Follow the Staff Council Project Board (coming soon!) for updates on current initiatives and project statuses.
- Review meeting minutes after each session if you're unable to attend.

We look forward to working alongside you this year to strengthen our community and ensure staff voices are heard.

UBAC Election Results

Last month, 137 staff members voted in the election for the replacement seat of one staff representative to the **University Budget Advisory Council (UBAC)**.

We are pleased to announce that **Elisabeth Merkel Baghai**, director of operations and external relations, Data Institute, College of Arts and Sciences, will serve a new three-year term starting Sept. 1.



Get Involved!

The REPS Advisory Board is currently recruiting staff to be members of the board.

The REPS Advisory Board serves as a space to bring key campus stakeholders together to advise, plan, and give feedback on various sexual violence prevention and educational programs and events, on the curriculum for workshops, and it supports the growth of the REPS initiative to create a community united in the message that USF does not tolerate sexual violence.

The board will be chaired by **Trina Garry (she/her)**, deputy Title IX coordinator, and REPS Advisory Board members are expected to **attend at least six of the eight meetings** during the 2025-2026 school year.

The group will meet **in person** once a month on the following dates in Lone Mountain from 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.:

- Jan. 22
 - Feb. 12
 - March 12
 - April 9
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- Sept. 18
 - Oct. 9
 - Nov. 13
 - Dec. 11

[Email Trina Garry »](#)

Staff Council Meetings

Please join us for the next Staff Council meeting on

Wednesday, Aug. 20, from 12–1 p.m. PDT.

Zoom room will open 10 minutes before the meeting for community time.

Join the Staff Council Meeting »

UPCOMING FALL DATES:

Wednesday, Sep. 10, from 12–1 p.m. PDT

Wednesday, Oct. 8, from 12–1 p.m. PDT

Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 12–1 p.m. PDT

Wednesday, Dec. 10, from 12–1 p.m. PDT

OTHER UPCOMING USF EVENTS:



AUG
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Faculty, Librarian, and Staff Convocation

Kick-off event for the new academic year

Monday | 9 a.m. PDT

Register Now »



AUG

The Silk Speaker Series Presents Jeremy Renner

Sunday | 5–6 p.m. PDT

[Register Now »](#)

**GoUSF**

Building a culture of health and wellness at USF

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Give Us Your Ideas!

Your input matters to us. Have ideas on what you would like the Staff Council do in the future? Have a question, concern, or comment you would like the Staff Council to raise? You can submit it anonymously.

[Provide Your Feedback »](#)

The Staff Council will build community, identify concerns, and advocate for the needs, vision, and well-being of all USF staff in service of the mission and vision of USF.

Looking for more information on the Staff Council, our members, meetings, and meeting minutes?

[Visit the Staff Council web page »](#)

Contact us: staffcouncil@usfca.edu

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