

STAFF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - Wednesday, June 11, 2025**Voting Members Present:**

Executive Board: Jessica Li (President), Sam Bethel (Vice President), Andrew Palos (Clerk)

Staff Council Members: Christopher Witte, D. (Dan) Perez-Sornia, Daniel Tayakin, Hannah Ogden, Ifeoma Nzerem, Jordan Demos, Kimberly Bruno, Madeline Meininger, Roxanne Lucas, Sara Rinaldi, Selin Ozguzer, Tina Ricafrente, Tyler, Marie Weber, Vincent Hom

Voting Members Absent: Corey Kowalczyke, Emily Grove, Gustavo Cabezas III, Kellie Samson, Lisa Mayorga, Paris Charles, Pedro Gonzalez, Stephanie Heim

Guests in Attendance: Staff Members

Welcome/Roll Call (Determination of Quorum)/Approve Staff Council Meeting Minutes – Jessica Li (12:02 PM-12:05 PM)

- Meeting called to order at 12:00 PM by the Staff Council President.
- Notice made that the meeting is recorded for note-taking purposes.
- Bylaws state meetings are open to all staff including the President's Cabinet and Leadership Team and there will be a Q&A/open discussion session during the meeting for all staff in attendance.
- Staff Council Member roll call conducted: 18 present, 8 absent, quorum reached.
- Approval of Staff Council May Meeting Minutes for meeting. - Tabled for approval at next meeting

Updates from Executive Board – Jessica Li (12:05 PM - 12:13 PM)

- New executive board has been assembled
 - Thanks to Elections and Governance Committee to planning and executing executive board elections
- Jessica met with Provost in May
 - Provost reiterated support for staff members.
 - Staff encouraged to share ideas that will be communicated to Provost about solutions for more support for staff
- Recent Board of Trustees Meeting
 - Staff council did not attend
 - State of Staff report was submitted to the March Board of Trustees meeting
 - Intention is to attend Fall Board of Trustees meeting

Update on the Staff Council Subcommittees – Sam Bethel (12:13 PM -12:20PM)

- **Awards and Recognition – (Vincent Hom)**
 - **Merit and Award Questions**
 - Reaching out to HR about whether this is long-term
 - Attempt to mitigate problems that have arisen from the digital certificates
 - **Communications - Tina Ricafrente**
 - **Newly formed subcommittee**
 - Will need to reach out to previous members
 - Will need to meet with Communications officer to prevent overlap
 - **Elections & Governance - Daniel Tayakin**
 - **Executive Board Election ended Monday 6/9**
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- All executive board positions received multiple nominations, only one nominee accepted for President, Vice President and Clerk. Communications went to an election, Corey Kowalczyk won.
 - **UBAC Election ends 6/11 @ 5PM**
- **Inclusion, Diversity for Education and Accountability – D. Perez Sornia**
 - **Newly formed subcommittee**
 - Will reach out to previous members
- **Campus Accessibility and Safety - Absent**
 - The Health and Safety Committee does not meet over the summer. They will join in on the meetings once the academic year begins.
- **Professional Development – Kim Bruno**
 - **Newly formed subcommittee**

Update on Other University Committee(s) (12:18PM)

- University Budget Advisory Council (UBAC): Will Vitagliano
 - Next UBAC meetings will begin at the start of the academic year.

I. New Business/Q&A/Open Discussion (12:20 PM)

- Follow up on physical ID cards
 - It's on the agenda to return once the subcommittee can plan a path forward after the transition.
- Plans to have a get together similar to last year to start Staff Council academic year
- Suggestions to new staff council members to reach out to previous subcommittee members and chairs

II. Announcements (12:20PM - 12:30PM)

- Move in volunteers for housing

III. Meeting Adjourned at 12:31 PM by Staff Council President

Next Meeting: July 9, 2025

Full schedule on [staff council webpage](#)

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS

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SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

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