



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

# STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL

## SAC General Meeting Agenda

October 15, 2024 – 9:00 AM in CEC, Rm 209, in person only

**This meeting will be held under [Chatham House Rule](#). Topics and decisions will be fully and accurately represented but not individual speakers.**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions
- III. [Approval of Minutes](#) (click link)
- IV. Guest Speaker: Abbey Henrichs, UNO Events – December Commencement (10 minutes)
  - Date: December 20, 2024
  - Times: 9 AM, 2 PM
  - Special Guest: Zach Miller, UNO grad/NFL Player, Musician
  - *Sign up to volunteer by 12/6/24*

Guest Speaker: Bill Pickett, Durango Discounts (10 minutes)

  - New logo and flag offered to participating businesses.
  - Expanded discount options across Omaha area.
  - Call for relationship building with local businesses to strengthen participation. Reach out to [UNOSpirit@unomaha.edu](mailto:UNOSpirit@unomaha.edu) or visit MBSC rm 126.
- V. Officer Reports
  - A. President's Report
    - Maddie Pooley has been elected into SAC for the remainder of the 24/25 SAC year
    - Child Care needs assessment - Nancy Edick - working with Faculty Senate, Student Govt, SAC. Evaluating what the current structure looks like, where it should go, and where it could go.
  - B. Treasurer's Report
  - C. Community Engagement Chair
    - Thank you for MFP donations during Staff Appreciation Week (SAW).
    - Future goals include expanding campus and community engagement initiatives.
  - D. Events Committee Chair
    - Congratulations and thanks for SAW coordination.
  - E. Professional Development Chair
    - No updates
  - F. DEAI Chair
    - Marshall Kole and Katie Welchans are now co-chairs.
    - Started discussing the things we're working on for the remainder of the term.



G. Strategic Planning & Culture Chair

- Working on the past climate survey, add option of not answering question. Looking for ways to increase participation (need to increase from ~34% last time)

VI. Staff Appreciation Week Review – Open Discussion

**General Reflections:**

- Total attendance: ~950 F employees, ~1500 total staff (including Temps, PT).
- Expenses: Previous year was \$9000; this year's budget aligned at \$6401.

**What Went Well:**

- High volunteer sign-up rates and diverse event participation.
- Great campus engagement and networking opportunities.
- Events like Trunk or Treat, pop-up activities, and more were well received.
- Various fun and community-building activities fostered positive energy.

**Areas for Improvement:**

- Start planning for next SAW at least 6 months in advance.
- Simplify volunteer processes and improve communications.
- Increase visibility and promote each event through multiple channels.
- Explore monthly or quarterly events to maintain engagement year-round.
- Encourage committee-specific ownership over event organization to distribute workload.
- Reevaluate event offerings, adjusting based on feedback (e.g., remove or adapt unpopular activities).
- Implement consistent messaging for SAW events.

**Keep, Stop, Start:**

- *Keep:* Breakfast for SAW, maintain consistent communications.
- *Stop:* Activities with low engagement (e.g., massage chairs, Friday Fun Day).
- *Start:* Enhance committee involvement and event strategy across terms.

VII. Announcements

VIII. For the Good of the Order

**Feedback Summary**

- A. Suggestion on how to handle each incoming suggestion (i.e. ticket assignment)
- B. Group is generally interested in getting involved in Sprinkle events in the spring. Be mindful of your time and your ability to volunteer for events

IX. Adjournment