



Staff Advisory Council

Council Year 2024-2025



March 11, 2025

Attendance



Agenda

- Approval of Minutes (click link)
- Guest Speakers:
 - Austin Brake, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Public Safety
 - Jodi Benenson, Assoc. Professor, Public Administration
- Officer Reports
- Campus Events & Announcements
- For the Good of the Order
- Adjournment



Guest Speakers

Austin Brake, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator



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Jodi Benenson, Associate Professor, School of Public Administration



Executive Committee Updates

Ad-hoc Committees

- Short-lived projects needing additional support
- In-addition to current committee
 - All-campus Promotions (1-2 people)
 - Recurring program to give memberships, items, etc. away to staff
 - Campus Beautification (3-4 people)
 - What can we do on campus to help pull staff out of their office?
 - UNO Day 1 Onboarding Video (2-3 people)
 - Redo the Bridge Video that educates new hires on SAC
 - New Employee Gift (1-2 people)
 - SAC gift for new hires that start every Monday



General Member Elections

- 2025-2026 **General** Election Timeline
 - March 3rd – nominations open
 - March 14th – nominations closed
 - March 24th – ballot open
 - April 4th – ballot closes
 - April 7th – new members notified
- Drop-in FAQ Sessions via Zoom
 - March 3rd – 1:30-2:30 PM
 - March 6th – 9:00-10:00 AM
 - March 10th – 12:30-1:30 PM



Staff Recognition Awards



Above & Beyond Award Unsung Hero Award Staff Excellence Award

- #1. Nominate a fellow staff member between March 3rd – April 1st.
- #2. Attend the Annual Awards Celebration on May 8th.



Community Engagement Committee

- Acts of Service Passport Launched! [See website page.](#)
 - Incentives and awards for participation as an individual staff and/or department.
- Discussing the potential of an Office of Engagement + SAC partnership.



Professional Development Committee

- Final Accounting:
- \$46,753.42 awarded (\$6,753.42 in awards withdrawn)
- 46 Applications submitted
 - 4 waitlisted/denied (missing supervisor supplement, UNO alternative classes)
 - 4 submitted applications not considered as entire \$40,000 already awarded
 - 38 awarded
 - 9 awards withdrawn (employee separation, unable to finalize travel plans)
- Special Thanks to (alphabetically by first name): Alex Zatzabal Boryca, Amy Kelley, Cara Ortega, Chris Scott, Elizabeth Schwartz, Jason Jones, Lyle Kwiatkowski
- Congratulations to Chris Scott on 2025-2026 SAC PD Chair!



Diversity, Equity, Access, Inclusion Committee

- Finalizing questions for survey regarding pay structures (bi-weekly vs. monthly)
- Next step will be to send to HR for their awareness, build the survey in Qualtrics, and set distribution date



Events Committee



Strategic Planning Committee Updates

New Hire Welcome Email

~Resurrection of the email sent to New Hires



Campus Events & Announcements

Sponsored by UNO Campus Recreation & Wellness

Walking Community: Gather with other wellness-focused staff to walk around campus or on the indoor track of H&K. Thursdays at noon. Register weekly [here](#).

First Free Friday: All faculty and staff are invited to use the facility for free on the 1st Friday of each month (April 4th, May 2nd). Register at the front desk of H&K.

Free Kids Weekends: Current members may bring their children (age 17 and under) on specific weekends to play basketball, volleyball, badminton, pickleball, use the climbing wall and pool. Dates: March 14-16, April 5-6, May 3-4.

UNO Wellness Committee: UNO Campus Recreation & Wellness is working with campus stakeholders to activate this committee. SAC has been asked for a member to serve as a representative for SAC. More details to come soon.

SAC After Hours Meet-up

- DJ's Dugout, Aksarben
- March 28th: 4:30 – 6:30pm



Campus Events & Announcements

AI SUMMIT

Wednesday, March 12th from 9 a.m. – 1:30 pm

Plenary in CEC rooms 201/205/209

Tomorrow!!



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March 20th

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS

8:30am – 8:00pm

Free and open to the public!

UNO Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center
(CEC)



For the Good of the Order

Suggestion Box Submissions

- No new submission box submissions!
- Please continue to promote and review the various Durango Discounts - <https://www.unomaha.edu/my/durango-discounts.php>



Attendance



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