

TO: Staff Senate
FROM: Kristi Klien, Staff Senate President
DATE: August 12, 2025
SUBJECT: Staff Senate August 20, 2025 - Meeting Agenda

Welcome

Opening Prayer – Bryn Schofield

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Volunteer for Next Month's Prayer

The University acknowledges the original inhabitants and nations of this land: the Lenape, the Munsee, the Shawnee and the Susquehannock's. May we be ever mindful of their legacy and contributions and commit ourselves to stewarding this land with care and compassion as we navigate our communities towards faith and justice.

Quorum - 14 senators - 4 from each constituency.

- Alternate quorum - 18 senators/minimum of 2 from each constituency.

Review/Motion to Accept June minutes and today's agenda

Guest - Stephen Hietsch, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration

Liaison Report – Patricia Tetreault

Previous Business

- Graduate level tuition benefits for staff dependents – no final decision, still an open item
- Summer Series Trainings via Teams – 3 topics, every other week for 6 weeks – HR willing to assist
 - Staff Development Committee – Summer/Fall, which would be better?
- Dunkin' Donut Cruiser – October 14, 10 AM to 12 PM

New Business

- Constitution Amendment to Article III: Qualifications For Membership
 - By-Laws were amended in 2022 to change the qualification for membership from 2 years to 1 year of continuous years of employment. Constitution was not amended at this time – both documents should match. Motion required to begin the amendment process.
- By-Laws Amendment to Article V: OFFICERS – consecutive terms for President, clarification required
- The new President's Award Plaque has been ordered. Expanding from 20 to 48 plates. Once the existing plates are remade, 27 spaces will remain for future awards. The total cost for the new plaque is \$160.00

Standing Committee/Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- Communications – Denise Kuzma and Melisa Gallo
- Elections and Membership – Rose Ann Jubinski
- Finance – Traci Vennie
- Social Events & Community Building – Melissa Eckenrode and Lucy Grissinger
- Staff Development-Co-Chairs – Bryn Schofield
- Staff Recognition & Excellence Awards, Sursum Corda Award nominees – Shawn Beistline and Autumn Forgione
- Assessment Ad Hoc Committee - Geri Barber, Chair

Items from the Floor

Motion to Adjourn