President's Report

By: Mark Murphy

The purpose of the Staff Senate is to contribute to the success of the University. As the Senate enters its tenth year, here are some of the recent ways in which the Senate has contributed toward its purpose: the Christmas Luncheon, charitable community donations, monthly Staff Spirit awards, Communication Symposiums, roundtable meetings, assistance with the presidential search, input for campus smoking and dress policies, the ad hoc committee on donating leave time, the wellness participation time ad hoc committee, Meet and Greet Election luncheon, spring election, professional development events, Home Improvement BBQ, newsletter, website updates, University-wide committee representatives, and the End of the Year Celebration and Awards luncheon.

Thank you to all our senators, alternates, Ms. Patricia Tetreautl, volunteers, and other supporters that have made it possible to accomplish all of these tasks. Also, thank you for accomplishing all of these tasks in a way that makes me very proud to work with each of you through-out the year. On every occasion in the past year, your work has exceeded my expectations. It is in
your good work that the Staff Senate has a voice. Keep up the important work as we look forward to the great tasks we will accomplish next year.

Staff Senate Election Results

*Congratulations to our newly elected Senators and Alternates!*

**Clerical** - Erica Armstrong and Bryn Schofield

**Maintenance, Trades, Technical, and Police** - Christopher Harris, Dale Martin, Bill Pilger, Kevin Roginski, Kevin Rude, Pete Sakowski, Kyle Thomas, and Peter (PJ) Worsnick

**Professional/Para-professional** - Rebekah Bernard, Renee Giovagnoli, Meg Hambrose, Marg Hynosky, and Richard Walsh
Join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

Sponsored by:
The Jesuit Center, The Office of Sustainability and in partnership with Maintenance, Trades, Technical, and University Police staff.

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**Staff Senate Committee Updates**

**Social Events & Community Building**
The Senate aspires to be a good neighbor by supporting local causes that benefit our community. Kristi Klien, Kevin Roginski and the Social Events & Community Building Committee did a fabulous job in using the Annual Senate Christmas Luncheon as well as the Meet and Greet to collect donations. They raised $1,566.00 to help The Bethel AME Homeless Shelter stay funded through the winter and collected 2,000 pairs of socks to support the Aramark and University sponsored Community Christmas Breakfast. At this year’s Meet and Greet they raised $190 for The Community Intervention Center, and collected an immense amount of toiletry items, which were also donated to The Community Intervention Center.
Members: Kristi Klien (co-chair), Kevin Roginski (co-chair), Ann Barnoski, Tom Coleman, Kelly Cook, Lori Flynn, Steve Hallock, Caitlyn Hollingshead, Gerry Loveless, Janice Mecadon, Mary Ellen Pichiarello, Ryan Puksta, Bryn Schofield, Sue Shimsky, Kyle Thomas, and Cindy Tokash

**Staff Recognition & Excellence Awards**

The Staff Recognition and Excellence Committee has been eagerly planning the End of the Year Celebration and Awards Luncheon. It will take place on Wednesday, May 10th in the Rose Room in Brennan Hall. This gathering is focused on acknowledging the work Staff Senators have done on behalf of the campus community this past year and recognizes various staff accomplishments. Current Staff Senators, as well as, new elected Senators, Senate Committee chairs, Monthly Spirit Award winners, Senate Volunteers and community members who have completed an academic degree this year will all be honored and recognized! We are looking forward to an enjoyable event! Most importantly, we are appreciative of all of the efforts put forth campus-wide by all members of the University staff!

Members: Gina Butler (co-chair), Tamara Bautista (co-chair), Lisa Bealla, Lori Flynn, Caitlyn Hollingshead, Janice Mecadon, Eileen Notarianni (volunteer), Mary Ellen Pichiarello

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**Volunteer Opportunities**

You don't have to be a Senator to get involved! Below is a list of our Committees that could use your help. [Visit our website](#) and contact a Senator for more details.

Communications
Election and Membership
Finance
Social Events and Community Building
Staff Development
Staff Recognition and Excellence Awards
Interested in learning more?

Contact us: staffsenate@scranton.edu or

Visit our website:
scranton.edu/staff-senate