

SeattleU Staff Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 | 1:00-3:00PM PDT

Location: Remote using Zoom

Present: Kit Morse, Stephanie Lewis, Carly Darcher, Becky Rowe, Laura Hauck-Vixie, Niall Quinn, Eli Voigt, Angie Jenkins, Corey Belser, Laura Reeve, Michael Mullen, Andrea Ross, Valerie Fisher, Chuy Garcia

Not Present: Jess Allen, Zana Crites, Lindsey Jeske, Dario Ogaz, Rachel Olsen

Minutes: Eddie Salazar and Carly Darcher (SUSC Secretary/Treasurer)

Welcome: Land acknowledgement, Group norms, SUSC Members Check-in

SUSC Email report: Stephanie Lewis provided a report on issues and themes SUSC has seen in recent emails to the council. Common topics/themes were:

- Staff assignments to Board of Trustees, exploration of updating the BOT confidentiality agreement language
- Teacher strike impacts on staff. Concerns around how to use SU leave
 - Jerron Lowe responded – is dealing with on individual basis
- HR's communication plan now that VP for HR is at SU
- Stephanie also reminded the SUSC subcommittees to send committee chairs and member names to the Leadership Team

Update from Senior Leadership Liaison: Chris Van Liew – VP for Strategic Initiatives provided a report.

- Thanks for staff member volunteers to BOT committees
- Covid booster clinic – Flu shot clinic already set. Student Health Center will explore rolling this into a Covid booster clinic
<https://www.seattleu.edu/student-health/covid-19-health-resources/covid-19-vaccination-sites/>
- Will hold to the current academic calendar for holidays – Dec 23-Jan 2
<https://www.seattleu.edu/media/redhawk-service-center/registrar/2022-2023-Academic-Calendar.pdf>
 - Should SUSC consider drafting letter regarding academic calendar requests?
- University Leadership attended retreat in August
 - EAB Presentation regarding the changing landscape of students
 - Prepping as a leadership group to update the DEI Living and Learning Commitment
- This is Chris Van Liew's last liaison meeting. He is passing liaison role to Jerron Lowe as VP for HR.
 - Topics Jerron is already aware of; professional development, APSR process, hiring and onboarding, recruitment of BIPOC staff and faculty

Continuing Council Business

- Zana Crites has left SU and resigned from SUSC. The position will be included in the Special Election. Hope to have the new members attend the November meeting.
- Created a staff council Qualtrics account for all surveys, etc. instead of individual accounts. We are slowly moving the older surveys over to the new account.
- Jerron to explore lines of communication to/from HR
- RBC is in the process of deciding who their new HR liaison will be.

Closed Session: SUSC DEI training

Tabled for next meeting: Update from Public Safety (Nikki Maryanski)

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 1:00 to 3:00PM PDT via Zoom:

<https://seattleu.zoom.us/j/96597543307>