



University Staff Council Newsletter

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A note from the Chair

University Staff,

Did you know that over the last year, University Staff Council has introduced a CPR Training Program, supported an Educational Assistance Program, and implemented a Professional Development Grant Program? Our council strives to equip our staff with the resources they need to excel in the workplace. (Detailed information about these programs can be found on the University Staff Council website.) Of course, we are always looking for new ideas and programs to implement to even further improve your time here at the University. I encourage you to attend our monthly meetings and/or run for a seat on the council during our next election period!

Thank you for all of the great work that you do. University Staff Council is here to represent you

and make sure your voice is heard. Please reach out to myself or other council members with questions or comments on anything university related.



Devyn Marazes, University Staff Council – Chair

Get Involved with USC

Attend a meeting! Get involved by coming to a meeting; talk with your supervisor about office coverage and then just show up! Reach out to a council member if you have questions about the meetings. **Join a committee!** Get involved by joining a USC committee. The official call for committee membership will be emailed this summer, but if there is a committee that interests you, feel free to look online and reach out to the committee chair to ask if you can attend their next meeting. **Run for council!** Get involved by running for a seat on the council! The call for nominations went out in March and voting will start in April.

Meet Your Current University Staff Council



Back: Dave Pohnl, Jeremiah Collins, Tom Fell, Brandon Harris

Middle: Ben Kolpitcke, Kimberly Schultz (Secretary/Treasurer), Domingo Carrion

Front: Ingrid Iverson, Becky Yoshizumi (Vice Chair), Devyn Marazes (Chair)

Not pictured: Karen Deschepper, Neng Lee

Meetings

The Council meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 2-3pm in 325 Graff Main Hall. Meetings are open to all university staff. Come to a meeting to hear what is happening with the council. All university staff are welcome to attend meetings. Remaining meetings this fiscal year are November 13, December 11, January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, and June 11.

Recap of 2018 events

Employee Enrichment Day



Above: Michael Monroe Kiefer gives the keynote presentation.

Nearly 200 UWL employees participated in the 5th annual Employee Enrichment Day on campus Wednesday, July 18.

This year's programming opened with Professor Kate Parker and others providing updates about UWL's Strategic Plan. Then, morning sessions focused on campus safety, personal finances, creating an inclusive environment and more. There were also networking opportunities with colleagues.

Following lunch, this year's keynote address was Michael Monroe Kiefer on "Maintaining Positive Workplace Attitudes with People-reading Skills." He followed up his keynote with "The Fun Factor! Using Fun and Creativity to Increase Productivity."

Thanks to all who participated!

Employee Enrichment Day, a professional development opportunity free and open to all UWL employees, is organized by University Staff and Academic Staff. A special thanks to the Employee Enrichment Day committee!

University Staff Excellence Breakfast

Thanks to all who attended the 2018 University Staff Excellence Breakfast on July 12 and congratulations to those staff who celebrated milestones!



Upcoming events & opportunities

Fall 2018 USC Showcase: Recreational Eagle Center



Save the date for the next USC Showcase: November 8! This semester's event will be held at the Recreational Eagle Center (REC) and will show off the brand new REC addition. Join us for refreshments, networking, tours of the REC, and to learn what the REC has to offer for UWL staff and faculty.

University Staff Professional Development Grant

University Staff Council is offering professional development grants to University Staff to attend professional development events including conferences, seminars and workshops. There are two grant cycles per year. The deadline for the next cycle is February 15. For more information about the grant application process, visit the [USC webpage](#).

We are happy to report a successful first round of USC Professional Development Grants in Spring/Summer 2018. A total of \$17,776 was requested and \$5,260 was awarded. Congratulations to the grant recipients!

Helpful Reminders

New University Staff Timesheets

Have you looked at your new and improved timesheet? New alert icons, adding absence right on the timesheet, and new formatting were recently added. To learn more, check out [resources](#), then review resources (live link at bottom) and select Time and Absence Help.

Open Meetings Postings

UW-Search and Screen meeting will continue to get posted through email notice to hrinfo@uwlax.edu.

Department meeting which includes Promotion, Retention, Tenure can now be posted directly to the university calendar. There is an option for "open meeting" in the calendar section.