

UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD

Staff Council Meeting Agenda

February 8, 2023 | Online (Zoom)

I. Consent Agenda

Please indicate if you would like to move any items from the consent agenda to the regular agenda for further discussion. Otherwise it will be approved as-is.

II. Guest Speakers: Christine Grant and Jane Horvath

III. Reports and Announcements

Faculty Senate Delegate to Staff Council.

Welcome Karen Breda!

Nominating Committee.

RPPC. Ben Ide

Staff Council E-Board. Lisa Read

The E-Board met with Tina Berrien to discuss the Outstanding Staff Awards, especially ideas for making the whole process more equitable.

Also this month, Lisa and Cindy attended a portion of the Board of Regents' Executive Committee meeting, with an invitation from President Woodward.

Staff Council Delegate to Faculty Senate

We are seeking a volunteer to fill our open Faculty Senate delegate position. You would attend two Faculty Senate meetings each month. These are usually a Monday and Wednesday of the same week, with about an hour for each meeting. You would take any news or discussion items back and forth between Staff Council and Faculty Senate. The expected time commitment is about 3 hours per month, and the term runs until April 2024.

This is a great opportunity to get an inside perspective on faculty concerns, discussions, etc., and to help find ways that faculty and staff can work together for our mutual benefit! If you're interested in the position, or have any questions, contact us: staff@hartford.edu.

Open Announcements and Discussion

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I. Minutes Approval

Minutes for the January meeting are available here: https://hartford0-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/staff_hartford_edu/EhzNQI2q8QZludLVdCilq5YBFI98X1DLi3CPLQcyiMmhTg?e=loKsuu. They shall be approved as written.

II. Reports and Announcements

Benefits Task Force. Traci Giovinazzo and Desirée Kleykamp

Nothing to report.

DEI Task Force. Anthony Ferello

Nothing to report.

Environmental and Sustainability Committee. Sandra Rampertab

The committee is working on scheduling a meeting for February.

Faculty Senate. Lisa Read

Lisa spoke at the January Faculty Senate open meeting, updating them on Staff Council goals and initiatives. Interim Provost Katherine Black also spoke, with similar information to what she spoke about during the January Staff Council meeting.

RPPC. Ben Ide

The next RPPC meeting will be Feb. 2.

School Supply Drive and BIPOC Student Support Group. Dina Morris, GSU Rep

Please support LEAD student, Benie Kwarteng '23, as she collects supplies for a school in Ghana, Africa. Backpacks, pens, crayons, colored pencils, notebooks, water bottles, and other supplies for all ages are welcome. Feel free to leave your donation in The Women's Advancement Initiative Office (GSU 327) or in bins throughout campus marked "Develop Africa." Monetary donations through Venmo are also appreciated. The drive will run February 1 – May 1. See attached flyer.

The Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) offers a BIPOC Support Group. Space is limited so please encourage students for whom the group would be a good fit to call CAPS at 860.768.4482 to join. The group will be held **weekly from 11am-12pm** and begin **Friday, Feb 10**. See attached flyer.

III. Open Positions

The following Staff Council positions are currently open: Faculty Senate Delegate, RPPC Delegate, Grievance Officer; Community Reps for Hillyer, Barney, Exempt Member at Large, and Non-Exempt Member at Large. Contact staff@hartford.edu to volunteer yourself or nominate a colleague, or if you have questions about the positions.

IV. Future Meetings

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 1pm. Send questions in advance to staff@hartford.edu, or use our anonymous form: <https://forms.office.com/r/vDPr9rPR23>.

Upcoming dates and guests:

- March 8, 2023. Guest: Gregory Woodward
- April 12, 2023. Annual meeting
- May 10, 2023



DATE:
Feb 1 – May 1



School Supply Suggestions:

Backpacks – Notebooks

Colored pencils, crayons and markers

Rulers – Pens & Pencils – Erasers

Glue sticks – Pencil sharpeners

Pencil Cases – Pocket dictionaries

Plastic or metal water bottles



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BIPOC STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP

A group for self-identified Black, Indigenous, Students of Color seeking a confidential space of social connection and healing. We will co-create a supportive space to share experiences related to intersecting identities, racism-related trauma, academic or relationship issues, and other themes.

**FRIDAYS, 11AM-12PM
FEB 10, 2023-APR 21, 2022**

This group is facilitated by CAPS psychotherapist Najeia Mention, LMSW, MPH. This group requires a brief pre-group meeting with the group facilitator before joining. Please call 860-768-4482 or email mention@hartford.edu to express interest in joining this group. Space is limited!