



JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

It's a new year, and Staff Senate is committed to this year being our most engaging yet. With fresh goals for the year set and the USG's Staff Council conference quickly approaching, we're excited to bring you this month's Staff Senate updates.

In an initiative to increase engagement and foster community in the Staff Senate, all senators are expected to attend meetings in person. For senators, virtual attendance will count as an absence. To maintain the Staff Senate's commitment to transparency, the meetings will continue to broadcast via Microsoft Teams for any individuals who cannot attend the meetings in person.

President Andrew McCanless has served on the Strategic Planning Committee for the last three months. The committee is narrowing down new mission, vision, and values statements for KSU. If you have thoughts on what KSU should focus on, tell your Staff Senate Representative. McCanless plans to bring feedback from the Staff Senate to the Strategic Planning Committee.

The Staff Senate will meet again on Monday, February 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sturgis Library on the Kennesaw campus.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

FEBRUARY

Monday, February 12
10:00 AM
Sturgis Library

MARCH

Monday, March 11
10:00 AM
TBA

APRIL

Monday, April 8
10:00 AM
Sturgis Library

MAY

Monday, May 13
10:00 AM
TBA

AGENDAS & MINUTES

STAFF SENATE REPS

JANUARY 2024 COMMITTEE UPDATES



Bylaws updates



Jessica Redding, Chair

There are upcoming changes to the Staff Senate committees, which will launch in July. These committees include House, Employee Health & Wellbeing, Compensation & Benefits, Events/Service, Communication & Collaboration, and Environment.



Budget, Finance, & Fundraising updates



Mark Kirkley, Chair

A new account for the Staff Council is in development.



Policy & Procedure updates



Rob Bridges, Chair

The Staff Senate Policies Portal is moving to SharePoint. The Professional Staff Pet Policy is currently in the works. The Cohort Schedule and Campus Access policy are also in review.



Staff Development & Recognition updates



Jenna Scanling, Chair

Staff Development and Recognition is working on gaining access to Staff Senate Scholarship applications. Once they gain access, they will begin the process of selecting a recipient



Communication updates



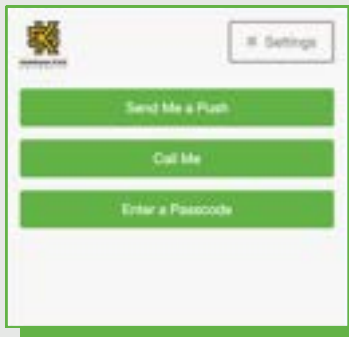
Jacqueline Winters-Allen & Hadley Cottingham, Co-Chairs

The Communications Committee encourages you to share staff engagement photos and stories with us for a chance to be featured on our Social Media.

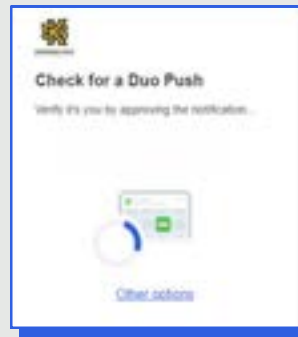
NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Heads up! Duo has a new look!

Starting Feb. 8, Duo will have a new look and an easier authentication process. Don't worry, you won't need to do anything! [Click here to learn more about these changes.](#)



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NEW

How Can Staff Senate Help?

If there is a way that the KSU Staff Senate can help address an issue or concern, or you want to celebrate a KSU Staff Member on the KSU Staff Senate Instagram, [submit your information to us.](#)




Want to improve your technology skills?

Did you know that UITS offers free, instructor-led workshops for KSU staff on tons of different software? [Check out this semester's workshop schedule and sign up for training.](#)



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