



University Staff Advisory Council

USAC Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, Mar. 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Only

(We will not meet in person this month due to elections.)

[Meeting Zoom Link](#)

Members Present: Jamie Lynn Haskins, Paul Just, Cassie Price, Carole Yeatts, Mike LaRue, Taylor McNeilly, Nyreng Dut, Kaylin Tingle, Fred Hagemeister, Rachel Weinberg-Rue, Carolyn Smart, Craig Buchbinder, Derek Miller, Frances Dickerson-King, Katie Olney, Taene Britt, Susan McNulty

Members Absent: Jeff Smith, Cindy Smith, Bill Galaspie

1. Call to Order: Jamie Lynn Haskins called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.
2. Faculty & Staff Symposium: Elizabeth Outka and Lidia Radi presented on the first faculty and staff research symposium. It is meant to be an annual, one-day research symposium held in the fall semester and serves as a rough parallel to UR's A&S undergraduate research symposium. It would bring faculty and staff together to present on their current work through interdisciplinary panels, roundtables, short-format sessions, and posters. Participants might discuss elements of a current book project or article; a program, initiative, or partnership; an artwork or performance; a current line of research experiments; an archive or digital project; a musical composition or a piece of creative writing; an experience in leadership or strategy, etc. It is hosted by A&S, the symposium would include faculty and staff from all five schools.

It hopes to allow us to learn what people are doing across campus, exchange ideas, and connect with others. Helps foster a community of scholars on campus. Requires minimal time and labor—all in one day on work participants are already doing. Creates interdisciplinary connections that might spark new collaborative projects, classes, and partnerships.

Held in Boatwright Library on Friday, September 22. Will include a lunch gathering and an afternoon reception. Faculty and staff from across campus are invited to participate and/or attend.

A Google form will be sent around to gather submissions over the summer. Email Elizabeth and Lidia with any questions.

- a. Elizabeth Outka, Professor of English

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- b. Lidia Radi, Professor of French and Italian Studies
- 3. Community Building Update
 - a. Mar. 31, 2023-Molly Field, *Director of Board Operations* & Ann Lloyd Breeden, *Vice President and Secretary to the Board*
 - i. Still opportunities to sign up for this event.
 - b. End of the semester ideas?
- 4. USAC Executive Committee Elections: each candidate presented a brief introduction and spoke about their platform for the position.
 - a. Chair: Derek Miller and Cassie Price
 - b. Vice Chair: Bill Galaspie, Derek Miller
 - c. Secretary/Treasurer: Cassie Price
- 5. Web Submission Review (none)
- 6. All Staff Listserv: the idea about of an all-staff-discuss distribution list was discussed. This list would look similar to the all-faculty-discuss list, an unmoderated email thread. Various opinions were shared in support or against this idea. It will be presented to senior leadership for further conversation.

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