

February 2023 Newsletter

Have a Voice and Make Connections!



Join the University of Utah Staff Council

Applications to join Staff Council open on *February 16th*

What Does Staff Council Do?

Staff Council (UUSC) "...proactively pursues and researches initiatives, policies, programs, and service projects designed to enhance, promote, and support staff development, staff welfare, and staff organizational responsibilities." Put more simply, UUSC is a group of 30 staff members representing the interests of the larger staff community from across the University, and we need you!

Do I Have Time to Serve on the Council?

Serving on Staff Council not only allows you to be a voice for positive change across the U, but also provides a great opportunity for networking and professional development. A standard length of service on the Council is 3 years and requires a time commitment of approximately 6 hours per month. This includes the 2 hour, monthly General Council meeting and 4 hours of service on at least one committee.

Please join us for our next General Staff Council meeting on February 1st at 2pm. <u>REGISTER HERE</u>.





Utah Legislature Bill Watch: Stay Informed

The Utah State Legislature started work on January 18, 2023 and runs through March 3, 2023. The 45 day session, while short, always produces a frenzy of activity. Everything is available on their <u>website</u> from bills, committee hearings, and floor vote calendars, but it can feel overwhelming trying to keep track. The University of Utah has resources available to U!

<u>@THEU</u> will be following the session closely and covering relevant issues.

The University of Utah Government Relations Office puts together a Bill Watch document that outlines bills that have been introduced. Sign up at the link below.

Did you know that Staff Council has a committee that focuses on providing information about legislation that affects you? Consider joining Staff Council this year and get involved!

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Holding colleagues and institutions accountable for inappropriate behavior can be challenging on many levels. "Everyone knows" something inexcusable is going on, but often nothing seems to come of it. Consequences are not communicated and accountability is not upheld.

This year's Edie Kochenour Memorial Event will be a conversation about personal and institutional accountability in these situations. We will address questions such as *What is our responsibility to speak up? What are our rights in terms of transparency to due process? If nobody does anything, are we collectively condoning bad behavior? How can institutions handle these situations more effectively?*

Panelists include

- Leslie Francis, PhD, JD, Distinguished Professor in Law and Philosophy
- Mitzi Montoya, PhD, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Saundra Stokes, MPA, Chief Mission Impact Officer, YWCA Utah

RSVP HERE



Women's Week at the U

Women's Week is an annual, weeklong event focused on gendered issues and challenges faced in today's socioeconomic and political climate, intersectionality, and cultural movements. Women's Week is planned by a volunteer committee of students, faculty, trainees, and staff collaborating across the university. All are welcome to get involved and participate!

February 27 - March 3

WOMEN'S WEEK EVENTS



Department of Public Safety Panel Discussion

Wednesday, February 8, 6-7:30 p.m.

J. Willard Marriott Library, Gould Auditorium or via Zoom

Campus policing continues to be top of mind for students, faculty, and staff on the University of Utah campus. This event is a continuation of the <u>listening tour and campus outreach</u> efforts led by Keith Squires, chief safety officer, U Department of Public Safety.

Panelists at the February 8 event will discuss policing in the post George Floyd era: What has changed in law enforcement and what hasn't? Do we need police? After the protests, can we come together to discuss meaningful and lasting change? Panelists and attendees will discuss and answer questions on where policing needs to go, what has changed at the University of Utah, and what do we, as a society, do now.

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UWHEN Leadership Conference 2023

This year's conference will be in person at **Westminster College** in beautiful Salt Lake City, UT on **Friday**, **April 7th** beginning at 8:30 am and concluding at 4:30 pm.

This year's Conference theme is "*Are We There Yet?*' and features a variety of speakers from across the State and a special keynote by Professor Elizabeth Kronk Warner! Content is relevant to all women employed in higher education, including faculty, staff, and administrators. We usually sell out and are limited this year to 280, so grab your reservation quickly!

REGISTER HERE



Do you Need Help Getting a Printer?

Did you know *Managed Print Services* is a University Department charged with purchasing and managing printers for University Departments, Staff, and students? Were you aware that you could save money by working with Managed Print Services for your printing needs?

Now that more of us are working from home, accessing a reliable printer can be tough. On campus, *RedPrint* locations provide access to printers for those in need. Managed Print Services is here to help and will work with departments, groups, and individuals to work out low-cost access solutions to suit your needs. Their office can also provide fast-acting maintenance on existing devices and delivery of discounted supplies for continued use on enrolled devices.

Jaime Alfaro, Executive Manager of the University Managed Print Service is here to assist you with all your printing needs. For more information, please check out their website below

MPS WEBSITE

Upcoming Events

- Spring University Counseling Center Skills Workshops and Mindfulness Programs
- February 8th <u>Day of Collective Action</u>
- February 21 join us at 4:15pm for the UUSC EDI Book Club. <u>REGISTER HERE</u>.
- February 24 Edie Kochenour Memorial Event
- April 7 UWHEN Annual Leadership Conference
- September 28th Employee Appreciation Day.

Resources

- How to Get a Free Headshot at the Library
- OneUCares Faculty and Staff Emergency Fund

Contact Us

Have something on your mind? Have something to post in an upcoming newsletter?



COVID-19 Resources

Coronavirus.utah.edu <u>Vaccine Opportunities</u> General Campus Questions Hotline 801-213-2874 Health and Testing Hotline 801-587-0712





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