

August 2024



Summertime Greetings

I am so delighted to serve as your Staff Council President for the 2024-25 term and look forward to representing all University staff as we move into this new fiscal year. We have an amazing group of 63 staff members (our largest group in recent memory), as well as 10 ex-officio members from all over campus.

The new Staff Council is excited to move forward in supporting staff with professional development awards and opportunities and special events. We've moved our monthly General Meetings on to Teams and you can always catch up on past meeting on our website.

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Make sure to join our next General Meeting on **Wednesday, August 7th at 2pm**. Our featured speakers will include:

Jeff Herring, Chief HR Officer: Welcome to the New Year

Stormy Sideria, Assoc. Director of Emergency Management: Training Opportunities

If you have any questions, comments, or ideas, please feel free to email them to uusc@utah.edu.

Thank you for all you do!



Marie Wintriss
Staff Council President, 2024-25

Check out the new Staff Council Digest

Have you ever wondered what Staff Council is and what Staff Council does? Wonder no more! We are delighted to share with you our first-ever Digest, recapping 2023-24:



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Join the Board of Trustees meeting either in- person or online! August 13th

The University of Utah Board of Trustees holds a public meeting once a month, typically on the second Tuesday of the month at 9AM. These meetings are held at the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House, located at 155 Central Campus Dr. They are open to the public, and can be attended in person, or virtually (reach out to Karen West at karen.west@utah.edu for virtual link).

Marie Wintriss, UUSC President, will formally present the 2023-24 Digest to the Trustees in order to further increase visibility of our amazing Staff on campus. Please consider attending either in person or on Zoom.

More info on University Board of Trustees: <https://administration.utah.edu/board-of-trustees/>

Past meeting agendas and minutes: <https://administration.utah.edu/board-of-trustees-minutes/>

Call for Volunteers at the Block U Photo on August 23rd

The Office of Student Experience is seeking about 45 volunteers to help at the Block U Photo Event on August 23rd. We'd love your help with student check in, t-shirt handout, monitoring students, general support, guiding the students into the Block U formation, etc.

The commitment runs from about 5-9pm that evening, and each volunteer will receive a STAFF t-shirt, and dinner!



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Highlights from the July 2024 UUSC General Meeting!

President Taylor Randall's Welcome

- A recorded welcome message from President Taylor Randall highlights the importance of staff contributions to the university's goals and the new Impact 2030 strategic plan.

Liason Updates

- Susan Grant reports on a potential scholarship donation and the need to establish a regular meeting time for her committee.

- Amanda Garcia (HR Health) and Mandy provide updates on annual evaluations, operational plans, and volunteer needs for Employee Appreciation Day.
- Kara from the sustainability office talks about the Green Office Certification program.

[Culinary Demo by Teresa Dvorak](#)

- Teresa introduces herself and her role in the culinary medicine program.
- Demonstrates how to make a zesty lentil salad, sharing cooking tips and emphasizing the importance of using fresh ingredients and proper techniques.

[Commuter Services Update by Solomon](#)

- Solomon explains the range of services provided, such as the bike shop, UTA transit pass, and the Uber program for employee travel.
 - Discusses parking challenges, ongoing projects, and upcoming initiatives to improve transparency and commuter experiences.
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The Farmers Market is Back, August 22nd

The [University of Utah Farmers Market](#) links local growers, artisans and resources for healthy lives with students, faculty and staff campus. Market vendors provide on-campus access to various cuisines, as well as produce, baked goods, gifts, art and more, while local organizations and on-campus departments showcase the full range of resources available to students.

The U Farmers Market takes place Thursdays, 10am- 2pm, outside the Union building for the first half of the fall semester.

Edible Campus Gardens

The [Edible Campus Gardens](#) promote environmental stewardship and community engagement through garden-based education and urban food production. Since 1996, these gardens have supported the campus community with fresh produce for the Feed U Pantry, offered research opportunities, and facilitated sustainable gardening practices.

Volunteer Opportunities: Join our garden sessions posted on Instagram or arrange a group volunteer day by contacting sustainability@utah.edu.

Educational Use: Our gardens serve as living laboratories for various classes. To schedule a class or project, email us at sustainability@utah.edu.

Locations: Visit us at:

- Nuh Eevaat Garden, east of Pioneer Memorial Theatre
- Sill Garden, in front of the Sill Center
- BU C Garden, outside the Sustainability Office in the Business Classroom Building



Apply TODAY for Staff Professional Development Award

APPLICATION DUE SEPTEMBER 15TH

EAD Sneak Peek / Crafter's Corner Market



This year's Employee Appreciation Day (EAD) will take place on **Thursday, September 19, 2024 from 10 am – 2 pm** at Rice-Eccles Stadium. University of Utah, Huntsman Cancer Institute and U of U Health faculty and staff (including student staff) are invited to attend, so be sure to mark your calendars!

The EAD planning team is pleased to announce the return and expansion of the [Crafter's Corner Market](#)! This year, the market will feature U of U employees selling their various artistic wares, such as pottery, jewelry, paintings, etc. Some crafters may even offer a chance to create your own piece of artwork, so be sure to stop by their booths located on the southern end of the concourse to participate and get shopping!



Available Staff Housing at Sunnyside Apartments

Looking for fall housing? Consider Sunnyside Apartments' new Cottonwood Buildings, available for full-time University of Utah staff. These unfurnished apartments at Foothill Drive and Sunnyside Avenue offer free campus shuttle service and various floor plans: one-bedroom/one-bath, two-bedroom/one-bath, and two-bedroom/two-bath. Rent includes all utilities, high-speed internet, cable TV, no-fee laundry, and on-site maintenance. Residents also have free access to the community center for private events. For more details, floor plans, and 3-D virtual tours, visit apartments.utah.edu. Eligible staff can lease for one year, with a possible renewal.

For inquiries, contact Sunnyside Apartments at info@apartments.utah.edu, 801-581-8667, or visit the Main Office at 1945 E. Sunnyside Avenue, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Resources & Discounts

- [Discounted Lagoon](#) "Good Any Day" Passports available for online purchase.
 - Free Headshots at Marriott Library Protospace on Wednesday afternoons from 11am-1pm
 - The School of Music, Preparatory Division offers classes and lessons in Piano, Strings, Guitar and Organ. More information [HERE](#)
 - Check out UCAN.utah.edu to learn about upcoming coaching events!
 - Visit [Red Butte Garden FREE](#) with your UID card
 - [Special Discounts Available to Health Plan Members](#)
 - Join the next General Staff Council Meeting on August 7th [LINK HERE](#)
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