

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY STAFF COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

February 2023

Serving ISU Staff

Staff Council Elections

[Nominations](#) are now being accepted for staff members to serve as representatives for the 2023-2026 term. There are 10 full term and 1 partial term positions. Each full term is a 3-year commitment with responsibilities that include participation in monthly general council meetings, standing committee meetings, and related council business. Bylaws detailing responsibilities and council procedures can be found on the ISU Staff Council website.

Eligible persons include all ISU non-exempt, non-exempt professional, and exempt Staff who have successfully completed their initial introductory period (90 days) with the exception of:

- Exempt Staff who are members of the President's Cabinet;
- Exempt Staff who report directly to a member of the President's Cabinet;
- Exempt Staff who are represented by Faculty Senate; and
- Exempt Staff who are classified as Executives.

You may submit a self-nomination or nominate another eligible Staff member; details for nomination statements are included in the following form.

Click [HERE](#) to submit nominations for the Staff Council 2023-2026 term.

Nominations will be accepted until 4:30pm on Friday, February 17th. A ballot with nominees and their nomination statements will be distributed for voting soon after.

If you have any questions, please email:

Vice Chair: Roxanne Torrence, Roxanne.Torrence@indstate.edu

Chair: Morgan Leek, Morgan.Leek@indstate.edu



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Upcoming Events

Table Massages

The Staff Council has teamed up with the Massage Therapy students and will be giving FREE massages for faculty and staff. The massages will be in Dede II on March 2, 2023, from 2:00pm - 4:00pm.



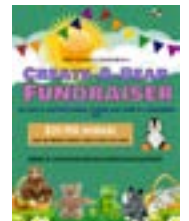
Donations are accepted and all contributions will go to the Staff Council Scholarship fund.

Please sign up for your preferred time [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Beecroft, at Rhonda.Beecroft@indstate.edu or X2596.

Create a Bear

Staff Council is sponsoring a Create-A-Bear fundraiser. All orders include an 8" unstuffed animal of your choice, stuffing, and t-shirt in a drawstring take home bag. Each animal is \$20 and there are 10 animals to choose from; bear, brontosaurus, bunny, dragon, frog, rhino, sea turtle, sloth, bobcat or penguin.

To have the best chance at receiving our order prior to Easter weekend, the deadline for orders is February 24th, 2023. All orders must be prepaid. Cash or checks should be sent to Rhonda Beecroft at Cunningham Memorial Library, Room 232B. For debit/credit card payments, Rhonda will be contacting you by phone for payment within a couple days.



Orders should be available for pick up no later than April 7, 2023. Click [HERE](#) to place your order.

Staff Bowling Night



Staff Council will be hosting a Staff Bowling Night on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at Terre Haute Bowling Center. To sign up as an individual or team, please complete this [FORM](#).

Registration is free and includes bowling and shoes and is limited to 10 teams of a minimum of 4 and no more than 6 bowlers per lane. A snack bar and cash bar will be available for an additional cost. There is also a kids play area available for an additional fee of \$7 per child that is paid to the Bowling Center.

Individual sign ups will be added to teams with less than 6 people. Early registration ends March 6th or when we have reached our maximum.

Carnation Orders

March 1st we will begin taking orders for a bouquet of carnations for your Administrative Professional. More information will be coming on how you can place your order.



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Chair
Morgan Leek

Vice Chair
Roxanne Torrence

Secretary
Melisa Allen

Treasurer
Rhonda Beecroft

Grievance Liaison
Melissa Chase

Parliamentarian
Nick Aballi

Send content to:
roxanne.torrence@indstate.edu

Mark Your Calendars

The next Staff Council Meeting is on March 9, 2023 in Dede III. Meetings are open to ALL ISU Staff.



Submit Content To:
roxanne.torrence@indstate.edu

2022 – 2023 Staff Council Representatives

Nick Aballi	Lucy Lakstins
Melisa Allen	Julie Land
Eric Aztor	Morgan Leek
Robert Bandelt	Michelle Lewis
Karissa Baumgartner	Brenda Lower
Rhonda Beecroft	Pamela Malone
Sarah Ber	Rivkah Mentzer
Melissa Chase	Grace Muñoz
Teresa Dwyer	Angie Napier
Sara Ellinger	Brandi Overton
Viola Ellis	M Schaekel
Larry Flynn	Roxanne Torrence
Ben Kappes	Alex Whitmore
Christine Knight	
Todd LaComba	

2022 – 2023 Staff Council Committees

Staff Relations Committee

Tina Pitts+
 Karissa Baumgartner
 Angie Napier
 Ben Kappes
 Larry Flynn
 Sara Ellinger
 Katherine Black*
 Teresa Dwyer
 Viola Ellis
 Joshua Snyder*
 Robert Bandelt
 Lynn Larimer*
 Alivia Vaillancourt

Staff Benefits Committee

Sarah Ber+
 Alex Whitmore
 Christi Burt*
 Nicholas Aballi
 Pamela Malone
 Vicki Gaunt*
 Rivkah Mentzer
 Melissa Chase
 Robert Bandelt
 Levi Elmore

Public Relations Committee

Rhonda Beecroft+	Melisa Allen
Beth Tomlinson*	Michelle Lewis
Brenda Lower	M Schaekel
Christine Knight	Todd LaComba
Eric Aztor	Joshua Snyder*
Grace Muñoz	Lucy Lakstins
Lisa Syed*	Jamie Hays*
Brandi Overton	
Julie Land	

*Denotes Staff who are not a Staff Council Representatives
 +Denotes Committee Chair

Staff Council Meetings

Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 9th at 10:30 am in Dede III

Why should you attend meetings?

- Learn about all of the activities around campus
- Learn about ways to get involved
- Collaborate with others
- Voice ideas
- Communicate with representatives

Who should attend meetings?

- All Staff
- Staff Council Representatives
- Invited Guests

What is the difference between open and closed sessions?

- Open Session is the part of the meeting where topics are discussed, questions can be asked, and decisions can be made.
- Closed Session is specific to the members of the organization. Typically, strategic planning and problem solving conversation happens here that helps advance the mission.

Click [Here](#) for Past Meeting Minutes.

Questions?



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IT Tool Talk

Join the Office of Information Technology each Tuesday morning at 9am for IT Tool Talk. Trainers will be on hand to cover a specific topic each week and answer questions.

Join us on Tuesdays at 9am for IT Tool Talk: <https://aka.indstate.edu/tooltalk>

- Tuesday, February 14 – Planner
Organize tasks and track progress across teams.
- Tuesday, February 21 – Forms
Build online forms, quizzes, questionnaires.
- Tuesday, February 28 – OneNote
Collaborative note-taking and information sharing tool which is integrated into Teams.



Employee Assistance Program



The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) offers counseling services for Indiana State University benefit eligible employees and their dependents through the ISU Psychology Clinic. The Psychology Clinic is a nonprofit training facility for doctoral students in clinical psychology to receive supervised training from licensed faculty and staff.

For more information about EAP, visit the website: <https://www.indstate.edu/humanres/wellness/eap> or contact Human Resources at X4114.

HMSU Lactation Room Now Open

HMSU now has a lactation room open. The room is open any time that HMSU is open. The room is located in HMSU134 (across from Dede I). The room will remain locked at all times so please visit the Information Center on the 1st floor or call the supervisor on duty at 812-249-6444 for room access.

Room use is limited to approximately 1 hour at a time, unless necessary and availability allows. Room will be given to those nursing or pumping, however the space can also be used as a play or quiet space for small children when needed.

The room includes a rocking/gliding recliner, lamp/table with outlets and wireless phone charging. The room also has a changing table with sink and a toddler table and chairs with toys.



Staff Recognition

February

Name	Department	Years of Service
Mechelle Padgett	Office of Information Technology	3
Logan Kidd	Athletics-Administration	3
Jeffrey Smith	Mechanical Trades	3
Jessica Bolin	Custodians	3
Felicia Houston	Blumberg Center	5
David Cook	Aviation Technology	5
Michelle Sorrell	Athletics-Administration	10
Pati Smith	Athletics-Administration	15
Brad Welker	Electrical	20
Thomas Aztor	HMSU-Operations	20
Elizabeth Attebery	Custodians	25
Mark Claus	Dean, College of Technology	35

Connect with Staff Council Representatives, Committees, and more by visiting:

<https://www.indstate.edu/services/staff-council>

Find us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/IndianaStateUniversityStaffCouncil>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Mark your calendars, Sycamores!

Indiana State University's fifth annual Give to Blue Day will take place on Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

If you've been looking for a way to support the Be So BOLD campaign, this 24-hour day of giving will be the perfect opportunity to get involved.

Stay on the lookout for more information and chances to show your Sycamore pride throughout the community on our [website](#).