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STAFF COUNCIL

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Approval of Minutes -- [Posted on website](#)

Guest Speaker: Mamie Sterkx Gasperecz, Vice President for Business Affairs & Chief Business Officer

6 weeks on the job!

Background: Been in New Orleans since 1980, born in Alexandria, always wanted to live in New Orleans, studied at Loyola.

Work life: career banker most of my adult life, 10 years as a museum director in the french quarter, worked with a lot of nonprofits and boards. Lots of civic activity on my resume

Hopefully i can make things run a little smoother here

I am very focused on the expense side, and making it work better for the university, I don't believe we can cut our way into stability.

We're about to hit budget season - because of cybergeddon, you might not have your budget tools yet. But you should get them this week. The email will tell us what budget season will look like next year

We're going to store budget info on teams - moving forward not backwards!

Open and honest communication, transparency

We'll set up several open houses so we can all chat over snacks

I might have an idea of what your budget should look like, but I want to talk to you. We're going to work towards a better budget.

The best part about the email you're going to get is that we're not going to give you a lecture about the financial woes of the university.

Committed for business affairs to be a partner.

I am tweaking business affairs to get me and all of the department closer to students.

Gulf Coast bank has bought out the baseball game - we have a bunch of tickets courtesy of gulf coast bank !

Dr. Nicklow:

Legislative session underway - crazy stuff happening in Baton Rouge. Remain calm. Lots of wild ideas floating about and I am not sure any of them will pass.

On Monday we review a proposal to redevelop the east campus - potentially in a brand new way with entertainment, athletics facility, etc. at no cost for us but it will generate money

Thank you for your teamwork, your friendship,

The video i made only took me 6 takes because i kept getting choked up. We love New Orleans and we love the people here, and will treasure the relationships we made here. We have a couple more months but we want to say thank you

Executive Committee Reports

President: Randall Menard

1. **DEI Committee:** No new reports
2. **Institutional effectiveness:** new process for WEAVE. People will come to the computer lab for 4 hours and do it together. Close out of WEAVES will happen in June. Qualitrics survey will come out in June
3. **Weave:** In July we will be inviting everyone to do weave together instead of having these feedback emails throughout the semester. Also the president and the provost will complete theirs first, so those who are below the VP / Pres, we can align with them.
4. **Faculty Senate:**
 - a) Col Steve from cyber security - we were infiltrated, but at this point in time there was no sign of exit of data.
 - b) Lots of discussion about ChatGPT - this technology is evolving and we will have to adapt
 - c) Bruno awards for athletes coming up

Vice-President: Edgar Avila Jr

1. Bounce House America - biggest bounce house in the world, Fri - Sat. UNO25 25% discount.

Treasurer: Willis Brewer

2. No changes from last month

Recording Secretary: Coleen Maidlow

Corresponding Secretary: Julie Landry

Committee Reports

Staff Concerns & Opportunities Committee:

1. **Comp time / overtime request:** you need to put in an overtime request first, that gets approved, then you can go in and add your comp time.

2. **Follow up on concerns:** outstanding – evaluation for supervisors, 4-day workweek, forced leave days (please reach out to Karen if you have questions about forced leave days, working them, etc)
3. **Future concerns:** student workers and federal work-study and pay discrepancies for similar roles.

Events Committee: Ice Cream Social in June

Awards Committee: April Service with Jazz TBA. We need more nominations, please!

Wellness Committee: We'll have another pickleball session at the end of March. Date TBA

Communication Committee: N/A

Old Business

1. Staff Council Nominations: Officer nominations need to be in by May 5h. We will vote in the May meeting
 - a. New officers will join in July
2. Attending graduation - we want all of you there. Info in campus news April 20th

Miscellaneous

- Summer camp counselors - we do have some nominations but if you know anyone + life guards, please let edgar know
- Chartwells doing pop ups in the cove
- Attending graduation - we want all of you there. Info in campus news today
- Spring jazz at the sandbar – Maurice Brown
- April 20th: tonight Maxwell Quartet from Glasgow, Scotland
- Crawfish trays still available! \$30
- Amazon list up to date on the privateer pantry

Next Meeting Next meeting **May 18, 10 am. Zoom.**

Participants

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| Remeika Daniels | Marilyn Hayden |
| Brittney Barras | Emily Laan |
| Troy Bacino | Erin Sutherland |
| Kristy Azkam | Mark Pyle |
| Coleen Maidlow | David Muscarello |
| Tiffany Saublet | Colm Joyce |
| Colby Stoeber | Gertraud Griessner |
| Donna Roark | Adham Hussain |
| Lem Deipo | Ellie Dooley |
| Denise Banks | Reagan Laiche |
| Illia Calix | Joy Ballard |
| Suzy Calamari | Andrew Amaya-Shaw |
| Gretchen Smith | Todd Gitlin |
| Willis Brewer | Eliza Nascarella |
| Mamie Gasperecz | Enjilee Bailey |
| Brian McDonald | Joanne Terranova |
| | Debby Charrier |



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