



THE UNIVERSITY of  
NEW ORLEANS

STAFF COUNCIL

## Staff Council 05-18-2023

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

### Guest Speaker: Police Department Update (Josh Rondeno)

Some of the accomplishments we've had in the past 10 months. We had Disney at the arena, and the Big Bounce World, with over 10,000 visitors. We were able to staff using our own officers. We did all those events without one incidence of crime.

We took over staffing the Beach. It increases our footprint. The sandbeach will come back into existence.

Our officers are committed to providing a safe environment for all of us. Some of our officers are working 6 days a week, and we'll all be there for commencement

Last year, the 3<sup>rd</sup> district had about 200 auto burglaries, and we carry about 10% of that load. We use an analytical approach in preventing crime, and I'm very happy to announce that we haven't had a burglary on campus this year (knock on wood)! The last one was in December. The biggest problem we have right now is rogue raccoon in the fine arts building. It is a problem, but we're glad to say that's our biggest public safety concern at the moment.

A lot of our success comes from strong partners on campus. We move quickly and still providing the

Please download the RAVE app. It's a safety beacon. It turns your phone into an emergency device.

We have some more capital improvements coming, more cameras, etc. We have three positions looking to be filled, and advertising for two more positions.

Question:

## Executive Committee Reports

1. President: Randall Menard
  - i. Institution Effectiveness – closing out the weave that we had, and starting back up. I'm working on the qualitrics survey now and hoping to get 75 responses. Let us know what we need to keep doing.
  - ii. Faculty Senate and Student Council – New faculty president is Steve Ricks and Connie Phelps. Elections happened a couple weeks ago.
    - Canvas: talked about the transition to Canvas. It's going along as planned, asking for feedback from the faculty.
    - Legislative Update (HB2 – 6 roofs and HRT lab). Nicklow brought an update for these bills. He got 6 roofs and HRT lab secured in the second round.
    - International Programs
2. Vice-President: Edgar Avila Jr.
3. Treasurer: Willis Brewer
4. Recording Secretary: Coleen Maidlow
5. Corresponding Secretary: Julie Landry

## Committee Reports

1. Staff Concerns & Opportunities:
  - a. Follow up concerns: Removing Signatures from Website,
  - b. Forced Leave Days (edgar is on the committee for forced leave days; the solution that was proposed is to have a candid conversation with your supervisor to have flexibility to work. If you can't do that you can go to Karen);
  - c. 4 day work week (watch the news for next school year. You might find some schools going to a 4 day work week). Nancy: the language is "mission critical" – entire departments that can't be compressed Randall – send an opportunity for that and we can get an official definition;
  - d. Service Day for UNO, Aug 29 (please email us if you're interested and we'll get you on the committee);
  - e. Teams calling pad – you can call internal members but you cannot call out. We don't have the functionality for this yet.
2. New Concern:
  - a. telework policy and summer schedule. Intent year round is for staff to be on campus 3 days a week – if you have a similar concern please reach out to us or upper administration so that they can hear you. Please put your comments in.
3. If you're working out of state and remotely, you need to have all of that in writing. You will have to handle the tax liabilities yourself.
- 4.
5. Events: Ice Cream in June Same day as staff council in June. Ice Cream Social. Stay tuned for more information about another event in July
6. Awards: Service with Jazz March
7. Wellness: Pickleball there is a rumor that bed bath and beyond that are closing will be turned into pickleball courts in a nutshell it's still the fastest growing sport in America! Each Friday our courts are all maxed out. We're still working on something for summer since the camps will be using the courts.
8. Weave
9. Communications (Student Focused)

## Old Business

6. Federal Work Study Students/Regular SW \$\$\$ - we'll be meeting with dr. kruger and mamie, so we'll get some discussions going on this. We know that the REC will be affected by this but if any other department will be impacted by this please let us know so we can advocate for you.
7. Service Day committee volunteers.

## New Business

8. Randall made a public comment that staff has no representation on the presidential search committee. If you feel similarly, you can submit a comment. Nerolie Rayson asked Dr. Henderson about this directly, and he did give a response but it wasn't satisfactory. The only voting member from UNO is Faculty Senate President.
9. Officer Elections. Edgar Avila Jr as President; Debby Charrier as Vice President. Julie Landry, Coleen Maidlow, and Willis Brewer will continue in their respective roles.
10. Attending Graduation -- May 19<sup>th</sup>, 1pm. Pre-register to be seated in reserved seating. There will be refreshments in the privateer room. Park anywhere wear UNO colors!

Next Meeting –June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (zoom) 10:00am - Speaker Phillip Pinkston – UPDATE 2022-23 Athletics

## Chat

09:58:22 From Tonda to Everyone:

Good morning

09:58:29 From Julie Landry to Everyone:

Good morning!

10:05:36 From LeeAnne S. (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Brendan Mott is the new SGA president! Iniya Rene' is the new SGA vice president

10:05:54 From Julie Landry to Everyone:

Thank you for letting us know!

10:11:32 From Julie Landry to Everyone:

staffcouncil@uno.edu

10:14:34 From Julie Landry to Everyone:

<https://www.uno.edu/staff-council/suggestions>

10:15:32 From Lisa Grass to Everyone:

Everyone is in somewhat of the same situation especially with cost of living increases and are not allowed to telework. My opinion is ALL should be allowed or NONE should be allowed.

10:19:06 From Kristy Askam to Everyone:

Yep. A fundraiser for his foundation.

10:20:18 From LeeAnne S. (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

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10:21:15 From Julie Landry to Everyone:

Info: <https://www.ulsystem.edu/uno-presidential-search/>

Provide Feedback: <https://www.ulsystem.edu/presidential-search/uno-search-comments/>

10:21:47 From LeeAnne S. (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Yes! Thank you, Julie!

10:22:04 From Shannon Williamson to Everyone:

Yes, Randall. it is very disturbing that there is no staff representation. I will make a comment today and encourage other team members to do so as well!

10:22:29 From Christie Thomas to Everyone:

Randall, did you check the ULS policy for presidential searches to see if it includes a staff representative?

10:22:44 From Nancy Biggio to Everyone:

No UNO student rep either

10:22:52 From LeeAnne S. (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Brendan Mott is a non-voting member

10:22:56 From LeeAnne S. (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

as SGA president!

10:23:07 From Nancy Biggio to Everyone:

Yes--but non voting

10:23:12 From LeeAnne S. (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

AGREED

10:23:19 From Shannon Williamson to Everyone:

AGREED

10:23:49 From stacey balkun to Everyone:

Thank you for sharing the link. On it.

10:25:40 From Denise Banks to Everyone:

what time

10:26:11 From Amritha Appaswami to Everyone:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdT0ufiMNVa9jynpCu0I5A\\_qjGquOa6vQO8J2ZCY2K4Y3xy8w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdT0ufiMNVa9jynpCu0I5A_qjGquOa6vQO8J2ZCY2K4Y3xy8w/viewform)

10:26:58 From Denise Banks to Everyone:

what time should we be there

10:27:29 From Denise Banks to Everyone:

thank you

10:27:35 From Amritha Appaswami to Everyone:

Thanks!

10:27:48 From stacey balkun to Everyone:

Congrats to those grads!

10:27:55 From Julie Landry to Everyone:

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10:27:58 From LeeAnne S. (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

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10:29:39 From LeeAnne S. (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

Congratulations and thank you all!

10:29:53 From Julie Landry to Everyone:

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10:30:00 From Shannon Williamson to Everyone:

Congratulations to our officers! We appreciate your service!

10:30:08 From Julie Landry to Everyone:

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10:30:12 From Coleen to Everyone:

we will come up with a special title for you, randall.

10:30:19 From Mariana Z. Martinez to Everyone:

Thank you to all, we appreciate you!

10:30:22 From Julie Landry to Everyone:

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10:31:18 From Aneta Komendarczyk to Everyone:

Congratulations and thank you all for your service !

10:36:01 From Lynette D. Bates to Everyone:

Congratulations to the incoming Staff Council Officers.

10:36:13 From Jody to Everyone:

Thank you Chief Rondeno and staff!

10:36:40 From Julie Landry to Everyone:

Info on the RAVE app: <https://www.uno.edu/housing/safety>

10:37:38 From Julie Landry to Everyone:

"Rave Guardian"

10:37:54 From Julie Landry to Everyone:

Found it for Android!

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ravemobilesafety.raveguardian&hl=en\\_US&gl=US&pli=1](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ravemobilesafety.raveguardian&hl=en_US&gl=US&pli=1)

10:42:31 From Lynette D. Bates to Everyone:

Chief Rondeno and the UNO Police Officers rock! Thank you for your wonderful service. 🙏

10:42:39 From Amritha Appaswami to Everyone:

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10:42:46 From Tonda to Everyone:

Thank you all for all that you do

10:43:16 From Dan Harper SoIS to Everyone:

Outstanding work, Chief!

10:43:32 From Amritha Appaswami to Everyone:

What is the expected end time of commencement?

10:43:38 From LeeAnne S. (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

YES!!!

10:43:42 From Amritha Appaswami to Everyone:

Thanks!

## Participants

Willis	Ame Flynn	Kate Donsbach
Julie Landry	Kendy Martinez	Nancy Biggio
Pierre Champagne Neighbor	Sarah Kopkin	sganuche
Nerolie Rayson	Kassie Thibodeaux	Colby Stoever
Randall Menard	Kristy Askam	Roth Coats
sfvarble	Svetlana Pizzati	Colm Joyce
Christie Thomas	gatemple	Brittany Garrison
Anna Osgood	Roth James Coats	Erik Wahl
aburrell	Mike Esordi	Sebastian Brumfield Mejia
Mark Pyle	Cliff Golz	Shannon Williamson
Dennis Baker	tabacino	Michael Lott
Coleen	Lynette D. Bates	Silvia Hayes
Lisa Grass	Britney Butler	Joshua Rondeno
scalamar	Colt M Stubbs	Elaine Ramond
Robert EKL Library	Rami Popich	Enjilee Bailey
Tonda	Jody	Amanda Robbins
Debby Charrier	LeeAnne S.	Joshua T. Rondeno
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Edgar Avila Jr.	Erin Sutherland	Aneta Komendarczyk
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Ronald P. Joullian	Aaronlyn Breaux	Ayana Morales (she/her)
Eileen Dooley	Eliza	Karen Bradley
rachel	Cieltia Adams	Jennifer Grant
Denise Banks	Dr. Sergio Cuevas	Enjilee Bailey
Melanie Champagne	stacey balkun	Amanda Robbins
Maggie Sunseri	Amritha Appaswami	Tajuanda Montreuil
Tiffany Soublet	Carol Mitton	Jaime McSkimming

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