What is a University Staff Council Representative?

Are you considering running or encouraging a coworker to run for a position on the University Staff Council? It is a somewhat demanding but greatly rewarding role. Representing your college or division is a great opportunity to meet and work with people across campus who are committed to improving this university and the working atmosphere for all staff at Texas A&M University. In addition, USC members are called to represent staff on many university-wide search and advisory committees. I want to take this opportunity to share some basic information with you regarding what you might expect as a representative on the University Staff Council.

- **Meetings**
  Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. Because they are open meetings and we want to accommodate as many staff on campus as possible, we rotate the meeting time each month. For the most part, meetings in the odd-numbered months are held at 8:30 am on West Campus and meetings in the even-numbered months are held at 1:30 pm on Main Campus. The meetings are planned to last 2 hours. You can find the meeting schedule and locations on the USC website at staff.tamu.edu.

- **USC Committees**
  Each USC member serves and participates on at least one USC committee. We have several standing committees but will have ad hoc committee opportunities as well. Committee meetings vary in frequency from as-needed to year-round. A big part of what the USC is trying to accomplish is done in these committees. Your active participation will be instrumental in helping the USC accomplish its goals and objectives. Our current standing committees are as follows:

  - Bylaws
  - Communications
  - Elections
  - Parking, Transportation, Facilities, & Infrastructure
  - Staff Appreciation Week
  - Staff Emergency Fund
  - Staff Scholarships
  - Worklife & Benefits

- **Monthly Luncheon**
  We have a monthly luncheon and while we encourage participation, attendance is voluntary. No official council business is conducted at these events; their purpose is to help council members network and get to know one another and to share ideas in an open and relaxed setting.

The USC’s power to benefit staff is directly related to our members’ efforts. In other words, university staff will get out as much as we put in. In addition to having a campus-wide impact, being a representative offers networking and leadership opportunities that many staff positions are not exposed to. If you want to have an impact on staff issues and believe you have the time to commit to the USC, we encourage you to run for a position. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about elections or any other issue, please do not hesitate to contact your current representative (http://staff.tamu.edu/USCHome/Membership.aspx), me, or any other member of the University Staff Council.

Sincerely,

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