



August 7, 2024  
8:30-10 am  
In-person: BHH 006  
Zoom:

<https://umsystem.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYscuCrpjMpGtSek8hRr6RNQxZfTWe6GV7O>

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8:30 am      **Call to Order/Welcome Back**      Amanda Campbell, Chair

- Amanda welcomes everyone back for the August 2024 meeting.
- Gifts distributed in the room—Staff Council pens, metal straws w/pipe cleaner

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8:35 am      **Icebreaker**      Kim Kushner, VC of Comms

- Kim introduces herself and explains icebreaker. Those in Zoom space are asked to introduce themselves in the chat (what they do on campus, on staff council, guilty pleasure). Those in the room did a “pair share” of same information, and a brief share of a few examples from the room

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8:50 am      **Expectations/Reminders**      Sarah Amos, VC of Membership

- Sarah introduces herself. Presentation reminds members of the mission and vision of the Staff Council. Mission and vision statements provided onscreen.
- Explanation of staff council make up. Based on a proportion of the entire UMKC staff population and representative of the UMKC staff to the greatest extent possible
- New Executive Committee is listed/introduced
- General body meetings first Wednesday of each month, open to all UMKC staff
- All voting members and Executive Committee members are required to attend general body meetings with no business transacted unless a quorum is present
- Expectations: attendance, committee participation, sharing SC info with department/office/division

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9:05 am      **June Meeting Minutes**      Anna Zimmerman, Past-Secretary

- June 5<sup>th</sup> minutes approved

**Treasurer’s Report**      Jess Pearson, Past-Treasurer

- Jess reports that budget was spent in full last year. Same amount (\$18,000) expected for coming year, though hasn’t yet hit the account
  - Hoping to allocate some money for staff scholarships (discussion about staff scholarships coming back—Julie Myer explains hers was something like \$250 toward tuition. Application involved explaining need for funds (letter), GPA, then
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9:15 am **Campus Committee Updates**

Committee Representatives

- Administrative Council
  1. Health Sciences Groundbreaking on September 11
  2. 51<sup>st</sup> street to be closed for creation of pedestrian walkway (expected completion spring 2025)
  3. Convocation – more staff and faculty are needed (so far only about 10 have registered) RSVP here:  
[https://roogroups.umkc.edu/OSI/survey?survey\\_uid=2347f0bd-e565-11ee-97d2-0e8c518618fd](https://roogroups.umkc.edu/OSI/survey?survey_uid=2347f0bd-e565-11ee-97d2-0e8c518618fd). Amanda encourages registration. Necessary to log into RooGroups to register. Julie Myer lets us know that it's a straightforward role—basically just there as a smiling, welcoming face for new students. Goal is to keep it to one hour.
- Chancellor's Diversity Council
  1. Discusses DEI issues
- Faculty Senate – did not meet in summer
- Intercampus Staff Advisory Council
  1. Curators surprised at low level of staff recognition
- Parking and Traffic Committee – ticket appeal discussions...
- Partners in Prevention
  1. Throwing around ideas for the upcoming semester, coalition didn't meet this summer, but we are being invited to PiP, stay tuned for more information
- University Budget Committee – no updates

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9:30 am **Committee Updates**

Committee Chairs

- Outreach
  1. Children's book drive for Lead to Read, August 19<sup>th</sup> through September 11<sup>th</sup>, can drop off in SSC in lobby or library south entrance, also volunteer opportunities at Lead to Read, info will be shared
  2. Community Blood Center  
([https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/82203](https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/82203)) – SC helps get word out about blood drives, Kim will add info to August newsletter (generally twice a semester)
  3. Virtual 5k  
([https://www.umkcalumni.com/s/1236/23/interior.aspx?sid=1236&gid=1&pgid=5366&content\\_id=7411](https://www.umkcalumni.com/s/1236/23/interior.aspx?sid=1236&gid=1&pgid=5366&content_id=7411)) – SC has been a partner for getting the

word out. Takes place during Blue and Gold Week. Pay a small fee which goes to the Agrawal Food Pantry

4. Other members are putting together projects more info will be shared at a later date
- Communications
    1. If anyone would like to get some comms experience, the committee is open to anyone participating
    2. Youssef pointed out Ethnic Enrichment Festival August 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. Looking for volunteers <https://eekkc.org/ethnic-enrichment-fest>
  - Engagement
    1. Currently in brainstorming phase, maybe coffee meetups, maybe a UMKC meetup at the KC Ren Fest (cooler day in October), meeting more with Roo Tabletop Games League, anyone interested can email Dylan. Working on a fall staff event, maybe at Chicken and Pickle, negotiating prices there
    2. Caregivers group is new, potential for Lean In group
    3. Link to Staff Community Groups: <https://www.umkc.edu/staff-council/about-us/staff-community-groups.html>
  - Membership
    1. Committee started spring 2024, focused on recruitment of new voting members, recognition of UMKC staff and sharing about Staff Council, small committee so anyone interested can join, first meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Roster audit went out to all voting members, please make sure to submit that. Starting process of creating nomination timeline, Sarah will share more at September meeting, time to start thinking about people we might like to nominate
  - ProDevo
    1. First meeting 8/8/24. Small group, looking for more members. Committee responsible for prodevo conference each year. Brainstorming for the year to take place tomorrow at first meeting. Committee welcomes suggestions for prodevo topics and themes for conference

Link to SC's Committees page: <https://www.umkc.edu/staff-council/about-us/committees.html>

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9:40 am

**Themed Months**

Amanda Campbell, Chair

- August - "Welcome Back"

- September – Red Wednesday is September 4<sup>th</sup> (wear red, bring an item off the Ronald McDonald House wishlist: <https://rmhckc.org/how-you-can-help/wish-lists/>)
- October – dress for fall 😊
- November – Bring a friend
- December – UMKC School Spirit (blue and gold)

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9:50 am      **Announcements**

- Emily Strayhall:
  1. Kona Ice is coming today, 12-1:45pm Health Sciences campus, small parking lot between SOM and HSS; 2-4pm on Volker campus, University Walkway
  2. Compliance training launches today, must be completed within 31 days (due September 6<sup>th</sup>):  
[https://www.umsystem.edu/ums/hr/tmr/compliance\\_regulatory\\_training](https://www.umsystem.edu/ums/hr/tmr/compliance_regulatory_training)
  3. Monthly posts from HR about health topics through EAP (<https://www.umkc.edu/insider/au-tags/hr.html>)
- Sarah Amos: currently construction on 4<sup>th</sup> floor of library for the next year so Atterbury 236 is temporary home for tutoring services.
- Youssef Mekawy: job fairs announced for fall, STEM career fair is September 6<sup>th</sup> in Swinney, already over 100 employers registered, spread the word, info is in Handshake
- Rachel Hughes: admissions is on track to bring in another large undergraduate class, last orientation will be Monday August 12<sup>th</sup>
- Julie Myer: International Orientation on Thursday, visa issuance limited so very uncertain about how many admitted international students will attend. Will be a very small international class for F24.
- Chelsie Duckworth: Women’s Center completely remodeled, stop by and check it out! <https://info.umkc.edu/womenc/>  
Also National Book Award winner (*The Vanishing Half*) Brit Bennett will be on campus for a “A Conversation with Brit Bennett” on October 7<sup>th</sup>. RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-conversation-with-brit-bennett-tickets-950412719027>
- Julie Myer: this is Julie’s last meeting, has accepted a new position at KU Edwards in Overland Park. Hybrid work, could still meet for coffee etc 😊 next Friday is Julie’s last day at UMKC

- Hilary Yager: the medical education building for the regional campus for the school of medicine in St. Joseph has broken ground
- Kim Kushner: SPEER Funding due September 1:  
<https://www.umkc.edu/hr/current-employees/speer.html>
- Roo Welcome is August 16<sup>th</sup>-September 6<sup>th</sup>:
  1. General Info: <https://www.umkc.edu/get-involved/events/roo-welcome-faculty-and-staff.html>
  2. Sign-up to staff a welcome event:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CAEA628A4FBC70-50196451-2024#/>

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9:55 am      **Adjourn**

- Adjourn at 9:33am