



January 10, 2023

8:30-10 am

In-person: Bloch Heritage Hall, Room 006

Zoom: <https://umsystem.zoom.us/j/92530646726>

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8:30am      **Call to Order**      Julie Myer, Chair

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8:35am      **Retirement Update**      Virginia Miller

- Representing [UMKC Retirees Association](#), Ginny Miller is a former staff member from School of Education, the association represents faculty and staff
- UMKC Retiree Award covers accomplishments completed post-retirement and work for students and the UMKC community is considered.
- Prior nominees can be re-nominated.
- Last several nominees include: James Wanser, Gladys Zollar-Jones, & Gail Metcalf Schartel
- If you would like to nominate someone, search "[UMKC Retirees Association Recognitions](#)" due January 31<sup>st</sup>. Detail is helpful, feel free to include letters of recommendation, news articles, or other materials.
- Ginny Miller contact information, [virginiamillerkc72@gmail.com](mailto:virginiamillerkc72@gmail.com)

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8:50 am      **New Member Training**      Kim Kushner, Vice Chair of Membership

- Presentation to be included with the Minutes
- Vice Chair has changed from James Shackelford to Amanda Campbell following his promotion to the administrative level. Amanda Campbell is serving as Interim Vice Chair until the completion of James' term.
- **To Do Tasks for all Voting Members**
  - By January 10<sup>th</sup>**
    - Make sure your shirt size is correct in Teams, if you do not select- we will default to L or XL in our order
    - Make sure your contact information is correct (including your physical office)
    - Make sure you are all set on the Staff Council Teams channel
  - By January 12<sup>th</sup>**
    - Choose your committee placement by **Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**, email [staffcouncil@umkc.edu](mailto:staffcouncil@umkc.edu) with your name and preference.

9:15 am      **Staff Council Executive Updates**

Julie Myer, Chair

- Typically, our Executive Board turns over in two pieces to maintain consistency in roles. Over the last several years, we have had several Executive Board members that were not formally elected but were appointed to fill out a prior members term. In our Bylaws, we do not vote for the Chair role. Vice Chair is voted in and after two years of service, they become Chair. Julie, Amanda, and Kim were not elected to their roles.
- This year, we will be electing a Chair and all other Executive Committee members to ensure that the voice of the Council is heard in their representation. We will be electing VC Membership, VC Communication, and Secretary as one-year terms and the other three roles, Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer to two year terms. This ensures we get back to our consist rotation.
  - o Mandy Caruso-Yahne: We may want to upload bylaws for future instances of these sorts of things.
- There is a running list of items to be updated in the bylaws, including these continuity issues and defining staff explicitly.

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9:20am      **Committee Updates**

- **Staff Council Engagement**
  - o Meeting, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am
  - o Working on Staff Appreciation Lunch to take place on the same week as Staff Council Professional Development Conference
- **Professional Development**
  - o Meeting, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am
  - o Professional Development Conference (May)
  - o Soliciting Presenters now through February 2<sup>nd</sup>:  
<https://forms.gle/rSjUjyNKN9ah8D7TA>
  - o Great opportunity to practice presenting skills, re-present material developed, or connect with your fellow staff
  - o Casey Davison: Tanna Engle put together an Art Walk around Campus, would love to recommend them
- **Outreach Committee**
  - o Meeting, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 am
  - o [Harvesters](#) (Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>)- open to family members joining
  - o [Junior Achievement](#) (March 1<sup>st</sup>)
  - o Parks Cleanup (April 20<sup>th</sup>)
  - o Contact: Laura Moore
- **Communications Committee**

- We are going through a website re-vamp, we would love to have more Staff Council members that enjoy or are interested in web development.

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9:45am      **Open Forum- What's Going on In Your Corner?**

- ISAO Orientation is tomorrow, Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.
- [Staff Award Nomination](#) Deadline is **Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**
- Stand-alone PhD Programs: Discussion is ongoing to add standalone PhD programs outside of our Interdisciplinary PhD, those could be added as early as the end of 2024. Part of the momentum is due to Carnegie's standards for R1 and R2 campus distinctions (relates to research).
- Economics is adding a BS program
- Spring Semester starts this upcoming Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. There are various opportunities to get involved and welcome students to campus. If your office is offering anything for new students, be sure to include it on RooGroups.
- Marcus Meade, Graduate Writing Specialist, if you have any challenges with your own graduate work or graduate student generally- I'm here to help. We offer one-on-one appointments and we are launching a new Summer Writing Intensive [marcusmeade@umkc.edu](mailto:marcusmeade@umkc.edu).
- Casey Davison, Campus Recreation, we have a one-time discount for faculty and staff of \$10 off. You can use this to pay out of pocket. The typical rate is \$20/month. You can visit our membership office or email us for details, [umkccampusrec@umkc.edu](mailto:umkccampusrec@umkc.edu).
- Chelsea Duckworth, Women's Center, we have our Warm Up event in Haag Hall 105, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 11-1 pm. Feel free to drop by to pick up a coffee.

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9:55am      **Adjourn**

*Note:* All Committee, Treasurer, and other updates are to be provided for the Minutes.