Staff Council Mission

The Staff Advisory Council was formed in 1978 by then-Chancellor Barbara S. Uehling. Its mission is to advise the Chancellor on matters of mutual interest to MU staff, provide an appropriate and effective channel for bringing staff concerns and interests to campus administration, and act as a liaison for staff and administration.

The council heightens awareness of the contributions made by staff members of the University and recognizes those contributions publicly through its award programs. It also provides support for personal and professional development.

Recognition

Service Champions

There are employees who go above and beyond what is expected to see a special project succeed; there are those who perform their duties day after day with a work ethic and attitude that makes them stand out. The Staff Advisory Council seeks to bring recognition to MU’s outstanding staff members through the Service Champion Award. Each month, one staff member is selected for this honor.

MU Service Champion nominations come from faculty, staff and students. Winners receive a plaque and additional University based awards. For more information, call or visit our website.

Annual Staff Awards

During the annual Staff Recognition Week, a special awards ceremony is held where four Chancellor’s Outstanding Staff Awards are presented. Additional awards presented are the Barbara S. Uehling Award for Administrative Excellence, Alumni Association Award for Alumni Relations, and the Major Mick Deaver Award presented to a staff member for fostering good relations with students. Further information can be found on our website.

Support

Staff Development Awards

The Staff Development Award program is intended principally to assist in professional and personal development of individuals through funds for conferences, workshops, short courses, or other appropriate short-term experiences. Applicants must be full-time (>75% FTE) permanent University of Missouri (Columbia campus) staff members without academic appointment who have successfully completed six months of continuous employment with MU by the application deadline.

These awards are available three times a year. Visit our website for more information.

Education Awards

The Education Award program is intended principally to assist in personal and professional development by providing funding for classes or courses at accredited institutes of higher education. Proceeds from the annual silent auction, during Staff Recognition Week, help fund the award.
Representation

Who can serve?

The council consists of 16 members elected for three-year terms. Any benefit eligible MU staff member (>75% FTE) with at least one year of service, before nomination, is eligible for election. Staff Council members are elected by their peers and represent the following groups:

Administrative / Professional
Includes exempt, non-academic administrative professional and managerial staff.

Technical / Paraprofessional
Includes non-exempt staff and positions requiring specialized knowledge or skills which may be acquired through experience, technical or other training.

Office / Secretarial
Includes office staff designated non-exempt and not considered technical.

Crafts / Maintenance
Includes non-exempt skilled, semi-skilled, apprenticed crafts, trades staff and service staff.

Get Involved

Support council activities by serving as staff at large on committees. Your knowledge and service are critical to the success of the council. Visit the SAC website to find out more about volunteer opportunities.

You should also consider serving on the Staff Advisory Council! Applications and nominations are accepted beginning in April. Elections are held each year in July.

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