



A big thank you to our Human Resources team for coordinating another great Employee Appreciation Event. The event was held in downtown Lincoln on Saturday, April 6. Image courtesy of Human Resources.

# Staff Council

Doane University Staff Council Newsletter

April/May 2024

## Updates

Thank you for voting for your 2024-25 new Staff Council representatives and congratulations to the election winners!

- Group 1: Chris Brady
- Group 2: Emily Hand
- Group 3: Josh Johnson
- Group 4: Ted Jedlicka & Melissa Morris Wichman
- Group 5: Ian McKeithen
- At Large: Cat Archie-Johnson

Newly elected members will start in August 2024, but will be able to join meetings in a non-voting capacity this month. As a reminder, our group numbers have changed. Here is the new way groups are split:

- Group 1: Division of Advancement, Division of Enrollment Services
- Group 2: Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Division of Student Affairs, Division of Human Resources
- Group 3: Division of Academic Affairs, Business Office, Division of Institutional Effectiveness
- Group 4: Division of Technology Services, Facilities, Public Safety
- Group 5: Division of Athletics

We would also like to thank Brandon Rieschick for his service as Staff Council Chair! Brandon recently stepped down from the position and Brad Jenny will begin his term as chair a few months early, with Stephanie Hemje moving into the chair-elect role. Mellanie Gilroy will also stay on Staff Council for another cycle as an at-large representative.

Did you miss our Staff Assembly on Monday, April 8? Don't worry! We recorded the assembly, and the recording is available online. Here's a short summary of what was discussed:

- Brad Jenny, Staff Council chair and head cross country coach, gave an update on our Staff Council nominations and election process. See more about the election below!
- We heard from Brian Stutz, director of residential life and education, about Doane's CARE team.
- Lori Thompson, director of student retention initiatives, spoke about the financial wellness group.
- John Frost, vice president of enrollment management and marketing, introduced Charles Brewer, and shared information about Charles's role as director of recruitment scholarships.
- Todd Keck, associate director of financial aid, gave us an update on the department and the challenges we're seeing with the updated FAFSA rollout.

[Watch recording](#)

## Good to know!

Doane hosts hundreds of elementary, middle and high school students (and adult woodcarvers) each summer on our Crete campus for camps and conferences.

There's an additional challenge with the renovations of the dining hall and kitchens in Perry Campus Center — but Doane's Facilities team and Fresh Ideas have a great solution! Over the summer, three mobile kitchen trailers will be in Lot H, south of Fuhrer Fieldhouse, with a "dining hall" located on the west end of Fuhrer.

Doane employees will be able to eat in the Fuhrer facilities when camps and conferences are in session, but the \$75 meal plan will be available throughout the summer.

This construction will also impact the Service Center — which will be relocated to the main level of the Learning Commons in the Communications building.

Key dates:

- May 16 — Last day for food service in Perry
- May 28 — Food service begins at Fuhrer
- May 20-Aug. 9 — Construction in Perry
- Aug. 12 — Dining hall reopens in Perry

## Doane University fun fact



Do you know what Doane's Baccalaureate service is? You've probably seen it listed as part of the events of commencement. In the past, baccalaureate was held for Christian students at Doane to celebrate the completion of their degree. Over time, the service has become interfaith to be more inclusive to the growing number of students who may belong to other denominations, practice other religions or identify as agnostic, atheist or spiritual.

This year, the service on Friday, May 17 will be led by Rev. Dr. Robert L. Polk '52.

## STAFF COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

*We pledge to work in partnership with Doane faculty, students, the Leadership Team and the Board of Trustees to enrich the culture of Doane staff by supporting an inclusive, inviting and equitable community. Staff Council serves as a communication conduit between staff and administration. Staff Council commits to providing a voice for staff to formulate and endorse recommendations for action to improve the work environment, opportunities, policies and procedures for the betterment of the Doane community.*

### Your 2023-24 Representatives

- Brad Jenny** — Chair
- Stephanie Hemje** — Chair Elect
- Miranda Henderson** — Secretary/Treasurer
- Liz McCue** — Vice Chair of Communications
- Kaleb Arterburn** — Vice Chair of Staff Recognition
- Shalea Wood-Akers** — Vice Chair of Staff Development/Events/Services
- Denise Ellis* — Co-Champion
- Kerry Beezley* — Co-Champion
- Jenei Skillett* — Liaison to the Leadership Team

**TBD** — Group 1: Maintenance, Facilities, Grounds, Events

**Marie Knapp** — Group 2: Academic Support, Advising, Library, Registrar, Institutional Research, Campus Directors, Faculty Secretaries

**Liz McCue** — Group 3: Instructional Design, Open Learning Academy, Information Technology, Service Center, Human Resources, Business Office, Student Accounts, Safety Office, Marketing

**TBD** — Group 4: Athletics

**Stephanie Hemje** — Group 5: Admissions, Enrollment, Career and Leadership, Diversity Equity & Inclusion, Financial Aid, Veterans Affairs, Residence Life and Education, Counseling, Nurse, International Students, Advancement, Alumni

**Kelsee Dunn & Mellanie Gilroy** — At-Large; Non-residential programs in Lincoln, Omaha, online and/or graduate programs



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