



# Staff Council

Doane University Staff Council Newsletter

September 2024

## Staff Assembly

September 10th from 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Crete: East/West Dining in the Perry Campus Center (*in person*)

Lincoln: Admin Building room 117 (*live stream*)

[Zoom link](#)

Agenda:

Staff Council update - Brad Jenny

Shared Governance - Peg Hart

IT update - Ryan Dorshorst

Enrollment Management - John Frost, Kelli Backman and Amber Linnertz

## Meet a Staff Council Member

**Joshua Johnson**, Executive Assistant to

the Chief Financial Officer

**Group 3 Representative:** Division of Academic Affairs, Business Office, Division of Institutional Effectiveness

**Explain what you do in under 10 words:** Assist the CFO/Manage Doane's Insurance & Risk

**What brought you to Doane?** My Mom grew up here while my grandmother was working as a custodian at Doane in the 60s and living in employee apartments in Gaylord. Heard lots of good things about Doane growing up and wanted to carry on the tradition.

**How long have you worked at Doane?**

As of July 10th, 2024 I've been at Doane for five years.

**What do you like most about your job?**

It's changed considerably over the years but one thing I always enjoy is getting to work with a wide variety of people.

**Are you a Doane graduate?** Not yet, but I will be by December 2024.

**Tell us about your family and pets:** I was raised as an only child but have nine half-siblings. I grew up with my Mom and Dad and spent many happy years with them until my Father passed away on June 21st, 2024. Now I live with my Mother and my fiancé along with our two indoor cats, two outdoor cats, and our dog.

**Where did you grow up? How big was your family?** I was born in Council Bluffs, IA but moved to Wilber, NE when I was two years old and have been there ever since. For most of that time it was just me, Mom, and Dad. Now it's me, Mom, and my fiancé.

**What's your favorite food & restaurant?** My favourite food is meat. Can't beat a good steak or pork chop. Even the humble burger has its charms. In terms of my favourite restaurant, I don't eat out as much as I used to but I really love Cracker Barrel and also Cristina's here in town.



**What hobbies do you enjoy? What do you do in your spare time?** I'm a writer and published poet with my work having appeared in several journals and then of course my own book, *Silent Screams*.

When I'm not writing I enjoy reading about politics and current events, spending time with my family and friends, studying history, and occasionally some gaming.

**What's your favorite holiday & why?** Christmas has always been my favourite holiday. I really love how it's the only time of year that the old style of jazzy-music I like to listen to usually is on the normal radio stations, in stores and restaurants, etc...

**If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?** Lots of different places capture my imagination. But I've always wanted to visit Japan.

**Tell us something others may not know about you:** I previously ran for public office in 2014 and was endorsed by then-candidate Pete Ricketts. Ironically, we would end up on opposing sides of numerous issues as I continued to develop in my political beliefs.

**Anything else interesting we should know about you?** I'm passionate about public-service and hope to use my time on the council to help ensure that Doane's staff have a voice and that we're able to have an influence on decision-making at Doane.

## Get in Touch

The Board of Trustee meetings will be October 3rd - 4th. If you have questions, comments, concerns or any feedback that you would like the board to hear please reach out to any Staff Council member or send an email to [staff.council@doane.edu](mailto:staff.council@doane.edu)

## 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 2024-25 Representatives

**Brad Jenny** - Chair

**Stephanie Hemje** - Chair Elect

**Kelsee Dunn** - Secretary/Treasurer

**Shalea Wood-Akers** - Vice Chair of Communications

**Mellanie Gilroy** - Vice Chair of Staff Recognition & Development

**Marie Knapp** - Vice Chair of Technology

**Jenei Skillett** — Liaison to the Leadership Team

**Chris Brady** - Group 1: Division of Advancement, Division of Enrollment Services

**Emily Hand** - Group 2: Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Division of Human Resources, Division of Student Affairs

**Josh Johnson** - Group 3: Division of Academic Affairs, Business Office, Division of Institutional Effectiveness

**Ted Jedlicka & Melissa Morris-Wichman** - Group 4: Division of Technology Services, Facilities, Public Safety

**Ian McKeithen** - Group 5: Division of Athletics

**Catherine Archie-Johnson** - At-Large; Non-residential programs in Lincoln, Omaha, online and/or graduate programs



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