

Staff Council

Doane University Staff Council Newsletter
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Training Coming Soon!

Don't miss out on an exciting opportunity to enhance your design skills with a Canva Training Session! Learn how to create eye-catching visuals, streamline your workflow, and unlock the full potential of Canva's powerful features.

~ Tuesday, January 7th at 2 pm via Zoom ~

Thank you from Staff Council!



Thank you to everyone who participated in **The Longest Table!**
Hosted by Student Congress, Faculty Council, Staff Council, and the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, this event provided a meaningful opportunity

to share a meal and engage in dialogue across differences. We are grateful to the 50+ students, faculty, and staff who joined us before the election, helping to foster a sense of community and mutual respect at Doane. Together, we continue to uphold our commitment to respectful dialogue and the pursuit of a common good.

Employee Appreciation Event Registration Now Open!

Roll the dice, spin the wheel, and celebrate with us!

You're invited to our [Casino Appreciation Event!](#)



Meet a Staff Council Member

Chris Brady, *Director of Strategic Partnerships*

Group 1 Representative: Division of Advancement, Division of Enrollment

Services

Explain what you do in under 10

words: I build mutually beneficial relationships between the university and businesses.

What brought you to Doane? I fell in love with the place while taking classes at the Lincoln campus.



How long have you worked at Doane? Eight years.

What do you like most about your job? Helping businesses and professional organizations retain their talented employees through education and professional learning.

Are you a Doane graduate? Yes, Lincoln Campus (2013).

Tell us about your family and pets: My family has a cat named Evie.

Where did you grow up? How big was your family? I'm originally from Waterloo, IA. I'm the youngest of three.

What's your favorite food & restaurant? Kadai Gohst from The Oven

What hobbies do you enjoy? What do you do in your spare time? I read.

What's your favorite holiday & why? Halloween. It's the start of the big three holidays that wrap up the year.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go? Southeast Asia

Tell us something others may not know about you: I love westerns.

Updates to By-Laws

Staff Council amended By-Laws on November 11, 2024. The following has been added to Section IX.A. Meeting Guidelines:

- Liaisons to other Doane governance councils and the leadership team are invited to attend for 10 minutes at the beginning of the meeting to provide information or field the council's questions. Staff Council can extend liaison times as needed.

- Voting decisions and approvals require simple majority support of quorum by voice or count vote. Results will be recorded in meeting minutes.

- i. Simple majority requires more than half of the present quorum to approve measures and proposals.

We invite you to review the amended [Staff Council By-Laws](#).

Board Of Trustee Meeting Notes

Staff Council attended the Board of Trustees meetings held on October 3rd and 4th and took detailed notes to document the discussions. We invite you to review the [Board of Trustee Meeting Notes](#). If you have any questions, please send an email to 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

Melissa Wichman - Vice Chair of
Communications

Mellanie Gilroy - Vice Chair of Staff
Recognition & Development

Marie Knapp - Vice Chair of Technology



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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 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
