Mission

The University Staff Council’s (USC) stated mission is to represent the interests of and the issues impacting both classified and non-classified staff employees at Texas A&M - College Station.

The University Staff Council represents over 5,800 budgeted (ADLOC Part 02) staff in 1,010 different title codes.

Purpose

The council provides a voice and integrates staff perspective by:

1. Acting as a conduit for two-way communication between staff and administration.
2. Engaging staff and bringing their interests before the administration.
3. Identifying university issues and their impact on staff.
4. Exploring and researching possible solutions.
5. Providing options and recommendations to the President.
6. Interacting with other councils.

History of the University Staff Council

The foundation for the University Staff Council began in 2006 at the request of President Robert M. Gates to provide staff with a means to become engaged in the shared governance of the University. The University Staff Advisory Council (USAC) began meeting in the fall of 2007 with seventeen appointed members representing nearly 9,000 employees in the College Station area including TAMU, Agriculture, Engineering, TTI, TEES, and TEEEX. The Staff Advisory Council provided recommendations to Interim President Ed Davis on how to move forward in establishing the USC. The USC once established, would discuss issues that impact non-faculty staff and serve as a source of advice to the President. Based upon recommendations from the Staff Advisory Council, the initial makeup of the Council was as follows: 5- Executive Vice President for Operations, 11- Executive Vice President and Provost (including Colleges), 2 - Vice President for Student Affairs, 1- President’s Office and Athletics, 2- Agency Representatives (Agriculture and Engineering), 2- Ex-Officio Members.
In September 2008, President Elsa Murano announced the formation of the USC, with 21 appointed members and 2 Ex-Officio Members (from the Council of Senior Business Administrators and the Office of Human Resources). The bylaws of the University Staff Council were drafted and approved in October of 2008.

The first elected USC representatives joined the USC in the fall of 2009. Over the course of time, the representation has been refined, with a representative from each college now a member of the Council. There are no fewer than 25 Council positions and no more than 10 Ex-Officio member positions, to include at least one ex-officio agency member from Agriculture and at least one ex-officio agency member from Engineering. Ex-officio representation is nominated by the Executive Committee and voted on by the Council.

Beginning Fall 2011, the USC became full-elected body of representatives (no longer appointed), aside from the Ex-Officio members invited to assist the USC.

About the University Staff Council

The University Staff Council meets monthly September through August on the third Tuesday of each month. Both the meeting start time and location alternate (morning/afternoon, General Services Complex/Rudder Tower) in order to provide opportunity for staff to attend the open monthly meetings. Meetings are scheduled for two-hours in length. Additionally, the Executive Committee meets at least once monthly to prepare for the full USC meetings and to discuss issues as warranted. Committees meet monthly, if not more frequently, as determined necessary based upon the time of year and projects at hand.

USC Monthly Meetings typically consist of approval of minutes from previous meeting; treasurer’s report; reports from USC committees; reports from special committees, working groups or appointments; unfinished business; and new business. Meeting agendas are posted to the website http://staff.tamu.edu before meetings and meeting minutes are posted once approved.

The following staff served on the University Staff Council for the 2011-2012 academic year:

Kendra Beasley          College of Science
Rose Berryhill          Division of Administration
Lisa Blum               College of Liberal Arts
Gary Booth              Division of Student Affairs
Nora Cargo              Office of the Executive Vice President & Provost
Dennis Corrington       Division of Student Affairs
Kimberly Crawford       Mays Business School
Debra Dandridge         Office of the Executive Vice President & Provost
Debz DeFreitas          College of Geosciences
Mary DuBuisson          Division of Finance
Andy Hartman            Office of the Executive Vice President & Provost
Windy Hollis            College of Education
Ron Huddleston          Division of Administration
Robert Jensen           College of Agriculture
Judy Marrs              Division of Student Affairs
Roger Martinez          Office of the Executive Vice President & Provost
Thomas Mather           College of Engineering
Darryl Petersen         Division of Administration
Jennifer Slovacek       Division of Finance
Gail Snook  
Faith Stringer  
Tom Swanner  
Mary Fran Troy  
Matthew Upton  
Alma Villarreal  
Jeniece Walpert  
Emily Weers  
Kim Zemanek  
Chantal Dueuel  
Tanya Gunnels  
Brandy Kosh  
Jeannie Laird  
Janelle Ramirez

Faith Stringer  
Tom Swanner  
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Special guests to address the USC in 2011-2012 were as follows:

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In addition to monthly meetings, the USC has additionally held optional lunch-time gatherings/after hour socials to bring the members together to get to know one another and further establish working relationships.

**USC Accomplishments in Brief**

The 2011-2012 year has been productive in many aspects. The USC has
- hosted and facilitated the March 21, Spring Open Forum in Rudder Theater where Chancellor Sharp addressed staff concerns in regards to the Dining Service and Facilities Services request for proposals; the Forum was available via live stream and was recorded for later viewing
- communicated with staff in regards to USC efforts related to outsourcing (April 25 memorandum)  
- assisted with staff-focused sessions of the Provost’s Commitment to Excellence dialogue series (Fall)
- had a representative on the Dining Services Proposal Review Advisory Committee (reporting to President Loftin)
- had a representative on the Facilities Services Proposal Review Advisory Committee (reporting to Chancellor Sharp)
- considered and responded to 40 items sent to staff@tamu.edu
- been afforded audience with President Loftin to review USC activities and general staff concerns
- maintained regular contact with President Loftin through monthly meetings with Chief of Staff Matt Fry
- received continued funding from the Office of the President
- hired Tammy Landry, a part-time Administrative Assistant to support the USC (in partnership with the Faculty Senate, through the Office of Dean of Faculties)
- met with officers of the University of Texas at Austin Staff Council (February 21, 2012)
- met with officers of the TAMU Galveston Staff Council (May 15, 2012)
- participated in the 2011 Texas A&M University System Staff Councils meeting hosted by Texas A&M-Corpus Christi
- drafted and received approval for the Esteemed Staff Standard Administrative Procedure
- continued work, in conjunction with the Faculty Senate, on a Workplace Bullying Standard Administrative Procedure

**USC Committees**

Standing Committees have been established by the Executive Committee for a specified purpose and an indefinite span of time. The following Standing Committees served within the Council for the 2011-2012 academic year:

- Executive Committee
- Communications
- Elections

Ad hoc Committees have also been established by the Executive Committee for a specified purpose and an indefinite span of time. The following Ad hoc Committees served within the Council for the 2011-2012 academic year:

- Bylaws
- Outreach (sub-committee of Communications)
- Parking, Transportation, Facilities, and Infrastructure (PTFI)
- Shared Governance
- Staff Scholarships (sub-committee of Work Life and Benefits Committee)
- Work Life and Benefits (WL&B)

Committee Membership for 2011-2012 was as follows:

**Executive Committee**
- Nora Cargo, Chairperson
- Lisa Blum, Vice Chairperson
- Debz DeFreitas, Secretary
- Kimberly Crawford, Treasurer
- Mary DuBuisson, At-Large
- Emily Weers, At-Large

**Communications Committee**
- Thomas Mather, Chair
- Windy Hollis
- Roger Martinez
- Tom Swanner
- Alma Villarreal
Outreach Sub-committee
Mary Fran Troy, Chair
Kendra Beasley
Windy Hollis
Darryl Petersen
Janelle Ramirez
Jennifer Slovacek
Emily Weers

Elections Committee
Debz DeFreitas, Chair
Gary Booth
Debbie Sherman
Brandy Kosh

Bylaws Committee
Nora Cargo, Chair
Rose Berryhill
Lisa Blum
Debra Dandridge
Debz DeFreitas

Work Life and Benefits Committee
Rose Berryhill, Co-Chair
Gary Booth, Co-Chair
Kendra Beasley
Lisa Blum
Chantale Deuel
Tanya Gunnels
Judy Marrs
Janelle Ramirez
Debbie Sherman
Faith Stringer
Alma Villarreal
Kim Zemanek

Staff Scholarship Sub-committee
Matthew Upton, Chair
Nora Cargo
Kim Crawford
Chantale Deuel
Brandy Kosh
Janelle Ramirez
Mary Fran Troy
Parking, Transportation, Facilities, and Infrastructure Committee
Robert Jensen, Chair
Andy Hartman
Ron Huddleston
Darryl Petersen
Jennifer Slovacek
Gail Snook
Mary Fran Troy
Janice Walpert

Shared Governance Committee
Dennis Corrington, Chair
Gary Booth
Debra Dandridge
Debbie Sherman
Kim Zemanek

Communications Committee Activities
The Communications Committee paved the way for the USC’s visibility via internal and external medium:
1. The USC website is functional and under the control of USC members
2. A new annual rate for hosting the website on a virtual server was negotiated with CIS and accepted
3. The problem notification system (Keystone) is functional
4. The official USC logo was finalized and its use implemented
5. The USC Communications Plan was approved and is now posted on the USC website
6. A marketing plan has been drafted
7. USC membership and the group(s) that they represent is posted, along with member contact information including photos (where appropriate), on the USC website

Outreach Sub-committee Activities
The Outreach Committee was established as a sub-committee of the Communications Committee to focus on campus promotion of the USC as a staff resource. Members of the Outreach Committee represent the USC at campus events and provide information about the USC to staff. This year, the sub-committee participated in the monthly New Employee Welcome (NEW) meetings, the first Staff Conference presented by Employee and Organizational Development, and the CSBA Spring Workshop.

Elections Committee Activities
External USC Elections
In May of 2011, Kevin Gustavus was elected to serve as Chairperson for 2011-2012 and Nora Cargo was elected as Vice Chairperson. Following Kevin’s resignation from the USC in July of 2011, Nora was elected to serve as Chairperson. In September of 2011, the USC held a special election and Lisa Blum was chosen to serve as Vice Chairperson for 2011-2012, completing the Executive Committee.
The Executive Officers for 2011-2012 were:
Chairperson: Nora Cargo
Vice Chairperson: Lisa Blum
Secretary: Debz DeFreitas
Treasurer: Kim Crawford
Executive At-large: Mary DuBuisson
Executive At-large: Emily Weers

In May of 2012, the USC members elected the following Executive Officers to serve for 2012-2013:
Chairperson: Lisa Blum
Vice Chairperson: Robert Jensen
Secretary: Janice Walpert
Treasurer: Kim Crawford
Executive At-large: Darryl Petersen
Executive At-large: Alma Villarreal

Elections of USC Representatives from Colleges and Divisions (External Elections)

Two members, Kevin Gustavus and Christine Tisone, resigned from the USC with one year remaining to each of their terms. Faith Stringer was chosen to complete the last year of Kevin’s term as the representative for the College of Architecture. Windy Hollis was chosen to serve as the representative for the College of Education & Human Development for 2011-2012.

University Staff Council (USC) members serve three-year terms with approximately one third of the Council membership rotating every year. In 2012, USC members were elected to represent the following colleges (one representative per college). The terms for the newly elected members will begin September 1, 2012:
1) College of Geosciences
2) College of Architecture
3) Bush School of Government and Public Service
4) College of Education & Human Development
5) Dwight Look College of Engineering
6) TAMU Libraries
7) College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

Representatives were also elected to represent the following divisions:
1) Division of Administration - the original plan was to elect three new members from this division (two members to replace members whose terms expire in August of 2012 and one member to complete the term of a position that was created last year and left vacant). Following the announcement that employees in this division would be outsourced, the decision was made to elect only one new member to fill the position historically held by an employee from Transportation Services.
2) Office of the Executive Vice President & Provost for Academic Affairs - three members whose terms expire in August of 2012 were identified as representing this division (in addition to the seven college representatives). The USC received a request from the Division of Information Technology to specifically identify two USC members (one whose term is expiring), who have historically been from the Division of Information Technology, as representatives of that division. Dr. Karan Watson
approved that request. As a result, two members were elected to represent the Office of the Executive Vice President & Provost for Academic Affairs and one member was elected to represent the Division of Information Technology.

3) Division of Student Affairs - one representative was elected.
4) Division of Finance - one representative was elected.

In May of 2012, the USC Elections Committee sent messages to the deans of each of the colleges and the heads of each of the divisions asking them to assign someone to be responsible for the election in their unit. The Elections Committee then provided each of the election coordinators with information about the elections process, including files containing the nomination guidelines and the nomination form. The Elections Committee sent a message to the TAMU Employee Listserv in June providing information regarding the elections taking place across campus including contact information for the election coordinators in each college or division. Upon the completion of each election, the coordinator provided the name of the newly elected representative and a copy of their completed nomination forms to the Elections Committee.

**Bylaws Committee Activities**

The Bylaws Committee is an ad hoc, internal USC committee that meets as needed to review the University Staff Council Bylaws and oversees the process to revise the bylaws as warranted. One Bylaws Amendment Proposal was submitted for the 2011-2012 year. The revision was to Article III, Section C, Sentence 5 to read: “The executive Committee shall address issues of non-participation of lack of attendance by a council member after three absences in a twelve month period.” Previously it read, “three unexcused absences.” This change was made to allow the chair to address issues of non-participation after 3 months so a resolution can be worked out in a timely fashion. The amendment was approved at the January full-Council meeting.

**Work Life and Benefits Committee Activities**

The mission of the Work Life & Benefits Committee (WLBC) is to enhance the quality of work life for university employees. The committee aims to address work-life issues to include, but not limited to safety and wellness, benefits, employee incentive programs, alternative work models, and dependent care. The committee collaborates with units across campus to identify and share information about exemplary work life improvement efforts.

**Year Activities/Meetings**

The Work Life & Benefits Committee offered guidance several employee questions submitted to our on-line process. The questions researched and responded to were:

(a) Sick Leave Options for spouses employed at Texas A&M
(b) The possibility of increasing the flexibility of using Leave Without Pay (LWOP) or allowing staff to work part-time and take leave without pay
(c) Extending or adjusting the Maternity Leave Policy
(d) Allowing retirees the ability to take training from the office of Employee and Organizational Development
(e) Smoke-free Campus
(f) Possibility of using a day of sick leave for volunteer leave
What will happen to Aggie meal plan unused staff balances if Dining Services is outsourced?

Request submitted to Aggieworks, and the current process for handling air conditioning work request as well as custodial staff not completing their jobs because they are shorthanded from the request for proposals for outsourcing.

In addition to working on employee questions the committee also finalized the Esteemed Staff Status Standard Administrative Procedure draft. The committee decided that the purpose of this SAP was to recognize staff employees who had performed exemplary service over their career of 20 or more years to Texas A&M. The University Staff Council will be part of the approval process with the work flow as follows:
- Nomination approved by department head
- Human Resources confirms the individuals eligibility
- University Staff Council reviews and recommends to approve or not approve
- The President of Texas A&M makes the final decision

Another item that the WLBC drafted and gain support from the USC was the Wellness Proposal for Texas A&M. The USC voted to support the concept of a wellness program and would like have a better understanding on the specifics for funding and staffing of such a program. The committee also had a member that attended the monthly meetings of the Faculty Senate Workplace Climate and Diversity Committee (WCDC). While serving this year the WCDC compiled, drafted and submitted a SAP for workplace bullying that is combined for faculty, staff and student employees. This SAP was approved and will be adhered to by the university.

For any questions related to the information presented above, please contact Rose Berryhill (Co-chair of the WLBC) at 845-9700 or rberryhill@tamu.edu.

**Staff Scholarship Sub-committee Activities**

With generous support from the Association of Former Students, the University Staff Council (USC) established a scholarship designed specifically for students who serve as staff members of Texas A&M University. This scholarship demonstrates a commitment to support staff, who contribute to the University’s mission of teaching, research and service. The USC was pleased to announce this year’s scholarship recipients:

- Maria Alves - Dwight Look College of Engineering
- Adriana de la Cruz Burnett - Mays Business School
- Jarrod Druery - Health & Kinesiology
- Juan Garza - Information Technology for Academic Services
- Tricia Givilancz-Cisneros - Office of Admissions
- Jenna Kurten - College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- Judith Lewis - Computing & Information Services
- Dave McIntosh - Office of the Vice President and Associate Provost for Diversity
- Trevor Nieveen - College of Liberal Arts
- Mona Osborne - Athletics
- Terry Poehl - Sea Grant Administration & Program
- Casey Ricketts - College of Education & Human Development
- Yasuko Sakurai - Utilities & Energy Management
- Lindsay Stroup - Transportation Services
- June Vieira - University Dining
Applicants were required to be in a full-time, budgeted staff position for at least 50% effort with Texas A&M University (including those with joint appointments); have been employed with the University for at least 12 months immediately prior to the application due date; be fully admitted to Texas A&M University (College Station), degree seeking, and coursework must be within their degree plan; earn or maintain at least a 3.0 GPR; and have written approval from their supervisor and department head to be eligible. Additionally, applicants were scored based upon a written essay detailing their educational goals and how this scholarship would assist in reaching those goals.

Parking, Transportation, Facilities, and Infrastructure Committee Activities

The Parking Transportation, Facilities and Infrastructure (PTFI) Committee is charged with working on issues that affect staff at TAMU concerning parking, transportation, facilities and infrastructure relating to the physical space and facilities of TAMU. In support of this charge, PTFI:

(a) provides input to the administration concerning policies, user fees, or other issues that affect staff;
(b) evaluates service levels, demands for new services, buildings, and other facility or infrastructure related projects;
(c) periodically updates the full USC membership on issues the committee is assigned; research and make recommendations for USC approval;
(d) works with the USC communications committee to assist in informing staff on items relating to parking/transportation/facilities/infrastructure.

While PTFI continues to have a presence and active engagement on various University-wide committees (as listed below), it has been less active with regard to addressing any specific issues/concerns received from university staff members. In fact, the only issue we addressed was a follow-up on an issue from last year regarding discontinuation of off-campus para-transit bus services to staff/faculty members. Specifically, we asked for and received sufficient information as to why there was only one faculty/staff member receiving these services.

For 2011-2012, University-wide Committees directly related to PTFI:

Transportation Services Advisory Committee (TSAC) - USC representatives were Jennifer Slovacek and Robert Jensen. TSAC met monthly during the academic year and has representation from numerous organizations on campus. TSAC is chaired to the Executive Director of Transportation Services and the co-chair position has traditionally been a member of the Faculty Senate. Updates are presented monthly at the USC meetings.

Dining Services Advisory Committee (DSAC) - USC representatives were Mary Fran Troy and Mary DuBuisson. DSAC met monthly during the academic year and has representation from several organizations and student groups on campus, to include the Corps of Cadets. DSAC is chaired by the Executive Director of University Dining and is normally co-chaired by a representative from one of the student groups (as they are their largest customer). DSAC is a fairly new committee but this was the first year that USC was asked to participate on this committee. Updates are presented monthly at the USC meetings. The status of this Committee has yet to be communicated to the USC, in light of the recent acquisition of Dining Services by Chartwells.
Audio Visual Surveillance Team (AVST) - USC representative was Robert Jensen. This team was formed in 2011 to address a standard protocol and create a standard operating practice for the use, operation and control of the thousands of audio visual cameras that exist in countless departments, agencies, divisions, and colleges on the College Station campus. This group was chaired by Willis Marti and has membership from most of organizations that use and operate surveillance cameras. This group met twice a month and updates are presented monthly at the USC meetings.

Council for Built Environment (CBE) – USC representatives is Thomas Mather and Janice Walpert. This committee makes recommendations to the president on all aspects of the campus built environment in support of the university’s core missions of teaching, scholarship and research, and engagement as well as to support the realization of the goals contained in Vision 2020. Updates are presented monthly at the USC meetings.

Shared Governance Committee Activities
The Shared Governance Committee continued to work to assure that staff had input into university decision making by having USC representation on appropriate campus-wide committees. Beginning with September 2012, this committee will be dissolved and the work will be absorbed by the other standing committees and/or the Council as a whole.

Special committees, Working Groups or Appointments
Additionally, the staff of Texas A&M were represented through the University Staff Council in the following committees:

- Audio Visual Surveillance Technology Committee - Robert Jensen
- Council on Climate & Diversity - Lisa Blum
- Council on the Built Environment - Thomas Mather and Janice Walpert
- Dean of the University Libraries - Andy Hartman
- Dining Services Advisory Committee - Mary DuBuisson and Mary Fran Troy
- Diversity Operations Committee - Kim Zemanek
- Energy Action Plan 2015 Advisory Committee - Kim Zemanek
- Faculty Workplace Climate & Diversity Committee - Rose Berryhill
- MGT Report / HR Consolidation Committee - Lisa Blum, Gary Booth, Robert Jensen, Roger Martinez
- Quality Enhancement Plan Committee - Lisa Blum
- Task Force on Campus Emergencies - Nora Cargo
- Transportation Services Advisory Committee - Jennifer Slovacek
- University Architect Search Committee - Debra Dandridge
- University Dining Review Team - Gail Snook
- University Work-Life Committee - Janelle Ramirez
- Vision 20/20 Mid-term Executive Committee- Jeannie Laird
Looking Ahead

The Texas A&M University Staff Council is pleased with its accomplishments to date. The USC hopes to continue to market itself as a resource for staff through its Outreach Committee. We seek to further means for communication to and from the staff we represent through venues both small and large.

The hiring of a part-time Administrative Assistant to support the USC has not only provided a resource, but it has also provided a home-base for Staff Council business. Staff seeking assistance can call the office and send correspondence to a central point that will no longer change from year-to-year along with a change in the USC leadership.

The USC appreciates the support that it has received from the campus community, especially Dr. Loftin, President of Texas A&M University, Chief of Staff Matt Fry, Provost Karan Watson, the vice presidents, and the University administration. Additionally, the USC appreciates the concern and willingness to collaborate on behalf of staff demonstrated by the Faculty Senate, Student Government Association, Graduate Student Council, Residence Hall Association, and the Memorial Student Center. The students, faculty, administration, and staff altogether are what make Texas A&M the unique American Intuition that it is.
Representing an Outstanding Constituency

Texas A&M University is fortunate to have an accomplished, dedicated staff. Below is a listing of staff from units throughout the University who have received special recognition for the 2011-2012 academic year:

President’s Meritorious Service Awards

Individual Awards

- Lesley A. Bell, Chemical Engineering
- Cynthia Billington, Graduate Business Career Services (MBA Programs)
- Venancia Calvo, Custodial Services
- Patricia L. Chen, Veterinary Pathobiology
- Wayne Clements, Transportation Services
- Debz DeFreitas, Geochemical and Environmental Research Group
- Britta Martina De Leon, Office of the Commandant
- Madeline Dillard, Transportation Services
- Rena Frank, Athletic Director
- Grace Glenn, Animal Science
- Trisha L. Gottschalk, Landscape Architecture & Urban Planning
- Michael Haggerty, Department of Recreational Sports
- Troy Kema, Athletic Director
- Jonathan Kotinek, Honors Program
- Barbara A. Lee, Undergraduate Studies
- Edward Massingill, Custodial Services
- Koby Weatherford, Landscape Services
- Kelly Wellman, Division of Administration
- Lynn Wiggs, Transportation Services
- Pete Willis, Transportation Services

Team Recipient: Undergraduate Adjustments Project Team

- Jay Childers, Systems Administrator
- Gang Hao, Lead Database Administrator
- Laura Heard, Assistant Registrar
- Jacob Kennedy, Lead Systems Administrator
- Jack "Xiafeng" Li, Senior Information Technology Manager
- Eric Massey, Software Applications Developer
- SandraSpears, Senior Software Applications Developer
- Rui Zhang, Senior Lead Software Applications Developer

Office of the President and Office of Athletics

Steve Bultman, Head Coach, A&M Women’s Swimming named assistant coach on the U.S. Olympic swim team

Coaches of the Year

- Gary Blair, 2012 Texas Sports Hall of Fame inductee
- Steve Bultman, 2012 Big 12 Women’s Coach of the Meet
- Pat Henry
  - 2012 Big 12 Men’s Indoor Track & Field Coach of the Year
  - 2012 Big 12 Women’s Indoor Track & Field Coach of the Year
- Jay Lerew, 2012 Big 12 Men’s & Women’s Diving Coach of the Meet
Staff Accomplishments

Karl Kapchinski
Eddie Wojecie Award for outstanding contribution to Southwest Athletic Trainers Association
Frank Medina Award for Service to Athletic Training and Mankind, Southwest Athletic Trainers Association
Ingrid Villar-Woods, Outstanding Educator Award, Dean’s Roundtable, College of Education and Human Development

Division of Student Affairs
Randy Matson Association of Former Students Award
Patsy Kott, Outdoor Adventures Director, Recreational Sports
Rick Powell, Students’ Attorney, Office of the Dean of Student Life
Craig Rotter, Coordinator of Residence Life, Residence Life

Awards of Distinction
Travis Alman, Associate Director, University Bands
Sarah Edwards, Student Development Specialist III, Student Activities
Dianne Kraft, Diversity Education Specialist IV, Multicultural Services
Steve Laube, Facilities and Construction Manager, Residence Life
Raye Leigh Stone, Program Coordinator, Memorial Student Center

Southerland Award
Kelly VonDrehle, Communications Specialist, Recreational Sports

John J. Koldus Award
Roy Lopez, Regional Financial Aid Advisor II, Admissions and Records

Division of Finance
Division of Finance Keys to Excellence Award
Patty Winkler, Business Services-Purchasing
Kevin Bell, IT Services- Development
Kelli Holt, Budget and Planning
Evonne Crocker, Financial Management Operations Payment-Travel Card Office
Dale Cook, IT Services-Operations
Kathy Miller, Business Services- Contract Administration

Division Team Award-Council on Respect
Bridgett Chargois, Financial Management Operations-Accounting Services
Veronica Cone, Student Business Services-Student Loan Administration & Records Management
Angel Constancio, Business Services- Purchasing
Carmen Espitia, Human Resources-Employee Relations
Kelli Holt, Budget and Planning
Katy Oliphint, Financial Management Operations-Office of Cost Analysis
Pamela Praesel, Human Resources-Business Services

Office of the Executive Vice President & Provost
Tradition of Excellence Award
Heather Fountain, Scholarships & Financial Aid
Roger Martinez, Office of Admissions
Gloria Masso, Office of Admissions
Michelle Walker, Office of Admissions
Julie Wilson, Office of Graduate Studies

Davis Library Awards
Linda Bair
Michael Barrett

College of Architecture
Linda J. Todd Outstanding Support Staff Achievement Award
James (Jim) Titus, Architecture Shop Supervisor

Staff Star Performer Awards
Ian Muise, Visual Resources Coordinator
John Peters, Audiovisual Specialist
Faith Stringer, Business Coordinator II

College of Engineering
Staff Achievement Awards
Tiphany Bode, Inventory and Property Control Coordinator, TSHB Administrative Services & TEES Fiscal Office
Emma Carrigan, Administrative Coordinator, Engineering Technology and Industrial Distribution
Linda Chandler, Assistant to the Department Head, Engineering Technology and Industrial Distribution
Ryan Garcia, Communications Coordinator, Chemical Engineering
Jennifer Olivarez, Administrative Coordinator, Engineering Communications
Matthew Pariyothorn, Program Coordinator, Engineering Student Services and Academic Programs

College of Geosciences
Dean’s Distinguished Achievement Awards
David Fackler, Senior Lead Software Application Developer for the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program
Lisa Reichert, Business Associate for the Geochemical and Environmental Research Group

College of Education and Human Development
2012 Staff Advisory Council Awards
Ben Smith, Dean’s Office, Outstanding Staff Supervisor
Avery Pavliska, Educational Administration and Human Resource Development, Student Relationships
Nicole Ellis, Dean’s Office, Staff Relationships
Susan Sassano, Educational Administration and Human Resource Development, Outstanding Staff Support

President’s Award for Academic Advising
Amanda Mather, Teaching Learning & Culture

Fishcamp Namesake
Amanda Mather, Teaching Learning & Culture

Finalist for the AT Mentor of the Year Award
Casey Ricketts, Dean’s Office

CEHD Dean’s Advisory Council Outstanding Staff Award
Windy Hollis, Dean’s Office
College of Liberal Arts

College of Liberal Arts Superior Service (CLASS) Awards
- Rosalinda Aregullin, Department of Hispanic Studies
- Jamie Bosley, Department of Philosophy
- Cynthia Hurt, Department of Anthropology
- Rebekah Luza, Department of Anthropology

Bush School of Government and Public Service

Outstanding Staff Award
- Peggy Holzweiss
- Lisa Brown

Mays School of Business

2012 Staff STAR Performer Awards
- Angela Degelman, Finance
- Casey Johnson, Accounting
- Luke Klima, Office of the Dean
- Kelli Kilpatrick, MBA
- Laurie Marshall, Marketing & Management
- Veronica Sprayberry, Management Information Systems

2012 Outstanding Staff Achievement Awards
- Janet Barrett, Office of the Dean
- Cindy Billington, Graduate Business Career Services
- Coral Gabaldon, Office of the Dean
- Jennifer Smith, Accounting

2012 Fish Camp namesake
- Kris Morley, Undergraduate Special Programs

College of Science

Outstanding Staff Achievement Awards
- Lacy Basile, Biology
- Don Carona, Physics & Astronomy
- Judy Ludwig, Chemistry

Council of Senior Business Administrators (CSBA)
- Kari Curtis
- Brooke Schneider

Instructional Media Services - Diversity Award
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