

2025-2026 Administrative & Professional Staff Council

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

1:30 P.M.

Teams meeting

I. Call to Order

The June meeting was called to order by Chair Todd Bryson.

II. Roll Call and Announcement of Proxies

Present: Tena Bennett, Todd Bryson, Caleb Hale, Laura Morgan, Layla Murphy, Elyse Weller

Absent: Amy Eaton, Rachel Frazier, Josi Rawls (Proxy Elyse Weller)

Guest: Lilia Angel-Post, Jaime Conley, Melissa Laake, Amanda Mulch, Michael Rowell, Richard Swan, Agnes Szemborski, Barbara Tuthill

III. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

Motion: L. Morgan

Second: E. Weller

The minutes from 5/20/26 were approved as presented.

IV. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Motion: T. Bennett

Second: C. Hale

The agenda was approved as presented.

V. Guest Speakers - (none)

VI. Reports

A. Chair – T. Bryson thanked the outgoing council members for their service and handed out certificates of appreciation.

Outgoing AP Staff Council members: Tena Bennett, Amy Eaton, Rachel Frazier, and Layla Murphy.

Note: Elyse Weller was reelected.

VII. Adjournment

Motion: T. Bennett

Second: E. Weller

**Note: See pages 2 & 3 for 2026-2027 June 17, 2026, meeting minutes.*

2026-2027 Administrative & Professional Staff Council

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

1:36 P.M.

Teams meeting

I. Call to Order

The June meeting was called to order by Chair Todd Bryson.

II. Roll Call and Announcement of Proxies

Present: Lilia Angel-Post, Todd Bryson, Jaime Conley, Caleb Hale, Krystal Hudson, Scott Johnson, Laura Morgan, Amanda Mulch, Michael Rowell, Richard Swan, Agnes Szemborski, Barbara Tuthill, Elyse Weller

Absent: Josi Rawls (Proxy Elyse Weller) & Chris Pearson

Guest: Melissa Laake

III. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Motion: C. Hale

Second: J. Conley

The agenda was approved as presented.

IV. Guest Speakers - (*none*)

V. Welcome New Members: Agnes Szemborski, Krystal Hudson, Lilia Angel-Post, Michael Rowell, Christopher Pearson, Scott Johnson, Barbara Tuthill, Amanda Mulch, Richard Swann, Jaime Conley, & Elyse Weller (reelected).

A. Election of Officers for 2026-2027

Motion: E. Weller

Second: L. Morgan

A vote commenced. The nomination of **Todd Bryson** for being the **Chair** of the AP Staff Council for 2026-2027 was approved as presented.

Motion: T. Bryson

Second: L. Morgan

A vote commenced. The nomination of **Elyse Weller** for being the **Vice Chair** of the AP Staff Council for 2026-2027 was approved as presented.

E. Weller stated J. Rawls said that she would volunteer to be Secretary if no one else volunteers.

J. Rawls was not present for the meeting.

Motion: T. Bryson

Second: C. Hale

A vote commenced. The nomination of **Josi Rawls** for being the **Secretary** of the AP Staff Council for 2026-2027 was approved as presented.

B. Vote on 2026-2027 Meeting Schedule: All meetings will be the third Wednesday of each month, except for August. It was proposed to meet the fourth Wednesday (Aug. 26th). S. Johnson stated he may not be able to attend the meeting on August 26, 2026.

Motion: C. Hale

Second: L. Morgan

A vote commenced. The 2026-2027 meeting schedule was approved as presented.

C. Committee Preference Sheet – Due to Melissa Laake by July 2, 2026.

Council members are to rank their preference to serve on the following committees: Operating Paper, Committee on Committees, Constituency Relations, and Staff Benefits & Welfare Committee. The duties of each committee were explained. Executive Committee will review and make final assignments at their next meeting. Each committee will then meet during the July council meeting to elect a Chair. T. Bryson stated the operating paper will need to be approved by Chancellor Lane and the Board of Trustees.

VI. Old Business – (none)

- VII. New Business** – L. Angel-Post asked about term employees. Is it true that new employees start as “term” employees and stay at term – that SIU is not doing “continuing” anymore? T. Bryson stated, “No.” L. Morgan stated after three years, HR should automatically send an email to the immediate supervisor and employee. J. Conley stated there was a time that that was true, and it could be that someone just hasn't received updated information, because I don't know if there was ever a big announcement that that was not true. T. Bryson stated there was no big announcement. It's been in effect for a year and a half – after 3 years of service, the employee's employment status goes from “term” to “continuing,” unless there are disciplinary issues. If someone wants to stay on “term” instead of moving to “continuing,” they can do that. If you have been here a certain amount of time and move to a different department, then you should stay as “continuing”; that is what we are trying to work on.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion: C. Hale

Second: L. Angel-Post