

2026-2027 Administrative & Professional Staff Council
Wednesday, July 15, 2026
1:30 P.M.
MS Teams & Gower Translational Research Center, Room 104

I. Call to Order

The July 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, Chris Pearson, Josi Rawls, Michael Rowell, Agnes Szemborski, Barbara Tuthill, Elyse Weller

Absent: Richard Swan

Guest: Melissa Laake, Kenneth Stoner

III. Adoption of Meeting Minutes

Motion: A. Mulch

Second: J. Rawls

The minutes from 6/17/26 were approved as presented.

IV. Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Motion: C. Hale

Second: A. Mulch

The agenda was approved as presented.

V. Guest: Ken Stoner, Director of Incubator Operations & Initiatives

K. Stoner stated that he has been in an AP role since 2013 and looks forward to offering a tour of the Gower Translational Research Center at the end of today's meeting.

VI. Reports

A. Chair – The Board of Trustees meeting was July 9, 2026, at the School of Medicine in Springfield. T. Bryson stated he sent everyone the agenda and link to the meeting. The President and Chancellor received a bonus. It happens each year. It was stated at the Board of Trustees' meeting that this is the longest President and Chancellor relationship in 30 years. They released the audio and visual for all previous meetings back to December. The next Board meeting will be in September. Hopefully, they will approve our budget for the year. The 2% from the state last year that we didn't get, we're finally getting.

VII. Standing Committee Assignments and Election of Chairs – T. Bryson announced all standing committee assignments. Each group got together and decided who will be the Chair of their committee. All elected Chairs and Co-Chairs will be part of the Executive Committee.

A. New Members of Standing Committees and Elected Chairs/Co-Chairs

1. Committee on Committees: Josi Rawls, Elyse Weller

2. Constituency Relations: Krystal Hudson (Chair), Michael Rowell, Christopher Pearson

3. Operating Paper: Barbara Tuthill (Co-Chair), Amanda Mulch (Co-Chair)

4. Staff Benefits & Welfare: Laura Morgan (Chair), Lilia Angel-Post, Richard Swann, Caleb Hale, Jaime Conley, Scott Johnson, Agnes Szemborski

B. Set Executive Meeting Schedule – The council decided to set the Executive Committee meetings for each Tuesday before the regular meetings at 2:00 p.m. each month starting August 25, 2026. T. Bryson will send out the meeting invites.

VIII. Old Business – (none)

IX. New Business

- L. Morgan stated concerns with a lot of people talking about the significant cost of living increases versus the lack of increases in their wages and morale being down.
- T. Bryson stated the last week in June was supposed to be our last NSO, but there will be another one on Monday. They're still looking at approving more students; they have more students registered.
- J. Conley stated we're implementing a new policy under the student employment. If you have a student job on campus it'll be required that it be posted in our Hire Salukis/Handshake system. The main reason we're doing that is so that we have a centralized database for all the students to find the opportunities. It will go into full effect on August 1, 2026. The goal is to have all the jobs posted so everybody can see them, know that they're legit, and have equal opportunity for all. Each posted job will have an associated job number.
- L. Angel-Post stated just like other departments, we are very understaffed. I asked for a student worker and was told that the college hadn't received the federal work study money for a while, so they couldn't hire student workers until they receive that money. E. Weller stated not every department had federal work study for the summer. Starting August 1st will be the new distributions, and that's being worked on at the higher level. That distribution still should be out. I think those distributions have been determined, and they've been sent to the Vice Chancellors. They should be in the budgets to start student employment broad dispersion.
- Tour of facility: Director Stoner gave a tour of the Gower Translational Research Center for the AP Staff Council after the meeting.

X. Adjournment

Motion: J. Rawls

Second: L. Morgan