



College of Liberal Arts  
and Sciences

## STAFF COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday 5/18/22, 10:30 a.m.

240 SH or Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/91858901247>

- I. Call to order
- II. Minutes approval (from 4/20/2022)
- III. New Business
  - Newly elected council members and resignations
  - Last meeting of this Council – turnover happens with the staff retreat
- IV. Old Business
  - Deborah Whaley will be our guest at our regular meeting on July 20.
  - Update on upcoming CLAS SC events:
    - CLAS Staff Council Retreat June 15, 8:30 – 4:30, at the Vue Rooftop
    - Visioning Event with a keynote speaker: September 14, 10-2, tentatively at UCC
      - Meeting with Dean Sanders on 5/25
- V. Committee and Ex-Officio updates: Reminder for committee chairs to submit EOY reports. (Due date?)
  - Awards – submitted EOY report (see page 2)
  - Bylaws
  - Communications
  - DEI
  - Education
  - Executive
  - Ex-Officio
    - HR
    - ASG
    - UI Staff Council Org Rep

## VI. Adjourn

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### CLAS Staff Council Awards Committee 2021-2022 Report

The year started out with a successful request for a budget increase to monetize the CLAS Leadership award (2 awards at \$500.00 each) and to increase the amount available for the Thank You gift. The first review of candidates for CLAS Staff Recognition Awards occurred in the fall, for the Mary Louise Kelley Professional Development Awards. There were 4 awards given out, with monies to be used for extramural professional development. The activities ranged from online workshops and courses to regional and international society meetings. George Crull (Assistant Research Scientist/Engineer, Chemistry) is attending an international conference for the field of Nuclear Resonance Spectroscopy; Megan Petkewec (Costume Manager, Theater, DPA) attended the regional meeting of the Costume Society of America; Jane Huffman (Program & Outreach Manager, DIP) participated in an online poetry workshop through the Hudson Valley Writers Center; Lynette Williams (Program Coordinator, DWLLC) participated in a month long course offered by the Deaf Action Center.

The remainder of the year was spent planning and preparing for the in-person awards events in March and April. On March 10th, the committee hosted a reception and ceremony for the CLAS Leadership Award (Daniel Khalastchi) and the Mary Louise Kelley Staff Excellence Awards (CLAS Data Team, Laura Goddard, Jennifer Eimers, Chris Piker, Wendy Sandersfeld, Kathleen O'Neill, and Molly Rechkemmer). It had been so long since we had set up an in-person event that we botched the rearrangement of IATL but, even with the strange configuration of tables and chairs the overall vibe was positive and fun. Pieper did snap photos of the room set up, so we know what not to do. The CLAS Staff Recognition reception at the IMU, April 7th. There were close to 100 CLAS staff in attendance, along with some faculty and Associate Deans from the Dean's office. The event went well, especially for the fact that it has not been in person for 3 years. At the event debriefing this week, we talked how the spirit of the event has been gotten lost since its conception by Nancy Fick. We still would like to reimagine it as a day for CLAS staff to celebrate each other, in part by carving out that afternoon for the reception. Since it may be difficult for some staff (i.e., academic advisors) to leave their posts during the school year, we discussed moving the event to the summer. That would also allow more time for nominations for the CLAS Staff Awards which was a comment we received during the year at one of the regular Council meetings. One other important piece of feedback we received was that it is essential that we review all University Awards and make sure that all CLAS Staff who have been recognized for any award throughout the year are recognized at the event. This will require better communication with ASG to help get the word out to departments and with UI Staff Council to find out about university-wide awards. The committee would also like to

increase the attendance of a more diverse CLAS staff at the event which eventually led to a discussion of increasing the diversity of CLAS staff which is an important discussion for the Council to continue having in the next year. We ended the meeting by discussing the possibility of adding a CLAS Staff DEI award and the idea of combining the Mary Louise Kelley reception with the CLAS Staff Recognition reception since in the current scheme the Leadership and Excellence awards end up getting presented twice (not as fun for Dean Sanders).