

System Office Staff Council Minutes

Monday, January 12, 2026

9:00am

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 89216265720

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Representatives:

Nicole Goff (2024-2026) FY26 President

Genevieve Bright (2025-2027) FY26 Vice President

Hailey Jo Moyle (2025-2027) Secretary

Rebecca Catlin (2025-2027)

Sarah Belmont (2024-2026)

Chelsey Okonek (2024-2026)-Absent

Ari Sudbeck (2025-2027)

Jeremiah Youmans (2024-2026)

Logan MacDonald (2025-2027)

Chris Triplett (2026-)

- Meeting opened with attendance review; agenda and December minutes approved.
- New member **Chris Triplett** introduced; brings extensive UA experience and plans to observe before taking on active roles.
- Updates from Brian expected in February; Nicole will be out of town and Genevieve will lead that meeting.
- No new public comments; ongoing concerns include retirement tiers, Evicore, and rising benefit costs.
- UA President search is active; applications due March 5 with review beginning in March.
- Guest speaker suggestions included community campus directors, IT presenters, and recurring updates from key administrators.
- **Evicore Update:** increased denials for ongoing physical therapy; JHCC will compare early- and late-2025 claims; Genevieve requested denial/appeal data. More to come after our next Staff Alliance meeting
- Council still has room for one more member
- UAS announced a new Higher Education Policy & Administration graduate certificate.

- **Morale & Events Committee:** next event Feb. 10, 11:30–1:00, craft session + optional book exchange. More info to come soon!
- **Staff Development Day:** planning begins in February; event likely late April; volunteers welcome.
- **Staff Development Fund:** 82 tuition support awards and ~26 professional development awards distributed; all on budget.
- Local campus updates:
 - UAA interim chancellor remains through fiscal year.
 - UAF chancellor search underway; provost search paused.
 - UAS experiencing heavy snowfall; no major updates.
- **Onboarding discussion:** HR working with PageUp on new onboarding portal; tentative landing page goal Spring 2026; supervisor training rollout unclear.
- Members emphasized need for better communication around onboarding, supervisor expectations, and employee welcome processes.
- **Future meetings:** community campus connections, benefits/compensation overview, onboarding training, supervisor training,
- **Compensation topics:** Educational Incentive Program causing confusion; supervisors need clearer guidance.
- Nicole will contact HR for updates on compensation incentives and benefits.
- Meeting adjourned after closing comments and reminders about upcoming Staff Alliance updates and shared meeting materials.