St. Olaf Staff Council
Meeting Agenda and Minutes
June 9, 2026
David E. Johnson Boardroom

Agenda:

1. Eduardo's Request
    a. Indigenous Advisory Committee
2. Summer To Do/Wish List
3. Summer Meeting Cadence - Tuesday 9:00 time seems to work
    a. Today
    b. Week of June 29
    c. Week of July 20
    d. Week of August 10
    e. Week of August 31
4. Update on Staff Recognition Swag Items
5. Round Table Check-In

Minutes:

Attending: Liz, Ben, Matt, Susan, Claudia, Brittan, Lily, Joey, Erica, Jon, Lukas, Mikayla, Natalie

Notes:

- Tuesday, 9:00 AM meeting times for the summer
- Discussed potential staff names to nominate for the Indigenous Advisory Committee. We came up with a name but Claudia feels frustrated that there are staff out there that would identify but they aren't being asked to be a part of this opportunity.
- Summer wishlist discussion -
    - Deeper dive into HEDS survey and our own survey results
    - Continued conversation about chapel time and come up with a proposal

    - Reaching out to other staff councils at colleges for comparison on what they are doing
        - Carleton - they have a combined, staff/faculty/student board
    - Move-in day change - maybe meet with the transition team to offer assistance on that day. Help staff understand how the day should run, make the day run efficiently, etc. Brandon Cash is in charge of this and we could reach out to him.
    - Consider revamping the Staff Council website - would be
    - Revisit the Staff Council office open hours and come up with ideas on how to get that out there more
        - Maybe reach out to new hires when they start to welcome them to the division and let them know your office hours
    - Reach out to Jen Halko to get a date for Friday Fires
    - Reach out to Student Senate for ways to collaborate with them
    - How can we use the Staff Council to build community?
    - How can we bridge the Faculty/Staff divide and have staff council help with that?
- Round table check-in:
    - APR recovering after reunion - reunion went really well!
    - Admissions - quieter as well
    - Campus Ministry - lots of weekend events, ready for summer
    - Piper Center - rolling into summer, planning for next year, conferences, etc. Hiring for new career coach.
    - Music Orgs - countdown to Christmas Fest is on, summer camp support, somewhat quiet time, looking at how to develop workflow in the office, filling open positions
    - Student Activities - two new staff members starting in July, reorganizing the office after the students left, calm before the storm and good busy
    - Libraries - new student workers who are learning, end of the school year is very busy, hiring a few new people, moving some offices around
    - HR - hiring, resignations, preventing illegal things, August - February is the busiest time, hoping for no changes in benefits. Tommy is busy with posting open positions
    - Provost's Office - projects get pushed to the summer, long to-do list. Hiring someone in the office. Groundbreaking for the high school TODAY!
    - Smith Center - summer project season, students are going abroad, always fun surprises/hiccups. Nothing major.
    - Athletics - Seasons have all wrapped up, coaches are out recruiting right now. Fall sports are thinking about preseason needs. Hiring is also happening right now. Special projects, looking back on the past year.

Action Items:

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