St. Olaf Staff Council
Meeting Agenda and Minutes
April 3, 2026
BC 142

Agenda:

1. Welcome Haylee Johnson from Financial Aid
    a. Here to observe and introductions
2. Welcome Alyssa Melby from Svoboda Center for Civic Engagement
    a. Share and discuss staff volunteer opportunities
3. Re-Cap meeting with Jeff Favreau
    a. Ben and Liz met with him on Wednesday
4. Update on End of Year Recognition Celebration
    a. Gifts will have to be purchased
5. Update on Community and Chapel Time Discussion
    a. Matt and Ben are co-leading and will send out a call for anyone else to join
6. Dinner with Six Strangers Re-Cap
7. April All-Staff Meeting
    a. Allysa Melby from Svoboda Center will speak.
    b. Someone from the Northfield Community?
8. Email from Kathryn Lohre - nominations from Staff Council - Implementation Teams for the Strategic Plan
    a. I am reaching out to extend an invitation to the Staff Council to submit nominations for individuals to serve on the three teams - vocation, innovation, and community - that will carry forward the work of implementing the strategic plan. I trust this makes sense in light of what Louis and the team leads shared at the All Staff Meeting last week, and what I mentioned at the Art & Science presentation.

b. Here is the nomination form which includes additional information. Please note that the deadline is Friday, April 17.

Minutes:

Attending: Brittan, Joey, Erica, Susan, Lily, Claudia, Mikayla, Liz, Natalie. Special guests: Alyssa Melby and Haylee Johnson.

Notes:

- Alyssa and council discussed options for increased staff volunteering
- End of year recognition - May 15th
    - Can't do gift cards
    - Budget: $6,000 - split between faculty and staff recognition
    - Fernando is going to create buttons/pins for 1 and 5 year folks
    - Ballrooms reserved - 9:30 to 11
    - Same breakfast set up as All-Staff Meetings
- Re-Cap convo with Jeff
    - The biggest thing that came out of our conversation was that he would like to present at a fall all-staff meeting. Topics would include parking updates/changes, changes to public safety space, etc. He wants to become more public facing. He will also be coming to a staff council meeting in 2 weeks.
- Matt and Ben will co-lead the Community and Chapel Time Discussion. They will be asking folks from the staff council or even others on campus that they want to pull into that conversation. They will be meeting after spring break.
- Dinner with Six-Strangers
    - The event went well, but could have used more faculty and staff there. I think part of the problem is that we didn't have enough notice and it only went on St. Olaf extra and on a QR code at our All-Staff meeting. Could we ask them to switch it to lunch with six strangers? Would that be better for Faculty, Staff, and Students.

Action Items:

- Send out a call-to-action email about joining ad-hoc committees