

## Staff Council Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2026

2:00 – 3:00, STC-141

Attendees: Ryan Hazen (Chair), Sharon Monigold (Secretary), Jason Buhrman, Rachel Johnson, Iris Yates, and Justin Burnett

### Presentation:

Eric Byers, Director of Public Safety and Chair of the Safety Committee gave a presentation about some of the safety protocols on campus: new respirators for departments that need them; chemistry hygiene plan that will be renamed and adapted for other departments on campus; heat index plan; policies regarding ice; impaired student policy; and the community right to know act.

He also mentioned that the protestor group will be back on campus in April and new plans for how campus police will deal with the protest and campus reaction.

### Old Business:

Motion by Rachel Johnson to approve the minutes from last meeting with a second by Iris Yates. Minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Discussed campus outreach. Rachel brought some ideas from people in her department. We are still looking for two new members, if you know anyone, please let Ryan know. We could possibly do a survey to see what the overall staff members want staff council to focus on for 2026.

Ryan discussed the new bylaw amendment that would allow members of staff council to be appointed in January as well as July, this would help with institutional knowledge and continuity of council. Motion by Jason Buhrman to approve amendment and second by Rachel Johnson. Amendment approved by a voice vote. The amendment will now go to the governance council for them to sign off.

### New Business:

Ryan said the new Softdocs system is still a work in progress. They are working on issues as they come up. May be slight delays related to the new system.

Ryan mentioned again that we are still looking for two people to join staff council. Would be good if they came from departments that are not represented or if you know someone who is interested in governance.

Next meeting – Wednesday, March 18, 2:00 pm

No additional business. Motion by Iris Yates to adjourn meeting was seconded by Jason Buhrman.