

Southeastern Staff Senate

NEWSLETTER

September 2022

Updates from Vice President Westman

- Construction of the SEsports Lab in the GDJ Student Union is underway. Progress and design concept can be viewed at <https://www.se.edu/sesports-construction/>.
- Winter weather repair is nearly complete except the Science Building, which is on track to be finished by the end of the year.
- SE received board approval to replace the roof on the Student Union.
- Bids have been received for the parking lot projects at 6th Street and University and at 4th Street and University.
- Clean-up of university-owned property on 1st Street is underway, including demolition of Deja Beauty building.
- The RUSO Board will be meeting on campus Oct. 6 and 7.

Announcements and Reminders

- SE Live will be Wednesday, Oct. 5 and will welcome more than 300 high school students to campus.
- The Business Affairs division has formed a working committee to review the student employment process in its entirety.
- Student Support Services, Project Teach, and Educational Opportunity Center will host a FAFSA filing event on Oct. 11 and 12 from 11:30-1:30 in R116.
- The next Executive Committee meeting will be Oct. 11, and the committee will meet with President Newsom and Vice President Westman on Oct. 10.
- The next Staff Senate meeting will be Oct. 27 at 2 p.m.

Updates from September 29th Staff Senate Meeting

The Staff Senate discussed plans for the upcoming Homecoming celebrations. In addition to a tent in Tailgate Alley on Homecoming day, the Staff Senate will also host a photo booth at the lunch on the lawn Oct. 19. Sign-up forms for volunteers for both events will be sent via email.

The Campus Spotlight focused on Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA). Shawn Ridenour, Assistant IT Director, provided an overview of the upcoming implementation of MFA on campus, which will require users to provide an additional form of identification, such as a code sent to their cell phone or alternate email. This will only apply when off-campus, not when connected to the SE network, and re-authentication will be required every 60 days. In addition to providing protection from phishing accounts, MFA is also a new requirement for the university's cyber security insurance as well as a federal mandate. The 14-day enrollment for faculty and staff will begin on or around Oct. 19. Student enrollment will take place in the fall/spring interim.

The Committee on Committees (CoC) has approved rosters for the other Staff Senate committees as well as the staff representative for the Institutional Assessment Committee. Goals of the CoC this year include taking a more active role in supporting the other committees.

The Nominating and Recognition Committee (NRC) plans to implement a more frequent recognition award. Details have not been finalized yet, but the goal will be to highlight staff members who may be less visible on campus and whose contributions and achievements are often unrecognized.

The University Affairs Committee (UAC) has begun setting goals for the upcoming year, including a review of the performance appraisal process and student employment policies.

The University Strategic Planning Committee is in the process of collecting data and is also soliciting input from faculty, staff, and students through an online form as well as Town Hall meetings, with the first scheduled Oct. 10 for faculty and staff.

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