

# Southeastern Staff Senate

# NEWSLETTER

January 2023

## Announcements and Reminders

- The first staff-led Shared Governance Forum has been rescheduled and will now be Thursday, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. in CB 103 and Zoom. The topic will be the role of staff in HLC accreditation.
- The first meeting of the Supervisor Mentorship Group will be Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 10 a.m. in SU 323 and Zoom. This group will provide an opportunity for staff supervisors across the university to discuss common concerns and best practices. All staff supervisors are invited to attend.
- Congratulations to Sue Haywood, the first recipient of the Unsung Hero Award! Haywood, who serves as Special Events Coordinator, has been with SE for 18 years. Thank you for your service and dedication to the SE community!
- Nominations for the Spring 2023 Unsung Hero Award are being accepted and can be submitted online [here](#). Nominees stay in the pool for one year.
- The Strategic Planning Committee held multiple town hall/feedback sessions during the Fall 2022 semester for faculty, staff, and students to provide input for the strategic plan and is currently planning its first meeting of the Spring 2023 semester to review the draft of the plan produced by the drafting subcommittee.
- The next Executive Committee meeting will be Feb. 14 at 2 p.m.
- The next Staff Senate meeting will be Feb. 23 at 2 p.m.

The Southeastern Staff Senate invited CIDT Director Christala Smith to its January meeting to share an update on the LMS transition from Blackboard to Canvas. Trainings and workshops have already started, and staff members can sign up for a staff training cohort [here](#). Staff who also teach courses as adjuncts are encouraged to sign up for a faculty training cohort as well and can do so by emailing Smith at [clsmith@se.edu](mailto:clsmith@se.edu). Several courses in the March 2023 block will be delivered via Canvas. Students in these courses will receive Canvas logins and information beginning Feb. 6. Faculty and staff will lose all access to Blackboard on Oct. 1.

Members of the Staff Senate were also recognized at the Jan. 18 basketball game.

**The Executive Committee** has continued planning for the first staff-led Shared Governance Forum scheduled for Feb. 16. The Executive team also met with President Newsom and Vice President Westman on Dec. 12 to discuss the current budget outlook and goals regarding staff and faculty compensation for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The president reiterated that compensation remains a top priority.

**The Committee on Committees (CoC)** reviewed and approved a proposed change to the Nominating and Recognition Committee bylaws to clarify the nomination and selection process for awards.

**The Nominating and Recognition Committee (NRC)** announced the first-ever recipient of the Unsung Hero Award, Sue Haywood. This award, which will be given once a semester, recognizes staff members who go above and beyond but may not be recognized for their hard work. The committee has also begun planning the 2022-2023 Staff Senate Awards, and the call for nominations will go out in mid-February.

**The University Affairs Committee (UAC)** met with Human Resources to gain a fuller understanding of the employee benefits package and began working on a proposal regarding staff salary compensation, which the committee hopes to present to the Executive Committee and full Staff Senate by March or April.

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