

Welcome to the inaugural Staff Senate newsletter! Once a semester, you will receive a newsletter to keep you informed of Staff Senate news and activities.

What is Staff Senate?

[Staff Senate](#) exists to provide a greater representation and voice for the staff of the University and serves as a direct access point between staff and the administration. Over the years, the Staff Senate has helped craft policies that have improved life on campus, and the intent is to continue in this direction. Still in its early years, the hope is that over time the Staff Senate will make a significant impact on the lives of staff and the growth and development of the University.

Upcoming Staff Senate Elections

In March, a call for nominations will go out to fill [senate seats](#) that are up for election with terms beginning August 1, 2024. Leading up to the election, the Membership Committee has reviewed current representational groups and the constituents they represent. There will now be 25 representational groups (up from 24) and 30 senate seats (up from 29). Of the 30 seats, 13 will be up for election this year.

Staff Recognition Awards



Nominate a deserving staff member for the **Staff Recognition Awards**. Award recipients in each of the five categories may be eligible for a **\$500** bonus for exceptional contributions made to the University.

The Awards event will take place on May 9 at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome and heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served.

Nominate staff colleagues [here](#). Nominations will be taken up until **March 15, 2024**.

Staff Senate Spotlight



I joined Coastal Carolina University in September 2021 as the Assistant Director of Facilities and Operations (Athletics). I enjoy problem solving and the fast-paced nature of my work—it seems like every day there is something new to troubleshoot. Working alongside many others on campus, one of my main roles involves general upkeep of all athletic facilities and venues ranging from Brooks Stadium, Springs Brooks Stadium, St. John Stadium, the HTC Center and many more. The other half of my job revolves around game management and operations for our NCAA sponsored athletic programs.

Along with the Associate Athletic Director Bryan Stiles, I serve as the liaison for the athletic programs and their needs across campus when working with custodial services, facilities, and other outside contractors. I also supervise athletic facility student workers and interns.

In my short time as a Staff Senator, I have enjoyed the ability to meet others in departments that I am not normally in contact with. This role gives me a bigger picture understanding of how we all work together for the common good of our university. I look forward to being part of the growth of CCU. The majors offered along with our location create a wonderful opportunity for our school and community to thrive.

I am originally from New Bremen, Ohio. After receiving my BS in Education at Bowling Green State University, I taught high school science for three years and coached high school football and baseball in Ohio. I then earned a Masters's in Sports Management at Tiffin University, after which I worked as the Coordinator of Athletic Facilities at Belmont Abbey College in Charlotte, North Carolina for two and a half years.

My family regularly vacationed in Myrtle Beach, so CCU was a dream destination for me. Outside of work, I spend a lot of time at the pool and beach with my wife Emma and son Briggs.

A Brief History...

The Staff Senate was born from the Staff Advisory Council (SAC), a long-standing CCU committee convened to discuss the suggestions, concerns, and ideas that arose based on input from staff members. The SAC was established by former President David DeCenzo in February 2008. Over the years, a call was made to transition the SAC to a Staff Senate. Once again with David DeCenzo's support, the Staff Senate was formed and held its first meeting on October 9, 2018.

To read more about the Staff Senate history, [click here](#).

Staff Senate Website

The Staff Senate website has been revamped! To visit the updated website, click [here](#).

All staff employees are encouraged to bring any topics for discussion to their area senator, or any senator, for consideration by the Staff Senate. To submit an item for consideration click [here](#).
