

Staff Morale and Engagement

The SME Committee met via MS Teams on February 18, 2021

Attendees: Bobbie Carlton, Skip Hurley, Jessica Key, Angela Ren, Melissa Taylor, Mani Vangalur

Committee Business

The committee will take the next steps to officially change our name now that the new bylaw updates have been approved.

COVID-19

UK is moving today to group 1C for COVID vaccinations

The question of when the COVID remote work policy is now set to expire and if the permanent remote work policy has been updated recently due to information gained during the pandemic.

Staff Morale

A shout out to Physical Plant from the Staff Senate will be included next week in UofL Today.

The proposed logo for the Staff Senate was shared with the SME committee on February 24. Feedback was requested by February 26. Upon agreement from the committee, the logo recommendation will be shared with the Executive Committee to share with the full Senate body.

Mani and Melissa met with Institutional Effectiveness on February 24. A great deal of helpful information was provided, and we hope to have an IE representative join us in an upcoming full Senate meeting to answer questions.

Various concerns about the University's response to the recent snow events were discussed.

An idea was brought up in the Staff Senate listserv about providing two days off for staff during Spring Break.

Staff Engagement

Statistical information on the food drive was requested from the Cardinal Cupboard for the upcoming Vibrations article. The next newsletter will be published in March.

Andrew has followed up with Faculty Senate again on the information flier for New Employee Orientation.

Jessica and Melissa have a meeting scheduled with Brian Buford's group on March 2 to discuss a possible collaboration on the proposed Staff Senate Navigator program.