

Staff Council Talking Points

March 8, 2023

Recording of Zoom meeting

<https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/cc9b6ec8-8c3b-4721-83ed-0160689bd68f>

Archive of all Staff Council meeting agendas, recordings and approved minutes

(<https://www.uidaho.edu/governance/staff-council/meetings>)

Staff Member of the Month

Eric Everett – Interim Lead, PreAward Unit

Eric Everett is the epitome of excellence. His customer service is always above and beyond expectations. As the lead for all pre-award sponsored project submissions, he successfully juggles a very high volume workload with constant congruent deadlines. I am aware of his responsibilities and am constantly amazed by his ability to respond to questions timely and thoroughly. Today is just one small example of many: I sent a question and anticipated a response in a day or two because I know how busy all of our Office of Sponsored Programs teams are and how much support they provide to the entire campus. Eric responded within 5 minutes! Eric deserves a promotion and a raise - at the very least he deserves a great big shout out: Thank you Eric!!!

OIT Teams Phones Presentation

Dan Ewart, Darren Kearney and Jason Swanby – Phone lines costs \$12/month this will free up finances; MS Teams will be the primary phone systems moving forward (goes live Friday March 10th). New features will include auto transcriptions, VOIP system will still allow emergency calling, funding saved will be invested into future. OIT will be working with departments to ensure their external phone needs are met.

Great Colleges to Work For Survey

Cari Espenschade and Sunny Wallace – Reviewing/feedback regarding the employee celebration events for the future by consolidating events; making sure that staff have equal amounts of recognition; Staff Council still wants to be involved with the development and/or committee representation; Ensure satellite campuses and ext. are planned into these events. Phase two – Winter celebration event coming in 2024.

Recycling at U of I

Sarah Dawson, Olivia Wiebe and Kenneth McCurry – Presentation given regarding the recycling program coming. More information can be found: www.uidaho.edu/recycle or email: recycle@uidaho.edu