



TULANE UNIVERSITY
Staff Advisory Council

Uptown SAC Candidates

Nancy Anderson: Hi! I am running for the Staff Advisory Council because I enjoy connecting with people, listening to their experiences, and finding ways to improve the Tulane community for everyone. I've worked in both Advancement and now the Office of Assessment and Institutional Research giving me a broad perspective on staff needs across campus. My work partnering with faculty and staff on institutional surveys and course evaluations has deepened my commitment to listening, learning, and continuous improvement. I care about representing staff voices, fostering strong connections, and supporting clear communication across the university. I would be grateful for the opportunity to serve on the Staff Advisory Council. Thank you for your consideration—I would truly appreciate your vote!

Rosalind Butler: I am interested in continuing to serve on SAC to ensure we maintain a voice on matters concerning the future of Tulane's workplace environment.

Jade Byrd: I am currently serving on our internal Staff Council, and it has been a truly fulfilling experience. I would love the opportunity to continue this rewarding work at the university level.

Catie May Carey: I am interested on the Staff Advisory Council to make the university a more welcoming environment for all staff. As an alumna and now staff member, I am committed to making Tulane better, and that starts by hearing directly from other staff about what issues they are facing and having the agency to address them. Serving on the Staff Advisory Council would give me the opportunity to not only listen to my fellow coworkers but act upon our collective needs.

Joey Couvillon: I am interested in serving on the Staff Advisory Council because I want to contribute to a more informed, collaborative environment that facilitates the growth and effectiveness of my colleagues. I've been fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to work with admins, faculty, and staff from across the university during my time at the Academic Affairs Office and in my current role with CAIDS, helping to start an interdisciplinary center from scratch. I've seen how easy it is, especially post-covid and post-AI, for us to become siloed and communicate worse, weakening our working

connections and the workplace, mystifying processes and decision making, ultimately creating unnecessary barriers to work and understanding. I've also seen how hard people are working to make their piece of Tulane better, chasing after solutions, connections, and excellence. There is a lot of noise (and silence) to cut through, but there is a lot of great work and dedicated people behind it. I want to help build these connections, elevate good work and good solutions, and to advocate for better-shared knowledge of university operations, resources, and efficient practices that can be adopted across units.

Natalia Daar: I deeply value the work SAC already does to connect staff voices across the university. Through the roles I have held at Tulane, I have gained broad knowledge of university people, processes, and initiatives, and I would be glad to bring that perspective as another bridge between colleagues and different parts of the university. I believe staff deserve clear communication, thoughtful processes, and stronger support when university changes shape their daily work.

Sarah Entress: I am interested in serving on the Staff Advisory Council because I care deeply about building a more equitable, transparent, and genuinely supportive workplace for staff. Through my experiences at Tulane, I've seen how much institutional culture shapes people's sense of belonging, and I want to be part of the conversations that move us toward real, meaningful change. I'm especially passionate about advocating for fairness, improving communication across departments, and making sure staff voices, especially those that often go unheard, are represented and taken seriously.

Dressie Fan: I would like to join the SAC because I work with a small group of students, but they bring a high value to the campus. We want to build a welcoming campus by supporting them, and also recognizing and acknowledging their values. After 9 months of study at the Intercultural Leadership Program, I am more determined to contribute my work to Tulane and make it a truly global and international campus.

Rebecca Gipson: I am interested in serving on the Staff Advisory Council because I care deeply about strengthening communication, connection, and shared understanding across Tulane's staff community. In my current role in communications and events within Tulane University Libraries, I see firsthand how much staff contributions shape the university's success, and how important it is to ensure those contributions are visible, supported, and valued. I bring seven years of frontline experience in internal communications, cross-departmental coordination, and event programming at a large, complex institution. I am especially interested in improving transparency in decision-making, amplifying staff voices across units, and building stronger feedback loops between staff and leadership. I see this role as an opportunity to advocate for practical improvements to staff experience while helping foster a more connected and collaborative campus community.

Todd Gitlin:

Ben Griffith: Staff on Tulane's campus are the true reason as to what makes the university great! I am seeking election to the Tulane University Staff Council because I believe strong institutions are built on collaboration, meaningful engagement, and a genuine commitment to representing every voice within the community. Tulane's staff are essential to the university's success, and I am committed to ensuring that our perspectives are not only heard, but actively shape decisions that affect our daily work and long-term growth. Collaboration is at the heart of my approach. Working in the division of student affairs, I value building connections across departments, roles, and campuses to break down silos and foster a more unified staff community. By encouraging open dialogue and shared problem-solving, I aim to help create solutions that reflect the diverse experiences and expertise of our staff. Engagement is equally important. I will work to strengthen communication between the Staff Council and the broader staff body, ensuring transparency and accessibility. This means not only sharing information, but actively seeking input through listening sessions, surveys, and informal conversations. Staff should feel informed, involved, and empowered to contribute to the direction of our workplace. Most importantly, I am committed to representation. Tulane's staff community is diverse in background, function, and perspective, and that diversity should be reflected in how we advocate for change. I will strive to represent staff across all levels and areas of the university, bringing forward concerns, ideas, and priorities with fairness and integrity. Serving on the Staff Council is an opportunity to support a more connected, inclusive, and responsive Tulane. I would be honored to contribute to that effort and to serve as a thoughtful, dedicated voice for my colleagues.

Laura Kreller: I have worked for Tulane since 2007. During that time I have worked at the med school, the business school, and Newcomb Institute and have built relationships with colleagues throughout the university. I am also a SOPA alum and parent of a 2026 graduate. To say that I am deeply connected and invested in the Tulane community would be an understatement. I would be honored to be a part of the SAC so that I would have the chance make a difference and to make Tulane a better and more cooperative place to work for everyone.

Danielle Martin: Serving on the Staff Advisory Council offers the privilege of contributing to something larger: fostering a unified Tulane community where bridges are built across schools and every employee's work experience is elevated. As Freeman Staff Council Chair, Danielle Martin has demonstrated the ability to turn staff feedback into actionable priorities focused on visibility, trust, connection, and professional growth. If elected, she will approach the work of SAC by actively listening to colleagues across all schools, fostering collaborative problem-solving, and maintaining transparent communication to ensure staff voices drive meaningful university-wide decision-making.

Valerie McGinley: I have spent more than 30 years at Tulane, all at the Stone Center for Latin American Studies, where I currently serve as Associate Director of Administration. Over that time, I have seen the Center, and more significantly, the university, through moments of stability, challenge, and significant change, and I have often been in a position

to help guide others through those transitions. Most recently, I served as Interim Executive Director following a leadership transition, while also managing multiple staff retirements, restructuring key positions, and ensuring continuity across our academic and administrative operations. My work sits at the intersection of faculty, staff, and students, and I regularly collaborate with colleagues across campus, including the Provost's Office, School of Liberal Arts, School of Public Health, and Tulane Libraries, which has given me a broad and practical understanding of how the university functions day to day. I take pride in being someone colleagues rely on to solve problems, bring clarity to complex situations, and follow through, especially through periods of uncertainty and change. I have also led efforts to improve how we support faculty and students through our funding programs, making those processes more efficient and accessible, and I look forward to continuing that work as Tulane implements WaveWorks. Having received the President's Staff Excellence Award twice and having been recognized nationally for my advocacy in support of Latin American Studies, I care deeply about both this institution and the broader work we do, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. I am interested in serving on the Council because I value clear communication, effective systems, and making sure staff perspectives are heard and represented, and I would bring a thoughtful, collaborative approach grounded in long experience and a genuine commitment to the Tulane community.

Ted Moree: I'm interested in helping Tulane advance its core values while maintaining a safe, rewarding, and respectful workplace. In my role as Videographer, I regularly interact with staff members throughout the campus community, and I'd be honored to serve as a voice for my colleagues. I believe in transparency, accountability, and workplace democracy. While I am just now reaching my one-year work anniversary with Tulane, I have 7+ years of experience working in higher education. Tulane is a leading regional employer, yet I believe we can take additional steps to attract world-class talent, recognize the daily contributions of current staff members, and boost workplace morale. The first step must be listening, and I'm here to listen to you.

Diana Noveck: I would like to represent the LBC on the Staff Advisory Council, as the LBC is the center and heart of campus. We are the busiest building on campus, and manage small programs such as Tulane Tuesdays, Movie Nights, Trivia Nights, as well as large programs such as Crawfest, Tidal Wave, TGIO, and TUCP concerts. We oversee Tulane Undergraduate Assembly, Tulane Media (Hullabaloo, WTUL, Tube), Civic Engagement and URT, and all 300+ Recognized Student Organizations. Our department is more than just a building. We create a welcoming environment for all of the TU community.

Desiree Packard: I'm interested in serving on SAC because I believe in the power of collaboration and want to continue to help amplify staff voices across our community. My eight years working with teams uptown and downtown have shown me how much we can accomplish when we work together, and I'm committed to fostering that spirit while supporting Tulane's mission and the well-being of every staff member. Thank you for your consideration!

Ashley Robinson: As a member of the Tulane community for over 12 years, I have an understanding of the challenges and opportunities that face staff. I'm committed to the betterment of the employee experience at the university. It's my hope to participate as a valued community member and serve as a voice for my peers that are essential to the operations of the university.

Daniel Senentz Jr.: I would like to get more involved in the culture and politics of Tulane, I like the atmosphere of being here, and I'd like to continue to build and develop my career path within this university.

Douglas Stream: I am a relatively new employee at Tulane, but I bring over a decade of experience working in educational environments. I'm interested in serving on the Staff Advisory Council to offer a fresh perspective while also drawing on my past experience to provide thoughtful, practical input that supports staff and the broader university community.