

**Staff Council Plenary Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Friday – March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Zoom**  
**9am-10:30am**

<https://sfsu.zoom.us/j/85181548846?pwd=OExZb0syME5wcmNJTWhERTJuNHE3dz09>

Present: Caroline Alcantara, James Ebben, Husam Erciyes, Daniel Fontaine, Chanda Jensen, Carlos Julio, Kendra Harris, Paula Hsieh, Herman Lee, Chelsea McNutt, Dylan Mooney, Robyn Ollodort, Janet Remolona, Devi Ruslani-Reyes, Anarose Schelstrate, Dominic Sciuccchetti, Jamil Sheared, Mirna Vasquez, Samantha Ward

**CALL TO ORDER: 9:05am**

1. Approval of the Agenda for March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Agenda approved by acclamation.
2. Approval of the Minutes for March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
Minutes accepted by acclamation.
3. Announcements from the Floor  
Paula announced that her students are doing a fundraiser with the SF Giants, portion of ticket sales go to them.  
<https://www.instagram.com/p/C4L8feyS6Gk/?igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==>

**Reports**

4. Chair's Report  
Dylan shared that today is the cu-off date for UBS interim position and that he already received an email from Nancy Ganner. No committee work updates. Minor announcement from President Mahoney, that she has spoken with her cabinets, VPs, asked them to set aside money to support SC. Didn't say amount, or which account. We should have money to use in future events. He also has not rescheduled Dean of Students.  
Chanda announced that the 5K Run hosted by Campus Recreation is on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Go to campus website, open to everybody.
5. University Reports (UBC, Senate, etc.)  
Dylan did get dates for TAR update.
6. Get to Know a Staff Council Member – Herman Lee  
Herman was born and raised in SF's Richmond district. He received his undergrad from UC Davis, double major in Psychology and Communications. He received his MA in Counseling from SF State. He worked at San Jose State first in admissions then found an advising position in Davis then UC Berkeley. He has been at SFSU for 8 years, as an academic counselor, then as an interim director and back to undergraduate advising which has a newly renovated space. During his time in UAC (advising for all undergrad), there has been numerous changes since - moved to college based advising focus, got decentralized and now centralized again. There are college teams, 40+ counselors. Herman's team has 14 members and they focus on retention for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year. A lot of what they do is academic counseling, course registration planning, advise

holistically, focus on individual needs. They touch on a lot of different things on a higher level - housing, mental health, financial aid, etc. Start working with students starting at orientation. Herman as Asst. Director now do project based work. Special major – create your own, have this as option. Support students for special considerations. Help with case loading students, help divvy up students. Support office with certain trainings. Step in for director when director is out. Anarose asked about pre programs/impacted programs like social work and nursing. Nursing admits only 5% of applicants. Advisors advise to have an alternate major. Chances are that you are not getting in. They have issues - how it is advertised, from an admission standpoint, there is some deception, tell them to apply broadly.

### **Standing Committees**

7. Break Out Rooms

### **Close the Loop**

8. Standing Committees Report Back (Approx. 10:20am)

Staff Enrichment – Devi gave an update on the spring craft fair and devi asked for Dylan to ask the president’s office and he said yes. Staff Award – Devo shared the draft and asked for input on issues and ideas. Dylan asked if we want it discussed in plenary next week. Devi said yes.

Mega Group – Mirna discussed dates for spring 2024 elections, nominations period march 25 to April 3, April 22 to May 3<sup>rd</sup>, voting dates. Will do a Qualtrics Survey to send to current members ( plan to finish term or plan to go for ExCom) contact current member who haven’t attended to see if they are still interested in continuing. Discussed attendance, we are not following the two absences, we are lenient. Those are the things they are looking at. Also talked about “at large member” and not specific to any particular unit/college, all university

9. Open Floor

Chanda moved to finish early, seconded.

### **Adjournment: Time Approximate 10:30am**