



# THE UNIVERSITY *of* NEW ORLEANS

## STAFF COUNCIL

**Thursday, October 31, 2024. In-Person.**

### Approval of Minutes

### Guest Speaker: Brittany Elder, United Way

- Highlighted United way's 100 year history in Southeast Louisiana, focusing on disaster relief, early education, and financial stability, Key initiatives include the Prosperity Center model, resources like the Ida Project and African American Small Business support.
- United Way secured \$7 million for domestic violence shelters.
- ALICE: Helping folks who are employed full time but still fall below the poverty line for our area. The organization aims to eradicate poverty through health, education, and financial capability.
- Upcoming events
- You can set up payroll deductions or credit card deductions on the United Way website (not workday). You can specify if you want your donation to go to specific UW initiative.

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### Executive Committee Reports

**President: Debby Charrier—**

**Vice President: Maggie Sunseri – n/a**

**Recording Secretary: Coleen Maidlow –**

**Website:** Updated, minutes posted

**Faculty Senate:**

- Discussion about new CBO and the reasons we did not engage in a national search (urgency of the budget and not having the position vacant)
- Will do an internal hire for VP of Research

**Corresponding Secretary:** Claire McGowan has been nominated for our Corresponding Secretary position!

**Treasurer: Vacant.**

## New Business:

Door Decorating Contest Winners:

ERPA, "Workday Wednesday Adams," Admin 216 (First place, department)

Shawna Gable, OES, Library 119 (First place, individual)

Honorable mentions:

SIL, UC 222

Orientation & Transition, U 236

UNO Psychology undergrads, "Synapse Squad," GP 2026

## Concerns & Opportunities:

Concern: I have noticed an issue with my voluntary retirement payments. I have a set amount removed from my check each payday for my voluntary retirement through Voya. UNO has not been making the payments to Voya timely. Sometimes it is a month after the payment is taken from my paycheck before the funds are deposited in my Voya account. What can be done to make sure the payments are made timely and are for what was taken from my check?

Answer: We want to assure everyone that anything payroll related, payroll itself, and payroll related invoices are top priority and get paid every single time that they are approved. It just needs to go through the system.

- If this was your question and it's still an issue and this answer doesn't answer your question, please reach out to one of us. We will keep you anonymous, but it's helpful if you reach out so we can make sure we're addressing your question fully.

## Reminders:

- Mandatory Employee Training due Nov 15 @ noon.
- Benefits Enrollment due Nov 15 @ noon. You MUST go in to workday and click accept even if you don't make any changes.