



Annual Report

University Partnerships Committee

Highlights from 2015-2016

- Redefined the committee's charge and goals in order to clarify and focus the nature of our partnerships and to take active roles in fostering respectful engagement with University groups. The committee was renamed to reflect the new focus.
- Created a communication plan for establishing contact with a liaison on other university committees and a procedure for communicating information received from the liaison to the larger Staff Senate, when applicable.
- Identified four University Committees, upon which existing Staff Senate members serve, to pilot the communication plan before expanding efforts to additional committees. Also made connections to the Faculty Senate and Student Council, while working to determine how Staff Senate should engage, if at all, with the Board of Visitors.
- Received guidance on engaging with high level University partners and gave advice and support to Staff Senate Chairs in fostering those relationships, for example, in determining how Staff Senate should engage, if at all, with the Board of Visitors.

Looking Ahead

- Cultivate and refine communication channels between Staff Senate and other University committees and groups.
- Expand connections and establish liaisons with additional University committees and groups.
- Work with Staff Senate Executive Committee to send a staff representative to the open portion of Board of Visitor meetings.
- Identify additional opportunities to engage with members of the University community in order to ensure the voice of Staff Senate is heard.