Dear IUPUI Staff,

Your Staff Council (SC) is making an impact! We have members on search committees, members reviewing and commenting on proposed policies, members on SC committees, members planning our future on strategic planning committees, and members serving on several university committees. Without staff on the SC we would not have a voice. Our SC elections are coming soon, so I would like to take a few minutes of your time to give you some information on how you can become a SC member.

First, what qualifies you to serve on the Staff Council? If you are an appointed, non-faculty and non-union employee of IUPUI, on active duty on this campus and you have an interest in acting as a voice of the staff in collaborating with the entire campus community, then we want you!

Second, how do you join Staff Council? SC members are elected by their peers. The election process starts in January when Human Resources provides the SC Office with a complete list of all eligible staff indicating unit affiliation. From this list, the Membership Committee of the SC determines the number of representatives to the council for each unit. At the March meeting of the SC Executive Committee (SCEC), the SCEC approves the number of representatives to the council for each unit. If there is a vacancy for your unit, then you will receive an e-mail requesting nominations to the SC. At the nominations deadline, usually two weeks after the nomination request was sent out, a verification of willingness to serve is sent out to all nominees. This verification contains information about their duties as a SC member and requests a written acknowledgement of the nomination. Those who accept their nomination are placed on an electronic ballot. The election e-mail, which includes a hyperlink to the ballot, is sent out to eligible staff in units with a vacancy with a voting period of two weeks. Each eligible staff member may vote for as many unit representatives as there are positions to be filled within their unit. At the May meeting of the SC, the members certify the election results and those elected are notified. The candidates not elected go onto the alternate list in order of votes received.

Third, how long is the term? The term is two years beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30.

We will be sending out the nomination requests very soon. If you receive a request, you meet the membership requirements and if you have an interest in acting as a voice for our staff, then WE WANT YOU! Please don't hesitate to nominate someone if you are interested; and there is nothing wrong with nominating yourself!

With your help we can make a difference!