Staff Council Member Feature: Meagan Senesac

Beginning in November 2012, the Staff Development Committee will feature a different Staff Council member in the staff newsletter. If you have a nomination for a member doing outstanding work or with a story to tell, please contact Caitie Deranek at cderanek@iupui.edu.

Meagan Senesac has been an active part of the Staff Council since 2007, serving in a number of roles to include chairing the Communications Committee and being a member of the Executive Committee. For Meagan, there is an excitement about being able to directly communicate with administrators and decision makers on this campus. Being on Staff Council gives her an opportunity to contribute her ideas on projects and issues around campus that she might otherwise have never been aware of.

There are many aspects to being on Staff Council that she cherishes. The greatest of these is being able to carry staff questions and concerns to administrators and being able to return to them with an answer. Meagan is the first to point out that there is more to Staff Council than just the work. It is the friends she has made along the way. This is particularly true of the retreats of which she has many great memories.

If there is a message Meagan wishes to share with the IUPUI staff community, it would be to get involved. Often she hears about staff concerns but few take any steps to address them. Being on Staff Council gives you that opportunity to make changes. She doesn’t stop there and highly recommends running for a position on the Executive Committee if possible.

Beyond being a Data Systems Analyst in Undergraduate Admissions as well serving on Staff Council, Meagan looks for other ways to group professionally and personally. She completed her Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science then while working on campus, earned her Master's Degree in Higher Education. She wants to continue on to her Ph.D. one day. She is also a part-time instructor for Computer Science. It would seem that she'd have little time for much else but Meagan makes it a point to balance her busy schedule with spending time with her husband and 14-month old son. Soon things will be even busier on that front with the arrival of their second child this fall.

Meagan will be the first to add how thankful she has been for all the support her department has given her both with her involvement with Staff Council and with her family. When asked if she could be any office supply, which she would choose, she quickly pointed to her computer. “I'm a computer scientist and wouldn’t survive without it!”

-Written by Scott Orr