

# SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE

## STAFF SENATE NEWS

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## 30th Annual Staff Senate BBQ

This year's Staff Senate BBQ will be held on Thursday, April 28, at the Student Fitness Center Activity Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This year's menu will once again feature some low carb and vegetarian options and will be held in conjunction with the Employee Fitness & Benefits Fair. The price for the meal is \$8.00 and includes a 20-oz. Pepsi product. Menu consists of:

BBQ Chicken	Pulled Pork
Vegetarian Chili	Potato Salad
Baked Beans	Green Beans
Veggie Trays	Cole Slaw
Garlic Bread	Low-Carb Wheat Bread
Assorted Desserts	



Come on over, enjoy lunch, and review your benefits. Some prizes will be awarded!

Buying a Staff Senate BBQ ticket for your staff is a great gift for staff appreciation week as well as supporting a worthy cause!!

Tickets can be purchased at the MUC Information Desk, Student Fitness Desk, and Staff Senate Members!

**Hurry and purchase your ticket today.**

**All proceeds support the Staff Senate Scholarship**

## University Wide Tidbits

Have you ever been interested in reporting news? Now's your chance! If you are interested in providing campus-wide information for a future newsletter, please contact

Co-Editors Jackie Candela at [bcandel@siue.edu](mailto:bcandel@siue.edu) or Jo Gibson [jgibson@siue.edu](mailto:jgibson@siue.edu).



The University Staff Senate (USS) represents Civil Service and Professional Staff of SIUE. Employees who are represented by labor organizations as well as employees who are not represented can participate on the University Staff Senate, its panels or committees. For more information, contact the USS at [staffsenate@siue.edu](mailto:staffsenate@siue.edu) or call the Governance office at 650-2770.

### Special links of interest:

- Visit the [SIUE Employee Discounts](#) for savings on services and products
- [State University Annuity Association \(SUAA\)](#)
- [State University Retirement System \(SURS\)](#)
- [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#)
- [Parents of SIUE Students](#)

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The University Staff Senate meetings are open. Non senate members are always welcome. For more information please contact Vicki Kruse in the University Governance Office at 650-2770.

A complete list of your Staff Senate Members may be found on our website at [www.siu.edu/ugov/staff](http://www.siu.edu/ugov/staff)

The Staff Senate is always interested in your questions, comments, or concerns. Contact us at: [staffsenate@siue.edu](mailto:staffsenate@siue.edu).

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## University Staff Senate Upcoming Events

USS Brown Bag Lunches—two sessions at 11:30am and 12:30pm,  
MUC Mississippi Illinois Room - RSVP [vkruse@siue.edu](mailto:vkruse@siue.edu)

- April 21 [The Gardens at SIUE](#) - Doug Conley, Director -  
Greenspace: Why public gardens matter
- May 5 SUAA Executive Director Linda Brookhart

April 28 - Chancellor Walk & Staff Senate BBQ (11:30-1)

University Staff Senate Meetings

May 5 - USS Meeting MUC Mississippi Room (9-11)

June 2 - USS Meeting MUC Mississippi Room (9-11)

July 7—USS Meeting MUC Mississippi Room (9-11)

August 4—USS Meeting MUC Mississippi Room (9-11)

If you would like more information about sitting on a Panel or volunteering on the USS, please contact a Senator or Panel Chair or the University Governance Secretary at extension 2770.

*\*Think Green—Please do not print your e-mails unless you really need to\**

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## Senator Highlight



### Melanie Schoenborn

The newsletter spotlight is on Melanie Schoenborn, who has been employed with SIU Edwardsville for nearly 24 years. In her current position as a Book Conservator in the Lovejoy Library she is responsible for evaluating, repairing, or boxing books and magazines. She also trains students in archival repair procedures. Melanie received her AS Degree in Education from Sauk Valley Community

College, BS Degree in Library Science from Illinois State, BS (equivalent) in Geography from SIUE, and an MS in Education from SIUE in 1991. She is most proud of having achieved the Book Conservator position at SIUE. She credits Regina McBride with promoting her to her current position and knows that she is appreciated in her role. Melanie comes from a family of educators. Her mother, father, brother, and five nieces and nephews are all educators.

Melanie, who recently left the University Staff Senate (USS), was involved with the Senate in various positions from Panel member to Staff Senator for the past 15 years. She has volunteered for the Scholarship, Scholarship Selection, Constitution/By-Laws, Fund Raising, and Election Committees. Her first impression was that she was happy to see the USS was part of University Governance. The history of accomplishments includes the implementation of the Degree Award Program, which is just one of the many benefits for staff acquired by the USS. She was surprised by how this group represents all different

levels of staff and how few employees were aware of their representation and perks.

“It could be a challenge to be patient and allow the powers that be to make the decisions,” Melanie said. When she became a Senator she had the power to vote and make a difference. She helped to raise money for multiple scholarships for many semesters to assist families with education. Volunteering made her feel more connected to the University and the students. If she could change one thing it would be to have the channels to raise money clearer and more efficient.

Melanie, we would like to thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the faculty and staff at SIU Edwardsville.