

Staff Morale and Engagement

The SME Committee met via MS Teams on October 26, 2021

Attendees: Andrew Grubbs, Donna Hardesty, Betsy Herndon, Skip Hurley, Melissa Taylor, Mani Vangalur

Committee Business

New dates were suggested for the November and December committee meetings due to the University's holiday schedule.

Staff Morale

Skip inquired about current staff benefits at the Speed Museum since they have reopened from COVID closures. Melissa will follow up in the Executive Committee meeting this afternoon to see if anyone has current information. Other partnerships such as the Planetarium and Frazier Museum were also mentioned.

Staff Engagement

Betsy Herndon with from Commonwealth Credit Union joined the meeting to discuss the Staff Senate Winter Food Drive for the CCU Cardinal Cupboard. Melissa met with Kathy Meyer who oversees the ELSB students who staff the pantry. They have lost many former contacts and the food drive is needed more than ever at this time. The food drive will take place from November 2021 through January 2022. The SME Committee will do an email and UofL Today campaign for the food drive like last year. The ELSB students will provide weekly blubs for urgently needed items and their updated wish lists. CCU will add additional drop off locations both on our campuses and in their bank locations across the Louisville area. In addition to the request for donations of food and gift cards, there will also be a fundraiser component this year. A canvas reusable grocery bag will be sold as a fundraiser for the food pantry. The design of the printing on the bag will be a student contest led by ELSB. CCU will provide a prize for the student who submits the winning entry. Staff Senate has been asked to vote for the winning design. The bags will be printed and made available for pick up in the CCU Cardinal Cupboard so the food pantry gains additional foot traffic exposure. Any proceeds from the bag sales and a per-item match from CCU will be donated directly to the food pantry.