About the Council

The Staff Advisory Council of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources at the University of Missouri was organized in October 1986 to collectively consider matters of mutual interest and to serve as an information and liaison medium for employees and administrative officers on such matters as may be referred to the Staff Council, as the Staff Council initiates, or as Staff of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources requests.

The Council’s primary goals are to provide a voice for the staff of CAFNR and their concerns as well as offer guidance, recognition of accomplishments, support for enhancement and events to act as awards for general staff duties.

Staff Council is a group of volunteers led by a staff-elected chair. Members are elected/appointed for two-year terms. These volunteers are representatives of the CAFNR Staff, so be sure to get in contact with your representative.

Annual events include a fall chili luncheon, town-hall meeting, and a spring picnic. Philanthropy is a big part of the council; the fall event includes a fundraising portion, with donations supporting a local charitable organization.

The Staff Council also provides special recognition to CAFNR staff members who do their job and more through the quarterly Above and Beyond Award (nominations can come from anyone in the College). In addition, the council makes funds available to staff members for enhancement activities, through the CAFNR Staff Enrichment Award.

Council Membership

Staff Council pulls from each CAFNR Division:

- Administration
- Ag Experiment Station
- Animal Sciences
- Applied Social Sciences
- Biochemistry
- Farms and Centers
- Food Systems and Bioengineering
- Plant Sciences
- School of Natural Resources

*Divisions have one representative for every 25 staff members in the division, up to three representatives (and at least one).*
Message to You

You will often hear us talk about the CAFNR Family here in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. Every one of our students, faculty, staff and alumni are members of that extended CAFNR Family.

The CAFNR staff are those who work tirelessly to make sure things get done and try their best to keep everyone in line. The CAFNR staff provide all-around basic support to the College. On occasion, everyone enjoys knowing that they are appreciated and supported. This is where the CAFNR Staff Council comes in.

Throughout the year you will see calls for award nominations and proposals for development awards and recognition. Our awards include the quarterly Staff Above and Beyond award and Staff Development Award, and the Outstanding Staff Award presented at the Celebration of Excellence every year. Development awards provide funds to staff to develop workplace and interpersonal skills.

We also have several events throughout the year such as our Chili Luncheon in the fall and picnic in the spring, as well as various other events throughout the year. You don't want to miss these exciting events.

We encourage you to speak with your council representative about any questions, concerns or suggestions you would have to make CAFNR or the Council better or if you are interested in volunteering with us.

Remember, we are here for you!

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