

UMKC Staff Council - Staff Community Groups Policy

Purpose:

Staff Community Groups are self-organized groups of UMKC staff where its members hold common interests. The purpose of the groups are to support:

- Engagement and outreach within the UMKC Staff campus community
- Professional development for its members
- UMKC's goals and objectives
 - *The UMKC Statement of Values found at: <https://www.umkc.edu/about/mission.html> (*attached).*
 - *The UMKC Strategic Plan found at: <https://www.umkc.edu/about/strategic-plan.html>*

Formation of Group:

The UMKC Staff Council Outreach Committee must support the concept of creating the group based on criteria's expressed in the purpose section above.

Facilitators are responsible for the coordination of the group, dates and times.

- Once the group's topic, date and times have been established, this information is to be furnished to the UMKC Staff Council Outreach Committee, for publication on the Staff Council Website.
- Names of interested individuals, will also be sent to the facilitator, if available.

Facilitators are responsible with communicating bi-monthly updates to the UMKC Staff Council Outreach Committee. This summary should include, highlights, concerns, number of participants.

NOTE TO Book Club Staff Community Group Facilitators: Book discussions groups that have a "Professional Development" focus should be done via myLearn. All participants are *required* to register the book choice in the system, therefore these learning and development activities are part of your personal Learning Transcript (MyLearn accessed at: <https://umsystem.skillport.com>.)

Commitment:

In an effort to truly build community, Facilitators and Participants commit to hold their community group for a minimum of 2 months, with meetups at least biweekly.

While the University remains closed, groups will meet in a virtual format. When we're all back on campus again, groups can resume to a more personal fashion.

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