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**Additional information:** See more information at the Unclassified Professional Senate website: <https://www.wichita.edu/services/upsenate/index.php> and University Support Staff Senate website: <https://www.wichita.edu/services/uss/> (Accessed March 10, 2021.)

# Unclassified Professional Senate

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## Unclassified Professional Senate

The Unclassified Professional Senate works to foster communication and collegiality among Unclassified Professional personnel of the University, and to:

- provide representation for Unclassified Professional Personnel and liaison to the University administration and others regarding issues of concern;
- initiate and review policies and procedures relating to Unclassified Professional personnel;
- be a cultural driver for Unclassified Professionals that reflects the values of Wichita State University's Strategic Plan.

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## Staff Senate Merger

In December of 2020, the Unclassified Professional Staff and University Support Staff voted in support of merging the UP and USS Senates and adopting the constitution of the University Staff Senate. Beginning July 1, 2021, the two Senates will officially merge to become the University Staff Senate. For more information about the merger and to view the new constitution, visit

[wichita.edu/senatemerger](http://wichita.edu/senatemerger).



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## USS Senate

This senate body at Wichita State University exists to promote the interests of all University Support Staff employees of the University, to provide an open forum for the expression of these interests, and to regularize the exchange of information between administrators, faculty, students and University Support Staff of the University.

[Senate Constitution and By-Laws](#) →



### Links

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### Important Information & Updates

#### USS and UP Staff Open Forum

The senates have been discussing joining forces to form one representative body with both UP and USS members. On April 1 2019, the USS and UP Senates invited all USS and UP staff to attend an Open Forum Discussion to gather feedback on combining the USS and UP Senates.

**Note: The discussion of joining forces for one representative body relates to senate representation only and has no effect on employee position classifications as UP or USS or their related personnel policies or procedures.**

For more information, please contact USS Senate President Matt Houston ([matthew.houston@wichita.edu](mailto:matthew.houston@wichita.edu)) or UP Senate President Camille Childers ([camille.childers@wichita.edu](mailto:camille.childers@wichita.edu)).

The following notes and responses reflect the discussions and input that staff shared on this important topic.

**Questions:**

What do you see as the purpose of the employee (USS and UP) senates?

Please list any concerns you have about combining the USS and UP senates.

Please write down what you see as advantages for combining USS and UP senates.

Are there any additional considerations we need to undertake if the senates combine?

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