



AP Newsletter

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Executive Committee Updates

AP Salary and Benefits Memo

The AP Salary and Benefits Subcommittee produced a memo titled, 'Strategic Compensation and Career Framework: A Model for Continuous Alignment' that was shared with leadership. The memo addresses common concerns and challenges for AP staff related to their holistic compensation and areas for consideration moving forward.

Many of the concerns in the memo are aligned with People, Equity, and Culture's ongoing People Value Proposition work, and the AP Committee will continue to dialogue with PEC leadership to ensure AP staff concerns are considered in that process.

[Read the Memo](#)

AP Survey

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the 2026 AP Survey! The final report will be shared with the AP community the week of November 2. We also invite

you to join us for a virtual AP Survey Forum on Thursday, November 12, which will include an overview presentation of the final report and time for Q&A. (You can register below to receive the Zoom link.)

[More About the AP 2026 Survey](#)

AP Survey Forum Registration

IN THE KNOW:

You are Represented

The **AP Executive Committee** is made up of administrative professionals, voted onto committee by their peers, who are responsible for advocating FOR YOU.

[You can email your representative directly](#) if you'd like more information about their role, the work of the committee, or if you have thoughts/questions you'd like them to know.

Subcommittee Updates

Professional Development Committee

Using AI with Intention: Policies, Practices, and Prompting

Designed for university faculty and staff, this session explores AI policies, tool selection, Blackboard AI features, and effective prompting strategies. Participants will learn when AI can enhance teaching, learning, and workflow efficiency, when human expertise should take precedence, and how to use AI responsibly to support engagement and academic integrity. [Register for the session](#), held Monday, November 2, 3:30 - 5 p.m., in the Kirkhof Center Pere Marquette Room

Social Justice Committee

Teach-In

Mark your calendars for the [Teach-In](#) November 10-11. All staff are encouraged to attend. This event is about fostering conversations around our commitment to educational equity across a variety of topics and disciplines.

Voting Release Time

With the midterm elections approaching, we're sharing a friendly reminder of the [voting release time policy](#), which allows staff up to two hours of paid time off for voting on Election Day (November 3). The [GVSU Votes! site](#) has additional info.

LGBTQ+ FSA's 20th Anniversary Celebration

[Join the LGBTQ+ FSA](#) Friday, October 16, to celebrate two decades of community, advocacy, and belonging at GVSU. Stop by between 4-6 p.m. in the Grand River Room, 2250 Kirkhof Center. The evening will feature storytelling, community connections, and light refreshments. [Please RSVP for planning purposes](#).

Campus Connections

Open Enrollment

October 27, 8 a.m.–November 11, 5 p.m.

The annual benefits open enrollment is an opportunity to update/verify your benefit elections for the upcoming year, including dependent coverage, medical plan, IRS re-election requirement for Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA), etc. Plan documents for 2027 are being added to the [Open Enrollment webpage](#) as they become available.

Leadership Roundtable: Leading with Empathy, Accountability, and Resilience

Nov. 11, Noon-1 p.m., Virtual

Join experts from [Starr Commonwealth](#) for a practical, interactive session exploring how trauma can influence workplace interactions, conflict, communication, and employee engagement. [Register here](#).

Every Body Belongs: Movement, Self-Care & Social Justice

Nov. 20, 3:30-5 p.m., 2270 Kirkhof Center

This interactive session invites participants to challenge those messages and explore a more inclusive approach to caring for ourselves and our bodies. Learn more and register for [Every Body Belongs](#).

2026 GV Technology Summit Registration

The 2026 GV Technology Summit will be on November 3 on the Valley Campus. The event is free to attend but registration closes October 16 at 5pm. [Register to attend on the GV Technology Summit webpage](#).

Workday Student Updates

Certain Workday Student functionality goes live in the current Workday system on October 26. As features become available, you may see items such as student profiles, new menu options, additional reports, and a worker profile and student profile for individuals. [Sign up for training by role on the Workday training webpage](#). If you missed the Workday Student Launch event on October 13, [watch the event recording](#).

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