



**Committee Advocating
for Staff Interests**
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Agenda

CoE Committee Advocating for Staff Interests (CASI)

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

9:30 – 10:30 AM

Room 2188 Mechanical Engineering

CoE CASI Mission:

The College of Engineering Committee Advocating for Staff Interests (CASI) is a shared governance body of elected representatives, who serve and advocate for the interests of university and academic staff by advising the College of Engineering dean and leadership.

Read the CASI Mission Statement and Values: <https://casi.engr.wisc.edu/mission-and-values/>

Schedule:

9:30 AM – 9:31 AM Call to Order D. Gaona

9:32 AM – 10:29 AM Administrative Service Delivery Model Discussion A. Whitehorse/J. Jankoski

Engagement Questions centered around current state for the Financial Processors group

1. What is working well in your units?
2. What are the challenges with your current model?
 - a. Recognize all depts have different service models right now
 - b. Recognize this can be a very hard question to answer
3. If you were to change something – what would you change?
4. What do you value and find rewarding about your role?
5. How do we know we have a good service model?
6. What questions can we answer?

Background

The University of Wisconsin–Madison is undertaking an institutional initiative to modernize and improve the delivery of administrative services—including IT, finance, HR, and research administration—through potential centralization or shared service models. These efforts are designed to improve efficiency, reduce risk, ensure service continuity, and better position the university for strategic priorities. In this context, the College of Engineering supports these goals and seeks to strengthen its own operations through thoughtful realignment of resources at the college level. While some functions—particularly IT—may ultimately be centralized at the campus level, the College remains committed to pursuing internal opportunities to improve support, reduce duplication, and ensure service resilience.



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Purpose

The **Administrative Service Delivery Models Workgroup (ASDM)** is charged by COE Dean Ranjan with evaluating and recommending how administrative support services can be better aligned, coordinated, or centralized within the College of Engineering to achieve:

- Improved operational efficiency
- Stronger backup and cross-coverage for essential roles
- Cost savings and better use of available resources
- More consistent and equitable service delivery across units
- Sustain sense of community, career progression, and professional development opportunities.

Workgroup Members

- Co-chaired by Associate Dean Adam Whitehorse and Mechanical Engineering Chair Darryl Thelen
- College leadership: Jason Jankoski, Assistant Dean for Human Resources
- Departmental leadership: Paul Wilson, Chair Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics
- Department Administrators: Katrina Olson (Electrical and Computer Engineering) and Kelly Moran (Chemical and Biological Engineering)

10:30 AM

Adjourn

D. Gaona

(CASI members – please remember to leave your name table tent on the table at the end of the meeting)

Next Monthly CASI Meeting – November 5, 2025

11:00am-12:30pm

Mechanical Engineering 2188 or Teams

TEAMS link for meeting:

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 289 760 222 796

Passcode: iLemjW

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Feel free to [Connect with CASI](#) (*NetID required*). Do you have something you want to share with CASI? You may connect with us via this web form.
 - Recognize an engineering staff member with [Kudos from CASI](#)
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