



Staff Council Featured Member Yvonne Brewster

Yvonne Brewster is the Director of Research Administration and Finance for the Departments of Surgery and Anesthesiology. She leads the team of Pre and Post Award Administrators responsible for all of the external sponsored funding in Surgery and Anesthesiology. In addition, Yvonne monitors all of the department's departmental and discretionary accounts. She is in charge of preparing the Fiscal Year budgets for both departments, as well as Human Resources, the Asset and Space Inventories, SOX, PRISM and Panther Express audits. Yvonne has worked at Pitt for three years.

Her involvement with the Staff Council: Yvonne was recently elected chair of the external relations committee. She has been a member of the Staff Council for one year.

Why did she join the Staff Council? Yvonne says, "to feel (like being) a bigger part of the University, meet other staff members and have opportunities to be involved in policy and decision making."

What is Yvonne's vision on how the Staff Council can impact the University of Pittsburgh? She says, "learning about the initiatives on campus and being able to make changes that positively impact the lives of staff members. (Also, to) bring about positive change and introduce policies and procedures to create the best working environment possible for staff."

Fun Facts about Yvonne: "I am a Pitt graduate, a Pitt staff member and a Pitt Parent! I have 3 sons, ages 20, 16 and 15. I like to play tennis, ski and am a certified scuba diver."