



Dr. Denise Gregory

Interim President

Staff Senate Spotlight:

Dr. Denise Gregory, Interim President

In May 2025, Dr. Denise Gregory stepped into the role of Interim President of Jackson State University during a pivotal time in our institution's history. Although we did not formally acknowledge her appointment in last year's communications, the Staff Senate would like to take this opportunity to recognize her leadership and express our appreciation for her service to the university community.

Over the past year, Dr. Gregory has provided steady guidance, institutional knowledge, and a deep commitment to Jackson State University's mission. Transitional periods often bring both challenges and opportunities, and her leadership has helped maintain stability while keeping the university focused on academic excellence, student success, and operational progress.

Throughout her tenure as Interim President, Dr. Gregory has demonstrated a willingness to listen and engage with various campus stakeholders, including faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community partners. Her collaborative approach has reinforced the importance of shared governance and transparent communication—values that are essential to the continued growth and strength of our university.

The Staff Senate especially recognizes the vital role that staff members play in sustaining the daily operations and long-term vision of JSU. We appreciate Dr. Gregory's acknowledgment of staff contributions and her understanding that institutional success is built on the dedication of employees across every department.

As we approach nearly one year of her interim leadership, we thank Dr. Gregory for her service, resilience, and commitment to the JSU community. The Staff Senate remains committed to working collaboratively with university leadership to support a positive workplace environment and advance the goals of Jackson State University.

We look forward to continued partnership and progress in the months ahead.

A Letter from Staff Senate President

Dear JSU Staff,

I want to take a moment to simply say thank you. Each of you plays an essential role in the daily life and long-term success of JSU. Your dedication, professionalism, and commitment to our students and to one another do not go unnoticed. I encourage you to continue showing up with excellence and keep up the great work you are doing across every department and division.

As the Staff Senate, we are here to serve you. Our purpose is to advocate, communicate, and represent the interests and concerns of staff members across campus. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Senate Chambers of the Student Center. All staff members are welcome. Let us continue forward together—with courage, professionalism, and pride in the work we do each day for JSU.

With appreciation,

Latoria Harper
President

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