

**CUCSA Campus Update
June 2017****Learn-at-Lunch (L@L) Events**

UCLA Summer Camp: On March 2, 2017, Staff Assembly in partnership with UCLA Recreation, held a Learn-at-Lunch presentation on Summer Camp at UCLA as an option for any staff with younger children.

Detecting Bias: On April 26, 2017, Staff Assembly in partnership with the UCLA Office of Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion (EDI), held a Learn-at-Lunch presentation on the topic of detecting bias. Dr. Evelyn Carter, a research scientist from the UCLA Office of EDI, discussed with attendees about what is considered bias and the implications they have on our interpersonal interactions and policy choices. It was a very popular topic and 50 staff were in attendance.

What is Staff Assembly: On May 1, 2017, Staff Assembly held our annual Learn-at-Lunch providing information and insights about the Executive Board positions and encouraging staff to run for an open position for the upcoming year. The presentation was done in a PechaKucha format by the entire Board. Shortly after presenting, everyone broke out into small pods for attendees to easily approach each Board Member individually and learn more about the specific positions they were interested in pursuing. There were about 30 attendees. <http://bit.ly/17LatLWhatIsStaffAssembly>

True Bruin Move & Groove 5K

Between March 26 and April 2, 2017, we held our first ever virtual 5K. This was definitely a major departure from the usual in-person 5K run/walk that we have coordinated for the past three years. Due to rising costs of holding a physical 5K event, declining participation, and lower net profits over the years, we decided to switch the format this year to a virtual event. We ended up having 124 total participants for our first virtual 5K and one out of every three were first time 5K runners. There was some feedback from staff that they missed the physical connection and community aspect of the event, and some did not feel comfortable with technological component of tracking and submitting their run. On the other hand, there were many staff with busy schedules or travelling at the time that shared with us how they appreciated the flexibility the virtual format. We believe that the event was promoted too late this year, and feel that we could increase participation easily with earlier marketing efforts and coordinating a few staff/leadership-led 5K routes on campus for people to join.

Spring Quarter Breakfast with the Chancellor

On April 4, 2017, Staff Assembly hosted the Spring Quarter Breakfast with the Chancellor. There were 55 staff members that applied for only 13 available slots for the opportunity to meet with Chancellor Block over breakfast and engage in dialogue about important issues on campus. Some topics that surfaced were the current/future commitments by UCLA to the larger LA community, plans to help staff complete their bachelor degrees, and the constant efforts to seek alternate revenue streams for UCLA.

Outdoors with Mrs. Block

On May 6, 2017, we held our annual "Outdoors with Mrs. Block" event for randomly selected staff from across UCLA. For the first part of the day, we enjoyed a tour of LA's Chinatown, led by George Yu, the Executive Director of the Chinatown Business Improvement District. For the second part of the day, we learned about the history, architecture, and artwork throughout Union Station from a couple of docents. There were 41 attendees out of 46 confirmed RSVP's. <http://bit.ly/17OutdoorsWithMrsBlock>

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