Staff Awards & Scholarships
The annual Staff Awards & Scholarships ceremony was held on June 29, 2016. This year there were 75 applications submitted for staff scholarships, 7 nominations for the Chancellor’s Excellence in Service Award, and 5 nominations for the Faculty/Staff Partnership Award. In partnership with the UCLA Retirees’ Association and the UCLA Healthy Campus Initiative, 21 scholarships were awarded to deserving staff in the amount of $500 each. In addition to the scholarships, we awarded one Chancellor’s Excellence in Service Award in the amount of $4,000. We also awarded one Faculty/Staff Partnership Award and two Staff Assembly President’s Awards. CUCSA Chair, Rejeana Mathis, was on hand to present the Kevin McCauley Memorial Outstanding Staff Award to Rosemary Chavoya, the Assistant Dean of the Graduate School of Education & Information Studies. To continue with tradition, we introduced the 2016-17 UCLA Staff Assembly Executive Board at the conclusion of this ceremony.

Learn-at-Lunch (L@L)
A Caregiver’s Toolkit
On June 17, 2016, Staff Assembly, in partnership with UCLA Health and UCLA Library, sponsored “A Caregiver’s Toolkit” presentation to inform staff about resources and services that are available to help them care for their aging relative. This presentation was also streamed live through YouTube (with 87 views now) and about 40 staff attended in person (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZPwrgxu5zQ).

TechTalks
On September 1, 2016, Staff Assembly, in partnership with BruinTech, will present another round of “TechTalks” for staff to explore useful and free productivity tools such as Box, Google Docs, Lynda.com, Office 365, Trello, etc. Over the course of an hour, small groups will rotate around to various tables and learn about technological tools available to them in brief 10-minute bursts.

Launch of new UCLA Staff Assembly Website
On August 1, 2016, we launched our new website to the public. On the backend, we made the transition from an HTML platform to a WordPress platform. This new website will be more user-friendly to the general public and for the future VP of Information Systems responsible for managing it.

Executive Board and Transition Meetings
Throughout the month of July, the President and President-Elect coordinated and participated in transition meetings between all outgoing and incoming Board members. A Staff Assembly Transition Celebration was held on July 14, 2016, to recognize the efforts of the 2015-16 Board and officially welcome the 2016-17 Board. The Executive Board met for their monthly meetings on July 19 and August 16, 2016, to prepare for the All-Staff Picnic and set goals for the 2016-17 year.

Staff Appreciation Week and All-Staff Picnic
UCLA Staff Appreciation Week was from July 25 to 29, 2016. Discounts were offered by various campus organizations, including the ASUCLA student store, UCLA Recreation, UCLA Dining Services, and UCLA Extension. The highlight of the week was the All-Staff Picnic, which celebrated its 12th anniversary. Activities included a dance lesson with UCLA Recreation, photo ops with UCLA mascots Joe & Josie Bruin, and boxed lunches handed out by Chancellor Gene Block, Carol Block and various Vice Chancellors.

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