

**UCOP Campus Update
September 2015**

OP Staff Assembly Elections

The OP Staff Assembly (OPSA) Steering Committee has kicked off another year of ambitious initiatives, fun social events and outreach activities — all designed to build engagement, connection and quality of life within the OP community.

Taking the helm as OPSA chair is Candace Jones, Senior Applications Manager for Information Technology Services. She will lead the committee of eight volunteer staff that includes newly-elected member, Bobby Cook and returning members, Tracy Fitzgerald, Matthew Leet, and Karla Wood. All members were selected in an OP-wide election in July 2015.

The OP CUCSA delegates will be Matthew Leet, serving as the first-year delegate and Karla Wood, serving as the second-year delegate. This will have given both Karla and Matthew the opportunity to participate in CUCSA for at least two years, and will allow the pipeline to reset next year, when Karla's seat becomes available for a new delegate.

OP Staff Assembly Selects Winners for Staff Submission of Program Ideas

The Staff Assembly Steering Committee put a call out to all staff for brown bag or team-building ideas. Many ideas were submitted and four winners were selected to have their ideas implemented. The winners received OP Staff Assembly wine glasses and were invited to speak at the August Staff Assembly meeting to talk about their respective ideas and how they could be implemented.

The ideas submitted by the winners of the contest included UC ANR's Master Gardener demonstration/Q&A on gardening tips, an educational event devoted to California's water supply for National Water Quality Month (August), possibly including snacks made with drought-tolerant/resistant crops, brown bags on the subject of elder care, dementia, and Alzheimer's, and gathering staff affinity groups as one unit to do major fundraising and donate proceeds to several local charitable organizations in Oakland.

<http://link.ucop.edu/2015/06/09/opsa-call-for-eventprogram-ideas/>

Staff Engagement Survey Results

The current staff assembly chair has identified the staff engagement survey results as a primary focus for the upcoming year. The staff assembly, in partnership with Local HR will be creating a communications strategy and looking for ways to engage staff in identifying areas of improvement. In a meeting with COO, Rachel Nava, staff assembly was urged to take a key leadership role in the process. The staff assembly hopes to report its progress at the June CUCSA meeting.

CUCSA Meeting Planning for June 2016

In June 2016, OP will be hosting the CUCSA delegation, so the OP Staff Assembly has formed a planning committee to work on preparations throughout the upcoming year.

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