



Riverside Campus Update June 2015

2015 Spring General Meeting

On May 19, 2015, Staff Assembly hosted our Spring General Meeting. Agenda items included reports from our Staff Assembly Board Members as well as CUCSA updates, service award milestones. Our guest speaker was UCR's Chancellor Wilcox. We had 133 staff members receiving awards and the total years of service for the recipients totaled 1,810 years. Our meeting wrapped up with our raffle giving away a few prizes.

2015 Community Partner Fair

Coordinated and sponsored by the UCR Staff Assembly, the annual Community Partner Fair (CPF) invites companies and organizations to the UCR campus to demonstrate their products and services to the staff, faculty and students of UCR. It's a great opportunity for organizations to connect with individuals in over 200 UCR departments who purchase more than \$60 million annually in products and services. This year we featured close to 30 vendors who participated in our event.

2015 Beautify UCR

Each year, Staff Assembly partners with the UC Riverside Physical Plant Grounds staff to do an extreme makeover of a campus garden/planting area. On April 29th we met outside of Keen Hall for this annual planting project and spruced it up so the campus can maintain its beauty.

Relay for Life of UC Riverside & UC Walks

On May 16th our local Staff Assembly supported and participated with fellow SA members and UCR co-workers as they walked for 24 hours straight in the relay for life event to support the American Cancer Society.

We also promoted and volunteered to assist during the campus wide UC Walks event on our campus on May 20, 2015.

Outreach

Our Outreach Committee has focused on serving those campus departments that do not have the opportunity to attend and participate in Staff Assembly functions. Some of these departments are quite large with some not having had any recent outreach or communication. This spring we reached out to Environmental Health and Safety and Agricultural Operations. At these events we bring snacks, desserts and prizes and talk about what is going on in Staff Assembly and answer any questions. The Outreach Committee goal is to reach a minimum of 500 staff this year.

Involvement & Recognition

Our Involvement & Recognition Committee continues to recruit new volunteers and committee members. These folks along with returning volunteers and committee members have all committees filled with adequate and enthusiastic members. This Committee also provides our “Get Recognized” Award program where we select outstanding staff members who are nominated on a monthly basis. Our spring recipients who were recognized work in the following areas on campus:

March: Student Services

April: University Extension

Professional Development

A brown bag session for Staff Assembly Professional Development was held on Friday, March 24, 2015, from 12:00 – 1:00pm. The topic was The Power of Mentorship and was sponsored by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Inland Empire. This event was well attended.

Scholarships and Assistance

While not having a robust budget, Staff Assembly does support scholarships and assistance to staff. During Spring quarter we have awarded \$450 in scholarships to staff.

Other Activities

- Our VP Janna Le Blanc is continuing to participate on the President’s Advisory Council on LGBT representing CUCSA. She has continued to participate in several phone conference calls in the last few months. President Napolitano is extremely motivated to discuss related topics and to review and move forward with the group’s recommendations. Revisions to some recommendations are being worked on and these will be discussed at our June meeting.
- We have had Staff Assembly representation at the Human Resources New Staff Orientation for new employees for March, April & May meetings where we explain what staff assembly is and how staff members can benefit from it.
- We meet monthly with our Associate Vice Chancellor for Human Resources Jadie Lee to discuss avenues where Staff Assembly and HR can help each other. This quarter we discussed the rolling out of Career Tracks and our Staff Assembly’s role in the engagement survey.
- This May, our delegates met with Vice Chancellor Maria Anguiano who is our liaison to the Chancellor as well as a group meeting with VC Anguiano and Chancellor Wilcox. We discussed the lack of financial support for our Society 54 donation campaign at lengths and are going to re-define the program for the new fiscal year in hopes to increase donations. We also discussed campus morale and the need for definitive action based on the engagement survey results.

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