



**Campus Update
December 2016**

Engagement Survey Workgroup

The Campus Engagement Survey Workgroup, comprised of members of campus staff groups (Staff Assembly, Professional Women's Assn., Academic Business Officers Group and the Chancellors Staff Advisory Council) and Human Resources representatives, presented a progress update at the Administrative Services Division Town Hall meeting on September 29, 2016. Cell phone polling was used to gauge attendees' interest in the following proposed workgroup action items: a digital bulletin board for staff; a volunteer initiative to support the Isla Vista community; and establishing a campus-wide service milestone recognition event. Each received a majority of positive responses and the workgroup is researching and preparing proposals to present to campus leadership.

Staff Volunteers Begin Lobby for Campus Wellness Program and Staff

UC Santa Barbara does not have a campus-wide wellness program or any staff FTE dedicated to campus-wide wellness programming. (One department, Housing and Residential Services, has a partial FTE dedicated to wellness programming for its department staff). Staff members from a past cohort of GauchoU, a training and professional development program for UCSB staff, would like to change this and are voluntarily reaching out to campus groups, including Staff Assembly Executive Board, for buy-in, support and advice. SA Executive Board members met with two of the Wellness project cohort and offered verbal support and encouragement.

Staff Assembly's 12th Annual Halloween Costume Contest and Office Decorating Contest

On October 31st, Staff Assembly held its 12th Annual costume Contest and Office Decorating Contest. Promoting office unity, morale and fun, nine campus departments decorated their offices. A team of Staff Assembly Executive Board members toured and judged the departments. The Office of the Registrar, with its *Candyland* theme, was selected as the winner. At noon, Staff Assembly held its annual costume contest in the Hib at the University Center. There were too many costumed staff members to fit on the stage so they had to come up in waves. Categories included Best Group Costume, Cutest, Funniest, Most Creative, Scariest and a Vice Chancellor's Choice Award. See <http://www.staffassembly.ucsb.edu/news-events/photo-gallery> for photos.

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