



2011 Fall Campus Updates December 2011

Staff Assembly Monthly Notes

Director of Communications, Bill Manes and his marketing committee have done a great deal to revamp the Staff Assembly Monthly Newsletter. Their ongoing efforts have greatly increased the visibility of Staff Assembly. This committee is also making a concerted effort to encourage the Board to include more photos of Staff Assembly events and activities on the website.

Staff Assembly Outreach

In an ongoing effort to increase Staff Assembly visibility and to more comprehensively serve all UCR staff members, Director of Outreach, Tracy Phutikanit, and her committee hosted two events during the 2011 fall quarter. The first, held in October, took place at and on behalf of the University of California Police Department, Riverside (UCPD R). The early morning breakfast event was attended by approximately 25 members of the UCPD R. The second, held in November, took place at Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS). This lunchtime event was well attended by approximately 40 members of, both, TAPS and Fleet Services. Based on the favorable feedback Staff Assembly received from those who attended, it is clear that these events do increase Staff Assembly recognition and serve to foster a sense of community. Over the remainder of the 2011 academic year, Tracy and her committee are planning another three events. Additionally, Staff Assembly President, Steve Lerer, has been invited to accompany Chancellor White out to Palm Desert to reach out to those staff members who serve that site.

Staff Assembly *Get Recognized* Program

Director of Involvement and Recognition, Alaxis Timothy, heads up a committee that reviews all submissions for the *Get Recognized - A Peer Recognition Program*. In an effort to allow staff to nominate and recognize a fellow staff member whose dedication makes the campus a better place to work, each month, the Recognition Committee reviews staff submissions and selects a winner. The response to this program continues to be extremely positive.

Staff Assembly Scholarships

Staff Assembly supports activities that enrich the personal and professional lives of UCR staff. Director of Professional Development, Lata Patel and her committee review scholarship requests on a quarterly basis. These scholarships can be used for personal growth and development or professional development and degree attainment. For the 2011 fall quarter, Staff Assembly awarded 14 scholarships.

Staff Assembly 2011 Fall General Meeting

On November 8th, Staff Assembly hosted the 2011 Fall General Meeting. At this noontime event, Staff Assembly President, Steve Lerer, shared the 2011-2012 Goals for Staff Assembly which include:

- Increasing the visibility and presence of Staff Assembly through more frequent meetings with upper administration and presentations to relevant meetings.