



Campus Update June 2013

Staff Celebration Week

We had a very successful Staff Celebration Week. It was kicked off with the Chancellor's Staff Luncheon on Friday, May 3rd (the date was changed very last minute from Friday, May 10th). There was a large turnout of staff and new caterers were chosen this year, much to staff's delight. Greta and Kori presented the 10 Staff Citation of Excellence Awards and held our drawing for prizes. We were still able to honor 11 great people on campus (2 people were awarded as a team). Although we were not able to include represented staff in the nominations/awards due to the changes in the STAR program, we still received many strong candidates for nominations.

Our next event was the Staff Ice Cream Social on Monday, May 6th. This is a Staff Assembly Event, but we encouraged all staff groups to come support us, represent their group and advertise other Staff Week events. This was our biggest turnout as far as Senior Administrators as scoopers yet. We had more scoopers than scoops at one point, which gave the Chancellor an opportunity to take photos with people. Our new AVC of Public Affairs and Communications, John Longbreake, was very enthusiastic and said repeatedly that he has worked for Harvard and Yale and has never seen Staff support and groups like UCSB! He let us know he would be happy to support our cause in any way possible and to please include him as we see fit. We are thrilled with this new relationship, as we hope to bridge communication gaps across campus.

We also held our 7th Annual Staff Social in conjunction with the other staff groups on Wednesday, May 8th. The event was very successful and was very collaborative. Light refreshments and donated wine were served. We also had an all female group, the Cheers! Quartet, sing for the event, which was very nice and one of the members is UCSB Staff!

Thursday, May 9th was our Staff Assembly Cookie Contest, which brought many UCSB staff to show off their skills for the event.

The other staff groups held some fun events as well: A Food Truck Show, Bike to Work Day, guided tours of various campus points, free entrance into some sporting and theater events and a Country Line Dancing lesson activity.

PWA Conference Panel

This last event of Staff Week was the Professional Women's Association (PWA) Annual Conference. PWA contacted the Chairs of the other staff groups and invited us to participate in a panel about how to get involved with campus staff groups. It was a small roundtable discussion, but was a great way for all of us to show what we do separately and jointly. We emphasized collaboration and advocacy and Greta and Kori highlighted what both our local Staff Assembly and CUCSA do. As a result of the panel, we had a new person come to our monthly Staff Assembly meeting.

Local Staff Assembly Co-Chair/CUCSA Delegate

We did not have anyone on the Executive Board show interest in being the Co-Chair for next year. Greta and Kori will most likely each do another year of CUCSA. We are both happy to continue our work with CUCSA and work on the projects and advocacy for another term. Greta will be the Senior Delegate again and Kori the Junior.

Engagement Survey

We have finalized the planning process. Towers Watson provided a more in depth survey breakdown for our CHRO. We used that document, along with previous documents to come up with a Presentation for both the Senior Officers debrief and the Staff Town Hall. We worked closely with a consultant that Housing and Student Affairs utilize for many of their Professional Development programs. He helped us put together a really great agenda and presentation. The debrief will occur on Tuesday, June 7th or Tuesday, June 8th. The Staff Town Hall will be on Wednesday, June 12th. We are thrilled this is finally in the final phase.

March CUCSA Meeting

We had a very successful CUCSA meeting hosted at UCSB in March. We had a great group of speakers and activities. We came in under our original budget estimate and received praise from many campus leaders and CUCSA delegates about the meeting. Greta and Kori work very well together and were pleased the meeting was a success for us both personally and professionally.

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