Upcoming Staff Appreciation Week
Our first annual UCOP Staff Appreciation Week has been scheduled for September 18-21. The theme is “Celebrate Us, Celebrate UC” and the week will offer food, fun, wine and cheese, a peek at some new UC-themed merchandise, and culminate with an entertainment showcase featuring talent from our own UCOP colleagues. We will kick off with a lunchtime Taco Tuesday featuring tables manned by UCOP’s affinity groups, a photo booth, and displays of the new UC-branded merchandise as well as giveaways and raffle prizes. On Wednesday, President Mark Yudof and Provost Aimée Dorr will be among UCOP leadership behind the grill at a pancake breakfast and our semi-annual Milestone Service Awards will be presented. Thursday will be reserved for smaller department group activities and Friday will feature a ”We’ve Got Talent” event showcasing UCOP Staff with both live performances and arts and crafts followed by a wine and cheese reception.

Book Drive
OP Staff Assembly is sponsoring a summer book drive to collect book donations for the Oakland Unified School District from the California Young Reader Medal (CYRM) program. Initiated in 1974, this program promotes books read by kids, nominated by kids and voted on by kids in the state’s schools. Books donated by UCOP Staff will supplement resources needed by individual classroom teachers.

Staff Assembly Elections
Elections were held for the OPSA Steering Committee in June and the following persons were elected to leadership positions: Chairperson and Sr. CUCSA delegate, Jeanie Urban; Chair-elect, Nancy Chamberlain; Jr. CUCSA delegate, Gemma Rieser; Co-Programs Chair, Claudia Escobar and Alex Zabelin; Co-Communication Chair, Darlene Alvarez and Peter Forde; Secretary/Treasurer, Teresa Alvarez. Other committee members include: Angela Cheng and Gina Mortenson.