



UC Santa Barbara

Campus Update December 2014

10th Annual Halloween Decorating and Costume Contest

The UC Santa Barbara Staff Assembly hosted our 10th annual costume and department decorating contest on Halloween this year. Social media has played a big part in helping advertise the contests and it is a great tool for us to share the pictures of the winners. The winners of the department decorating contest were the Institute for Collaborative Biotechnologies (ICB). ICB won a gift certificate to a local pizza restaurant for their Alice in Wonderland theme.

A record number of 40 staff members entered the costume contest this year. The costumes were judged by members of our Staff Assembly Executive Board and a guest judge, the Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services, Marc Fisher. Five prizes were awarded including a special award from Vice Chancellor Fisher. Four winners received gift cards to eateries on our campus and the Vice Chancellor's pizza party award went to a department who had dressed up in a Peter Pan theme.

Both contests have been well received on our campus and several departments enter both contests every year. We continue to hear from the participants about how much fun they all have collaborating on themes and decorations.

Staff Assembly Newsletter

We have moved our quarterly Staff Assembly newsletter from a PDF to an online version. This transition is very beneficial since it will create more traffic on our website and give us flexibility with the format. To see our first online newsletter, please visit: <http://www.staffassembly.ucsb.edu/newsletter/fall-quarter-2014-volume-10-issue-1>.

Staff Communication

Staff Assembly along with several other staff groups have been working incessantly on improving staff communication on campus. We have focused our efforts on making the S-List (staff centered listserv) opt out rather than opt in and are continuing to make progress. Staff Assembly invited the new Executive Vice Chancellor, David Marshall, to our October meeting and he showed an immediate interest in our work and listened to our concerns. EVC Marshall expressed his support in making the S-List opt out so we are now moving forward and engaging our Enterprise Technology Systems (ETS) organization to begin working out the logistics.

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