9th Annual Spooky Halloween Competition

It’s time to celebrate Halloween with Staff Assembly. Dress up, decorate your office space, and enter to win great prizes. Thursday October 31, Staff Assembly will have each participating department’s office judge to your UCSB Halloween spirit based on their decorations and costumes. The winning department will receive a gift card and Pizza My Heart to buy lunch for staff.

If your department would like to enter, please provide your department name, location, and the name of a contact person to Great Hale at greta@ucsc.edu by Thursday, Oct 24th.

The inaugural Halloween Costume Competition will be held at 12:15pm in the Hub at the UCB. Gift cards will be given in our prizes in several categories. There is no need to register ahead of time for the costume competition, just show up “Happy Halloween”!

Halloween Contest Information
• Department Decorating Competition
  • Entries Due: Thursday October 24
  • Contact Great Hale – greta@ucsc.edu
  • Completed Thursday, October 31 – see the Staff Assembly Home page on October 30th for participating department list
• Individual Halloween Costume Competition
  • Time: Judging starts at 12:15pm
  • Location: Inside UCB at the Hub

Healthcare Town Hall

Important Town Hall Meetings about 2014 Medical Plans
UC is planning some big changes to its medical plan offerings that may affect you and your dependents in 2014. Staff Assembly members will have new plan choices and some decisions to make. Come learn about the changes and view the new plan choices at Town Hall meetings on Thursday, November 7th.

Sponsored by Human-Resources and Staff Assembly, the Town Hall meetings are your opportunity to hear about how changes are being made and to receive information about the new medical plans. There will also be time to answer your questions.

Two town halls are scheduled:
• November 7th 10:30 – 11:30 AM Crown Pavilion
• November 7th 2:00 – 2:30 PM Crown Pavilion

Sign up for the S-LIST

The S-LIST is a voluntary opt-in system for receiving staff specific event notifications, invitations to see on campus-wide committees, and other information pertinent to UCSB staff members. Increase your awareness of campus issues, ease your notification of events and learn about opportunities to become involved by signing up. The S-LIST is not intended to replace the D-LIST, but rather to augment it.

To opt in:
• Send to email to: liststay@lists.ucsc.edu
• In the body of the email enter subscribe S-LIST/LIST (do not include any other letter or signature in the message)

New Members

Welcome New Staff Assembly Executive Board Member
• Jeri Losada – EVCS Office

Staff Assembly Wants YOU!

Join SAs Coordinating Council and be a part of shaping campus events for staff. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month in The Multicultural Center (MCC). Meeting Time: From 1:00 pm–3:30 pm

Upcoming Mega (Thu): Oct 17, 19, 21, Dec 19
For more info about 6A, email Great Hale – greta@ucsc.edu

What is UCSB Staff Assembly?

Staff Assembly is UCSB’s chapter of the state wide Council of California Staff Assemblies, or CUSCA. UCSB’s Staff Assembly is sponsored by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services and is mission to support the research, teaching, and community service mission of UCSB by serving in an advisory capacity to the Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, senior officers, and other campus organizations seeking staff consultation.

Staff Assembly provides staff representatives to committees requested by campus entities and facilitates communication among and between all staff employees. Additionally, Staff Assembly serves as a formal point and sounding board for all staff employees in issues that are not the province of representative job classifications. General membership includes all active UCSB staff members. Additionally, Staff Assembly provides opportunities to highlight and showcase staff talent and interests and opportunities for staff to share information, ideas and to meet outside of their normal work duties.

UCSB Staff Assembly by-Laws (pdf)

Announcements

Writer Winner: The Third Annual Writer Winner will be held at 10:00am in the Eller Room. Staff authors will be selling their crafts, just as they did last year. Check out their work and then tell them how good they are and how to sign up to be a vendor.

Contact Great Hale with questions – greta@ucsc.edu

Save the Date

9th Annual Halloween and Costume Competition
• Monday, October 28th 5:30 pm in FIAT

UCSB Staff Spotlight – Q & A with Donna Coyne, UC Staff Advisor to the Regents

Where did you grow up?

I was born in Buffalo, NY. But was lucky enough to grow up in Santa Barbara when I was 4. My Dad brought the family here to work for Raytheon where he was for almost 40 years.

How did you come to UCSB?

After high school I got into UC Santa Barbara. Then Santa Barbara. Then Santa Barbara.

What is your current position?

I am the Associate Director of Administrators, overseeing, among other things, the evaluation of more than 7,600 appointments annually. I recently appointed by President Block as Staff Advisor to the Regents - designate, a new year appointment.

What strategies do you use to move up?

Some of it’s just dumb luck and good timing, but the biggest strategy was just being there for the problems’ hard work. External facilities will always play a role in the direction of our careers (some things are really outside our control), but nothing replaces honest hard work. Once I had a hard time job. I looked for areas where I could be helpful and understood. This showed my supervisors that I could handle my job successfully while taking on additional responsibilities.

Have you achieved your goals or diverged from them?

I have achieved most of my personal goals and did a lot more than I thought was possible. And buying a house and professional life-helping to move the decision making forward into the developmental opportunities for people, positioning staff for future advancement. Other goals are elusive, but I really believe it goes in a steady new set of goals. It’s a lot like running! What helpful advice do you have for new staff?

Be good at your job and get the extra mile. People will eventually notice.

Meet Staff Assembly Member – Melinda Lima

My name is Melinda Lima and I am the Personnel and Administrative Assistant for the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor. I was born and reared in Santa Maria, CA. I have worked for the majority of my family with UC.

I transferred to UCSB as an undergraduate and during my senior year had the chance to work as a student assistant in the Physics Department. Three months after graduating in Winter of 2012, I received an opportunity to come back to UCSB and work in my current position.

Although I have only been here for a short time, I feel like I am a great organization to invest time and effort in for the long term. It became clear to me that I wanted to get involved in certain areas and that is what my career path is. That is my main goal as possible. To join) to Staff Assembly (the events and worked hard to become the very good kind of counselor to me as a student staff member such as staff engagement, housing and safety. Even though all staff members are considered a part of Staff Assembly in a important to be actively involved so that you may have the chance to advocate for your priorities or you can represent those in your area on the issues that you are working in.

We are home from home and it is important to contribute towards making our campus a place where you enjoy coming every day.

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