



**STAFF
ASSEMBLY**



General Meeting Agenda

December 15, 2022 | 10-11am

Welcome and Call to Order at 10:05am

Board Self Introductions (2 min)

Public Comments (5 min)

- Kisha McGuire: Thanks Staff Assembly for putting on Bobcat Bites. Austyn confirms we plan to continue offering these events in the future.
- Austyn Smith Jones: There was a joint communication from Staff Assembly and HR sent to staff recently to promote wellness and health, and to encourage supervisors to be flexible and understanding when staff need to use sick time.

COVID Response Center Updates (5 min)

- Jacqueline Guerrero: As of today, there are 49 Covid cases, 12 symptomatic, 37 Covid-positive, 28 student, 9 faculty/staff. Cases are on the rise, including an increase in hospitalizations and deaths. Merced County is back to medium-transmission level. Masking required again for indoor academic classes. Vaccine attestations are past due now, but staff can still submit. Proof of vaccine not required, just attestation.

Affinity Group Announcements

Fall Commencement

- Molly Elazier: External Relations is short-staffed for Fall commencement. Staff are encouraged to volunteer for the events. Friday (12/16) and Saturday (12/17) ceremonies both need volunteers.

Staff Assembly Officer Updates and Comments

- **President's Updates**
 - CUCSA Update
 - Austyn and Ian attended CUCSA meeting at Riverside alongside representatives from other UC campuses. Talked about staff retention efforts and learned about initiatives Riverside is undertaking. Housing in the cities of each campus was a hot topic. UC system is down approximately 5K staff members right now.
 - Two CUCSA workgroups in effect right now:
 - Staff retention/compensation
 - Strategy workgroup for CUCSA organization
 - UC Merced will be hosting this meeting on our campus in March 2023
- **Past President's Updates**



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- Higher Education Scholarship
- Professional Development Sponsorship
- These two scholarship programs are still in the works, but details should be ready to share with membership in the near future
- **Vice President's Updates**
 - Spring Leadership Chats
 - January 12: Delia Saenz will be our guest. There will be a Qualtrics survey sent to staff in advance to collect questions and comments
 - HR Town Hall
 - Topics will include Performance Appraisals and Exit Interview data
- **Secretary**
 - No updates
- **Events Co-Chairs**
 - Sweater Contest
 - More information in the most recent newsletter
 - Upcoming events in Spring
- **Communications Co- Chairs**
 - Share any announcements for newsletter with staffassembly@ucmerced.edu or directly with Communications Co-Chairs

Adjourn at 10:30am