Welcome and Call to Order at 10:04am

Board Self Introductions (2 min)

Public Comments (5 min)
- Alvin: January 22 is start of the Lunar New Year. All colleagues encouraged to take an interest and to celebrate.

COVID Response Center Updates (5 min)
- Jacqueline Guerrero: total COVID case count as of today: 19 cases, 17 COVID positive, 6 staff members, 11 students, 7 campus residents. As of 1/12, Merced is still in medium status. UCM still requiring masking indoors in specific settings.

Affinity Group Announcements
- Jen Heinrich on Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on the Status of Women (CACSW): Committee is starting to meet and looking for members to participate
- Austyn Smith Jones on behalf of CARE: Human Stalking and Trafficking Awareness, upcoming film screening later this month.
- Collin Lewis: New campus art installation in the works for next year, a new 16-foot tall bronze Bobcat sculpture. The art installation will include meaningful words submitted by campus members. Collin will be at the 20th Anniversary celebration to collect submissions. There will also a tabling event that day from 4-6pm, webform too for electronic submissions.

Emergency Management Update – Laura Rodriquez-Mascorro
- Laura provided information and resources related to recent campus storms. Some communities and UCM employees were severely affected. UC Merced campus and satellite sites were not substantially impacted. UC Merced Police have been holding a donation drive. All staff encouraged to bring items, especially child and adult diapers, feminine products. Donation drive will continue through next week. Planada Disaster Relief Day is Saturday, January 21, 2023, 12:00-5:00pm. Laura also suggests we take precautions to be prepared for potential future storms and floods. Alvin shared information about the Staff Emergency Fund. Approval of requests will be expediting, approximately 1 day turnaround time.
  - Other Resources:
Higher Education Scholarship and Professional Development Sponsorship Programs

- Both programs and their applications are live as of today. Information on both here: [https://staffassembly.ucmerced.edu/resources/staff-assembly-resource-programs](https://staffassembly.ucmerced.edu/resources/staff-assembly-resource-programs). Thanks to HR and board members for their work on developing these programs. Keep in mind this is a pilot project, so future arrangements are subject to change. Deadline for applications to be review this cycle is March 1, 2023. These programs come from the Scott Gift Fund.

Staff Assembly Officer Updates and Comments

- **President’s Updates**
  - Regents Meeting happening today. CUCSA delegates gave remarks about staff considerations
  - February 1: UC Black Leadership Roundtable
  - Spring Leadership Chats
    - Feb 17: 1-2pm Leadership Chat with HR
  - Staff Excellence Awards kicking off soon, announcement planned for the near future. Consider nominating your colleagues
  - Staff Appreciation Week will be May 15-19, more information coming
  - Leadership chat with EJIE has been postponed until March. Exact date is TBD

- **Past President’s Updates**
  - Alvin shared updates above

- **Vice President’s Updates**

- **Secretary**

- **Events Co-Chairs**
  - Bobcat Bites planned for February 1

- **Communications Co-Chairs**
  - Next newsletter will go out on January 26

Adjourned at 10:45am