Welcome and Call to Order at 10:06am

Moment of Silence in honor of Art Velasquez

Board Self Introductions (2 min)

- Welcome Lizzy Leonard, new Staff Assembly Coordinator

Public Comments (5 min)

- Alisak Sanavongsay: Invites membership to the Downtown Merced Lao New Year Celebration ([https://vatthanathamlao.org/lny2023](https://vatthanathamlao.org/lny2023))
- Olivia Alvarez: Encourages membership to nominate students for Student Leadership Awards in April. Website to be updated soon: [https://studentleadership.ucmerced.edu/conference](https://studentleadership.ucmerced.edu/conference)

COVID Response Center Updates (5 min)

- Jacqueline Guerrero: Feb 28 ended COVID 19 state of emergency for California, will result in revisions to campus requirements, which will be communicated to campus soon. Currently we are still in medium status. Active 25 total cases right now, 18 students, 7 staff or faculty. Isolation and testing guidelines have changed too.

Guest Speaker: UC Merced Ombuds

- Hector Escalante Meza and Jim Levy presented results of the Ombud’s 21-22 Annual Report and elaborated on the work of the Ombud’s Office
  - Top concerns for staff:
    - Supervisor and supervisee relationship
    - Career Development
    - Organization Mission
    - Peer and colleague relationships
  - Full report available on Ombuds website ([https://ombuds.ucmerced.edu/about-office/annual-report](https://ombuds.ucmerced.edu/about-office/annual-report))
  - If there are follow-up questions, reach out to Ombuds staff directly ([https://ombuds.ucmerced.edu/office-information/contact-us](https://ombuds.ucmerced.edu/office-information/contact-us))

Affinity Group Announcements

- CACSW Announcement: UC WI
Apply for the UC WI professional development opportunity if you are interested. Applications are due March 24. https://cacsu.ucmerced.edu/get-involved/2023-2024-womens-initiative-professional-development

Staff Assembly Officer Updates and Comments

- **President’s Updates**
  - Spring Leadership Chat
  - Regents Meeting – happening now!: https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/meetings/agendas/march23.html
  - CUCSA Chat March 28th | 11-12pm: https://ucop.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0ldOqhqT4qG9Djn600AC9rsScealHgjDqW
  - Leadership Chat with Delia Saenz Registration | April 4th 1-2pm: https://ucmerced.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkc--uqz4sGdeXI7j_cBjnXI9jNgxDIKx3
  - Staff Workshop - Herbs for Mental Health and Mental Wealth with CARE Office | April 11th @ noon | Contact Valara Villanueva: vvillanueva2@ucmerced.edu more details TBD
  - Staff Engagement Survey is delayed this year due to contract issues with UCOP’s vendor. No updated timeline yet

- **Past President’s Updates**
  - Emergency fund has given over $3K in relief funding for staff, approximately three times the allocated amount. Not accepting any further requests for the rest of this fiscal year. Will start back up next fiscal year. Donate to the fund here: https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1650/20/form.aspx?sid=1650&gid=1&pgid=474&cid=1255&dids=262&bledit=1

- **Vice President’s Updates**
  - Excellence Awards
    - Deadline extended to next Wednesday, March 22

- **Secretary**

- **Events Co-Chairs**
  - SAW
    - SAW WEEK (Staff Appreciation Week) during May 15-21. In-Person and Virtual

- **Communications Co-Chairs**
  - Save the date for SAW
  - Reminder of when submissions are due

- **Finance**
  - Program Sponsorship is closed, Professional Development Sponsorship is still open though
    - Staff Assembly Professional Development Sponsorship Application - https://staffassembly.ucmerced.edu/resources/staff-assembly-resource-programs/staff-assembly-professional-development-sponsorship

Adjourn at 10:57am