



**STAFF  
ASSEMBLY**



## **General Meeting Agenda**

*October 20, 2022 / 10-11am*

[Zoom](#)

**Welcome and Call to Order** at 10:03am

**Board Self Introductions** (2 min)

**Public Comments** (5 min)

- De Acker: Campus is building a labyrinth in Kelly Grove between Dining Commons and Little Lake. There will be an event on Nov 3 to kick off the process. Construction is planned to be done by May 2023. The Board is considering a request to contribute sponsorship of the project
- De Acker: Lived Name policy being implemented now, starting first with students this weekend. Employees and staff will be in a later phase
- Christian Ortiz: OIT has been offering a webinar series for the past year about services they offer. Next webinar will be in January 2023 on the topic of Connect (<https://it.ucmerced.edu/BehindTheScenes>)
- This month is CyberSecurity Awareness month (<https://it.ucmerced.edu/news/2022/join-us-cyber-security-awareness-month-2022>)
- Mohabbat Ahmadi: Thanks Staff Assembly for all the efforts and activities we are working on

### **Affinity Group Announcements**

- Kris Greene: Shared information about Staff and Faculty of Color Association and how to get involved (<https://sfca.ucmerced.edu>)
- Priya Lakireddy, Staff Advisor to the Regents: a small group of Regents and Chancellors visiting UCM on 10/28 for meeting on entrepreneurship (<https://regents.universityofcalifornia.edu/regmeet/oct22/innovation.pdf>) Staff encouraged to participate in this meeting to provide public comments. Regents also working on a townhall with President Drake, tentatively for February 2023. Priya encourages UCM staff to get in touch with her via email if there are any ideas or concerns to share, as she interacts directly with UC leadership

### **COVID Response Center Updates** (5 min)

- Jackie Guerrero: Current COVID cases: 17 out of 19 positive cases, 15 of which are students, 2 employees. Merced county is currently in low-risk status, which means masking is encouraged but not required. If conditions change, updates will be posted to the Do Your Part website. However, masking still required in some campus areas like ECEC, Transportation, Health Center. Flu and Covid attestation process has been simplified. Both



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attestations now available for staff to submit online. Staff encouraged to get vaccinated and boosted. Attestations must be completed by December 2. Vaccinations are free for students, but there is a cost for staff

### Guest Speaker – External Relations (TBD)

- Amber Flores: The UC Merced Campaign is launching this week, our first comprehensive campaign, with the goal of raising \$100 million for campus. The name brand will be “Boldly Forward.” Campaign will run through June 30, 2030. More information at [boldlyforward.ucmerced.edu](http://boldlyforward.ucmerced.edu). Every gift dollar contributes to the end goal. Goal will be 10 million per year in general, but after 2030 we will start another campaign. We will be in campaign mode as a campus from here on out.

How does campaign support staff? Gift funds are flexible in how they are used and can be directed toward staff needs as the campus grows. By bringing in students and building up research, it will also build up income to support staff.

### Staff Assembly Officer Updates and Comments

- **President’s Updates**
  - SA has been working on determining how to spend the \$1million gift, hoping to have a fleshed-out proposal within the next few months to share with general membership. SA has also been meeting regularly with campus leadership on various topics
- **Past President’s Updates**
  - Working on two proposals for SA support for professional development and for program scholarships
  - Alvin is serving as staff representative on Chief Information Officer search
  - Chancellor’s Leadership Academy has started. Alvin has been participating and encourages others to participate in the future
  - We are planning to cover EAP and exit interview topics at the November SA meeting
- **Vice President’s Updates**
  - We still have availability for campus-wide committees. SA will be sending more information on how to get involved
- **Secretary**
  - No updates
- **Events Co-Chairs**
  - Bobcat Bites
  - Pumpkin decorating contest extended until next Thursday
  - If you are interested in helping with event planning, consider volunteering
- **Communications Co- Chairs**
  - If you have announcements for the staff community, share with Brenda and Juan or general SA email address
- **Finance Officers**
  - No updates

Adjourn at 10:55