

Staff Assembly General Meeting Minutes August 20<sup>th</sup> via Zoom

## **Board Members:**

- President: Yesenia Curiel
- **Past President**: Priya Lakireddy
- Vice President: Alvin Cha
- Finance Officer: Lorena Magana-Aguilar & Vanessa Hauser
- Secretary: Ian Cooke
- Co-Chair of Programs and Events: Teresa Campos
- Co-Chair of Programs and Events: Ashley Summerset
- Co-Chair of Communications: Brenda Rojas
- Co-Chair of Communications: Austyn Smith
- I. Welcome President Curiel called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

## II. Staff Assembly Executive Board Updates:

- President Curiel informed staff of the following:
  - Thanks to all for attending the Leadership Chat. We wanted the Chancellor to have an opportunity to give us an idea of what his goals are for the UC.
  - If you have any comments or concerns please reach out. We will be holding another in the month of October hopefully.
  - It was suggested to have a leadership chat with Andy Boyd since we get a lot of emails but no actual conversation. We will try to make that happen with proper planning.
  - Recap of goals-Basic needs workgroup to help with what are the basic needs of staff.
    Food and security for example. We want to bring awareness of staff engagement and moral.
  - Asking for general suggestions regarding the survey about what the staff would like to prioritize this year. General consensus was staff agreed with our goals and priorities.
  - Peoples First Work group-staff assembly has two people on this workgroup, Yesenia and Alvin. Reminder that we are trying to bring up issues that are affecting staff and its nice to have staff input on this committee.
  - o If you have any feed back or would like information, please talk to Yesenia and Alvin.
- De Acker-Answering any questions for Covid response center.
  - People have been moved around at the UC to make this work. They have 14 people trained to be tracers and support. Testing is rolling out, if you're not coming to

campus don't worry about it as of yet. Testing will be starting next week. They will be doing Asymptomatic and covid testing.

- Question regarding the mandated flu shot if staff is not required on campus prior to January? This is a UCOP mandate and there some exclusions. There are many hesitations coming from staff.
- Essential workers have been on campus the whole time, De commends them and continues to support
- o Students are moving in this weekend and there will be no in person classes.
- Shout out to ECEC teachers who are helping be eyes and ears on campus.
- Please email De if you have any questions.
- Suggested to add De to our agenda each month.
- Vice President-Alvin Cha informed staff of the following:
  - Quick shout out to the committee reps from last year. We will be selecting new reps from new and old staff members.
  - We are still waiting on new reps for the campus wide committees, they will be announced later.
  - o Currently we 1 or 2 committees that are open for reps. An email will go out shortly.
  - Reps are required to attend staff assembly meetings.
  - Childcare committee has had a hard time meeting since ECEC is closed. We will try to continue these meetings as it is essential for childcare information.
  - These committees are not ran by staff assembly, they are independent.
- Secretary- Ian Cooke informed the staff of the following:
  - EDI and Staff Assembly will be collaborating to establish a staff emergency fund. There will be more to come. We are excited to be working with this office and Dania Matos
- Finance Officer Lorena Magana-Aguilar & Vanessa Hauser informed staff of the following:
  - Budget hoping to be done by the end of this month.
  - If anyone has any suggestions on events, now is the time so they can be included in the budget for this fiscal year. Depending on the Spring semester the budget may be adjusted for in person events.
- Programs and Events Co-Chairs Teresa Campos and Ashley Summerset informed the staff of the following:
  - Events budget submitted a week ago. For the fall we are thinking about remote activities we can do.
  - The month of October a Halloween costume contest.
  - o In November and December, a desk decorating contest.
  - A lunch in play such as Pictionary
  - We are trying to be as inclusive as possible and anyone who wants to join can participate.
  - Spring semester is up in the air, if we are back on campus we will have in person events.

- Using food funds to buy gift cards for the winners after a vote from all staff. Incentive to engage and participate with other staff.
- Suggested by Sharee Sok to play bingo/Jeopardy/Trivia via Zoom using breakrooms to meet other people.
- Communications Co-Chairs-Brenda Rojas and Austyn Smith informed the staff of the following:
  - Newsletter have been sent out thus far, you can except a newsletter 2 times a month from Staff Assembly. We will also have other emails if there is something urgent or announcements.
  - If you have recommendations or something shared on the email, please send to staff assembly email.
  - Leadership chats were recorded and up on our website. We also have a YouTube site that has all recordings.
- Past President-Priya Lakireddy informed the staff of the following:
  - Exciting about the turn out for the Leadership Chat and Town Hall
  - Great ideas from staff, please keep them coming.
  - Staff Assembly is on leaderships radar. They appreciate we have a good understanding of what staff needs and wants. We may be able to bring issues that cannot be brought up on Leadership Chats.
- Informational Items:
  - Willing to use the breakout rooms to gather more information and giving staff the opportunity to connect and have side conversations.

Next General Meeting: September 17, 2020 at 9am

Meeting Adjourned at 9:58 am