



Staff Assembly General Meeting Minutes December 17, 2020 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 9:04

II. Staff Assembly Executive Board Updates:

- President Curiel informed staff of the following:
 - Staff Catastrophic Aid Fund
 - Goes live in February
 - Intent to give people up to two \$75 gift cards within the academic year to help with groceries, gas etc.
 - Link [here](#) to donate
 - ECEC Privatization Updates
 - Communication sent out by Chancellor.
 - Staff Assembly has had correspondence with HR and other senior leaders to encourage them to activate an advisory board so staffs voice is being heard.

- New advisory board being formed regarding land use for UC Merced. We are working to make it an official committee for Staff Assembly.
- Vice President-Alvin Cha informed staff of the following:
 - Salary and Time Reduction
 - Communication sent out regarding this program. Chancellor has chosen not to implement this program at this time.
 - Strategic Planning [Survey](#)
 - Please visit website for more information.
 - Yesenia is part of the governance committee made up of senior leadership. They have two meetings to try and give advisement to the team who is implementing the program. Please visit the website to share your views and concerns. The survey is anonymous.
- Secretary- Ian Cooke informed the staff of the following:
 - No updates
- Finance Officer – Lorena Magana-Aguilar & Vanessa Hauser informed staff of the following:
 - Reminder that staff assembly is collecting toys to donate. Goal is to get 100 gifts. We are far from 100, please donate if you can.
- Programs and Events Co-Chairs – Teresa Campos and Ashley Summerset informed the staff of the following:
 - Contest winner highlight for November, congrats to the winners.
 - Please vote for the door decorating contest going on now.
 - Ugly Sweater holiday party via zoom including a virtual escape room with chances to win a few gift cards.
 - Board Member Vacancy. Terri Campos got a new job and is no longer at UC Merced. We have an opening for the co-events chair. If anyone is interested, please email staff assembly including a little paragraph as to why you would want this role.

- Communications Co-Chairs-Brenda Rojas and Austyn Smith informed the staff of the following:
 - If you have things that you would like to go out in our newsletter. Please email staff assembly.
 - We will be sending out a new link for the door decorating contest.
- Past President-Priya Lakireddy informed the staff of the following:
 - Police advisory board is doing an orientation with UC Merced PD today. She will share at the next meeting
 - Black Lives Task Force made presentations to the Chancellor and Provost yesterday to implement new policy.
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 - COVID Response Center and Asymptomatic Testing
 - They are extremely busy doing case tracing
 - People are starting to run out of leaves due to Covid and the flu. Nicole Pollack and Luanna Putney discussed how to donate your leave to people that need it.
 - New asymptomatic testing site on January 4th in the California room in a partnership with UC Davis. This will be saliva based testing. This will be mandatory if you work on campus.
 - Job Exchange Bank
 - The opportunities are unique to Covid and the job bank will facilitate temporary positions.
 - This is about reprioritizing our work not for people that don't have enough work.
- Informational Items:
 - Callale Concon will give a report of the Ombuds annual report. 55% of staff uses this office and she would like to share the data.

Next General Meeting: January 21, 2020 at 9am

Meeting Adjourned at 9:54 am