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Staff Assembly Current e-news: New Staff Assembly Council members, Juneteenth webinar, Open Conversations with leadership

This is your monthly Staff Assembly e-newsletter, distributed on the second Tuesday of each month (read archived past issues). As staff members at UC Agriculture and Natural Resources, you are ALL part of UC ANR Staff Assembly. We on the Staff Assembly Council help advise senior leadership and advocate on your behalf, and we also organize programs and events that promote your professional development and personal growth. (Note: Academics are members of our counterpart entity, Academic Assembly.)

Welcome to our new Staff Assembly Council members!

The election is done and the results could not be more exciting – a team of 13 volunteers have been elected to Staff Assembly Council for FY23-24, comprising what is thought to be the largest council in the history of Staff Assembly at UC ANR.

The Council for the next year will be (asterisks indicate new members for FY23-24):

- Scott Brayton, Chair
- Dohee Kim, Vice Chair
- Shirley Salado, Senior CUCSA Delegate
- Monica Drazba, Junior CUCSA Delegate
- Sue Lake*, Treasurer
- Christine Davidson*, Scribe
- Mike Hsu, Communications Chair
- Andrea Warner*, Program Co-Chair
- Kathryn Stein*, Brooke Haley-Herevia*, Program Co-Vice Chairs
- Jodi Azulai*, Wellness Chair
- Rosa Vargas, Education Reimbursement Chair
- Saoimanu Sope*, Ambassadors Chair

"This truly is a historic group we have elected, and we are all excited and energized to plan a new year of programs and activities that will help make UC ANR an even better place to work, learn, and grow in your career," said Scott Brayton, the returning Staff Assembly Council chair.

The new group will be welcomed during the monthly SAC meeting on June 20, and the terms for the Council members for FY23-24 officially begin July 1. Stay tuned to learn more about your peers who have generously volunteered to fill these leadership positions!

Don't miss online Juneteenth celebration on June 14

Tomorrow, June 14, join UC ANR's Black and Allied Employees group for a webinar to celebrate Juneteenth, commemorating the end of slavery in the United States.

During this event (10:30 a.m. to noon), we will learn about the lives of Keith Nathaniel, Ed.D., 4-H youth development advisor and director of UCCE in Los Angeles County, and Mary Blackburn, Ph.D., UCCE family and consumer sciences health and nutrition advisor in Alameda County. They will describe their journeys in agriculture and extension, how their experiences shape their work, and how their lives connect to present patterns of inequity that are commonly believed to be a thing of the past.

Zoom link: https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/99024484120?pwd=b3hkeXBiMEhRNWJ1a1VrOWhVdHZFdz09

See Employee News blog post for other login options and full details, as well as information on Juneteenth events throughout the week organized by the UCOP Black Staff and Faculty Organization.

Sign up for informal conversations with UC ANR leadership, June 20

In the next online session of "Open Conversations with UC ANR Senior Leadership" (June 20, 1 to 2 p.m.) attendees will have the opportunity to chat with Interim Associate Vice President Deanne Meyer and Associate Vice President for Business Operations Tu Tran.

To participate, submit an interest form as soon as possible, as organizers seek to limit the session to 20 attendees to allow for more in-depth, meaningful dialogue. Participants will have a chance to submit questions and topics in advance to help guide the conversation.

Please contact Program Support Unit at anrprogramsupport@ucanr.edu with any questions.

Reminder: Next deadline for educational reimbursement Oct. 31

UC ANR Staff Assembly provides financial assistance for career and professional training and development through the Educational Reimbursement Program. If you participated or will participate in a training/development activity between April 16, 2023 and Oct. 31, 2023, the next deadline to apply for reimbursement is **Oct. 31, 2023**.

All ANR career staff employees (represented and non-represented) who have completed the probationary period are eligible to apply, as well as all UCCE County paid staff employees in good standing. Visit the website for more information and to apply for funds.

Learning & Development: Management Skills Assessment Program; Closed Captioning

UC ANR has two "backup" spots open for the **Management Skills Assessment Program** (MSAP), October 9-12, 2023 at the UCLA Lake Arrowhead Conference Center. This program assesses the management

skills of high potential, early career (1-5 years) supervisors – academic and staff – for future leadership opportunities at the University of California who exhibit potential for management development.

Apply by June 21, 2023. If there is a last-minute spot, you will be invited to attend. Otherwise, you will have priority for the April 2024 MSAP program. UC ANR Learning & Development pays your way. Contact Jodi Azulai (jlazulai@ucanr.edu) for eligibility requirements and other questions.

On June 15 (noon to 12:30 p.m.), join UC ANR IT Training and Development Specialist Stephen Dampier for "**How to Add Closed Captioning to YouTube**," a key component to making video content more accessible.

Zoom Meeting: https://ucanr.zoom.us/j/5307501239?pwd=WDI3U2g5cXRvWUhVUlY3MitJWkVVUT09
Meeting ID: 530 750 1239 Phone +1 669 900 6833 US
Password: 4Collab

For additional upcoming Learning & Development workshops and events, visit the website.

Submissions for future issues of Staff Assembly Current

We invite you to submit brief notices (150 words or less), directly related to Staff Assembly-led topics and programs, for inclusion in future issues of the Current. It will go out every month on the second Tuesday. Deadline for submissions is the last day of the previous month. Please ensure your item is relevant to all (or nearly all) UC ANR staff.

Email your submissions to Mike Hsu, SAC communications chair, at mjhsu@ucanr.edu. Thank you!