

Santa Clara University
2014-2015 Staff Senate Year-End Recap

Guest Speakers:

September: Mike Hindery, Vice President for Finance & Administration

October: Sandra Hayes, Dean of Undergraduate Admission

November: John Ottoboni, General Counsel

December: Michael E. Engh, S.J., University President

January: Bob Owen, Chief Information Officer and Charlie Ambelang, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources

March: Belinda Guthrie, EEO & Title IX Coordinator and Lester Deanes, Assistant Dean for Student Life/Staff Affairs Committee Chair

April: Ed Ryan, Vice Provost for Planning and Institutional Effectiveness

May: Chris Shay, Assistant Vice President for University Operations

Committee Events and Initiatives:

Events Committee:

The Staff Senate Events Committee coordinated all aspects of the annual Staff Faire for all SCU staff on St. Ignatius lawn. Staff Faire ran from 11:30am-1:30pm. It included a lunch, department vendor faire and raffle celebration. 28 departments/organizations were represented. They highlighted activities and programs planned for the upcoming year. During lunch music was provided by John Hyde. The opportunity raffle included over 50 donated prizes from SCU departments and local businesses.

Communications Committee:

The Fall/November Newsletter featured updates on: Staff Senate Membership, a recap of the Staff Faire, a feature on the Holiday Gift Drive, a bio on Mike Hindery, and a bio on Bob Owen. The Spring/April Newsletter featured updates on: Staff

Senate Elections, the Library first floor remodel, the Community Day of Service, and the June Staff Recognition Event. Website updates included: current senate membership roster and events updates with future meetings.

Community Service Committee:

The Staff Senate Community Service Committee worked with Alumni Office and Ignatian Center staff to coordinate our annual Community Day of Service for SCU faculty, staff, students and alumni. This year a total of 155 volunteers participated: 58 alumni, 29 staff, 3 faculty members, 38 undergraduate and graduate students, 3 parents and 24 guests. Four projects were part of the SCU Thriving Neighbors Initiative at Washington School: 1) Reading, where volunteers read literature with K-5 students; 2) Sports, where volunteers joined students for sports activities including soccer drills and more; 3) Gardening: where volunteers worked in the organic gardens at Washington and Gardner schools which provide environmental and nutritional education for students, and; 4) Art: where volunteers shared their creativity by assisting students to create their own masterpieces. There were also two other service opportunities volunteers had the opportunity to participate in: 1) Sacred Heart Nativity School where volunteers helped with some much needed fix-up projects in the classrooms, and; 2) Sacred Heart Community Service where volunteers sorted food for those in need.

Additional New & Ongoing Accomplishments:

- Invited Charlie Ambelang to sit at all Staff Senate meetings as an ex-officio member and answer HR related questions.
- Per Bob Owen's request, we elected a Staff Senator to sit on the Technology Advisory Committee. Marta Murchison, the Associate Director, Systems and Data Analysis from the Financial Aid Office was nominated and reported out at each meeting.

- Discussed and put forward a joint letter with the Staff Affairs Committee, asking the Benefits Committee and Human Resources to take a closer look at staff retiree and housing assistance benefits.
- External Committee Representation
 - o **Dining Services Committee:** Jeremy Wang
 - o **Parking Committee:** Kathryn Hutchings
 - o **Staff Affairs Committee:** Jenny Sullivan
 - o **University Coordinating Committee:** Claire Shaw
 - o **University Budget Council:** Claire Shaw
 - o **Technology Advisory Committee:** Marta Murchison
- Providing support at the Staff Recognition event on June 16th.
- Inviting newly elected Senators to join our June 18th Staff Senate meeting to get oriented and help elect our President, Vice President and Secretary for next year. Our areas of staff representation are:
 - o **Arts & Sciences**
 - o **Athletics**
 - o **Auxiliary Services**
 - o **Business**
 - o **Education and Counseling Psychology**
 - o **Engineering**
 - o **Information Services**
 - o **Institutes**
 - o **Law**
 - o **Library**
 - o **Public Safety**
 - o **Social Services**
 - o **Student Administration**

- **Student Services**
- **Support Finance**
- **University Administration**
- **University Relations**
- **Next Addition for Next Year: Jesuit School of Theology**