The 2013-2014 University Classified Staff Council has been hard at work since the beginning of the year. The UCSC membership consists of: elected representatives from each operating unit; one member appointed by the President; one member appointed by the Affirmative Action Officer (currently shared by two individuals); and additional ex-officio members. Visit the UCSC website for more information.

Meet the 2013-2014 Council

We proudly introduce our 2013-2014 officers. From left to right: Beth Ardoin-Watson, Chair-elect; Denée Swann, Treasurer; Linh Trinh, Chair; Joan Payne, Secretary; and Chris Ajadi, Parliamentarian.

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2013-2014 UCSC Officers
UTHealth President Colasurdo Attends December Meeting
Presents Strategic Plan to UCSC

The UCSC was honored to welcome the UTHealth President, Giuseppe N. Colasurdo, MD, to its December meeting. In attendance with Dr. Colasurdo were: Osama Mikhail, PhD., Senior Vice President for Strategic Planning; Karen Parsons, Associate Vice President of Planning and the President's Chief of Staff, Rose Hochner.

Topics discussed at this meeting included an update on the UTHealth Strategic Plan. The committee members received a draft of the plan and were asked to provide feedback.

In addition, Dr. Colasurdo discussed professionalism and UTHealth’s tuition.

Mr. Kevin Dillon Gives UTHealth Financial Update to UCSC Members

Mr. Kevin Dillon, UTHealth Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Operating and Financial Officer, presented an overview of the financial status of UTHealth at the UCSC September meeting. He stated that UTHealth had a positive net income in its previous fiscal year thanks in large part to the university's deans, staff, faculty and students. He also informed members that UTPhysicians is one of the largest medical practices in the State of Texas with around 3000 providers. Finally, he encouraged classified staff members to make sure they continue to correctly code their vacation and sick time on timecards.
The theme of this year’s UCSC Retreat, held on July 19, 2013, at the Cooley Center, was “Time.” The workshop, emceed by UCSC members Beth Ardoin-Watson and David Hyden, focused on personal and leadership development. Speakers at this workshop included: Crystal L. Perkins, Founder, President and CEO of My Legacy Foundation, a 501 c(3) non-profit organization created to address the educational and social needs of our future leaders; Jane Henry, Founder and CEO of Xcution, a management consulting company that facilitates organizations in taking their business to the next level; K. Lance Gould, MD, FACC, professor of internal medicine at UTHealth Medical School and executive director of the Weatherhead PET Center for Preventing and Reversing Atherosclerosis, who spoke on “How to Beat the Odds of Heart Disease.” Our thanks to all three speakers for making time to inform and educate the classified staff.
Brown Bag Session Huge Success

The UCSC Staff Development Committee, headed by JR Bright, held a Brown Bag lunch session in October for the university classified staff employees. The topic of this session was “Building Success through Skill Development,” and the keynote speaker was Anjanette Sullivan, Learning and Development Manager, for Human Resources at UTHealth.

Sullivan introduced many ideas in the session and showed attendees how to identify methods to help them determine the skills required for their dream job. She also helped attendees assess their skills gaps and create an action plan to address their skill gaps and finally in order to obtain the job.

Attendees participated both in person and via campus videoconference locations at in-Houston, UCT-Houston, Austin and Dallas.

Reminder to UCSC Representatives!

Please send all publications and correspondence to the Communications Committee prior to publishing, mailing or emailing.
The Educational awards committee is hard at work this year ensuring that our graduates have a great start to their future college education. To date the committee has sponsored fund raisers including Hot Dog sales and Boo Bags.

Children of UTHealth Classified Staff who are about to graduate from high school can now access the application resources for a monetary educational award by going online to the UCSC Web site and selected Education Awards. Please click here for more information regarding the awards.

Recipients will be selected in the spring and awards will be bestowed at the July Workshop with family/friends in attendance.

Now is the time to start working on your application. Applications will not be accepted if they are incomplete or late. Also, only children of Classified Staff at UTHealth are eligible. This is not open to sister institutions nor children of faculty.
The **UCSC** held its **FY14** retreat in August. This annual retreat welcomes new Council members and allows members to make decisions for the upcoming year. Michael Dixon, 2012-2013 Chair, opened the meeting and Eric Fernette, UTHealth Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer gave the welcome message.

In addition, this session included a review of UCSC’s history; an overview of the Standing Committees; a review of affiliation and recruiting, recognition of the departing members; the election of 2013-2014 Officers and Council affiliations; and nominations for non-voting members and the Coordinating Committee Member Meetings.

The session was very informative and set the stage for the upcoming year!
UCSC
FY14 Retreat

MEMORIES OF THE FY14 UCSC KICK-OFF RETREAT!