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Greetings from your Staff Assembly President



Time to celebrate the new year! A big thank you to the Facilities and Campus Safety staff for their around-the-clock efforts to keep campus safe during the blizzard. It's been an exciting start to 2016. As you know, the Board of Trustees enthusiastically supported the vision behind the creation of a new welcome center on Main Street, the groundbreaking for the Innovation and Discovery Center and the development of a distinctive Philadelphia experience. We have a lot to look forward to—as President Blomberg said, we are all partners in carrying this vision forward for Ursinus. Please use the [Idea Exchange](#) on the Grizzly Gateway to continue sharing your thoughts with each other on these exciting projects—all ideas are welcome and everyone is encouraged to join the forum!

-Missy Bryant



MEETINGS

The last Staff Assembly meeting was held on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 in Lenfest Theater. **The minutes will be forwarded in a separate email at a later date.**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, **March 16, 2016** in Bomberger Auditorium at 10:00 a.m. Refreshments will be provided starting at 9:30 a.m. in the lobby.

The Mission of the Ursinus College Staff Assembly

Strengthening and promoting campus unity, identifying opportunities for improvement in the workplace, and creating an environment of mutual respect and trust throughout the College community.

Coursera

Thanks to those who expressed interest in participating in a group *Coursera* experience. The selections for the next few months are not very extensive, so we will be re-evaluating in the summer for Fall of 2016. That being said, a few Wellness/Nutrition courses are available in the more immediate future, and the Professional Development subcommittee will be discussing upcoming opportunities for collaboration with NewU. Of course, registration is free and quite simple. Classes are held on a rolling basis. Simply visit the "Sign Up" tab at www.coursera.com and feel free to explore on your own!

From UCARE

Bonner Leaders & Scholars in Service: The application for UCARE's two highly-engaged service leadership programs will become available in early February. If you know any stellar first-year students who would be interested in developing their leadership skills through community involvement, please encourage them to apply! Interested students can contact Katie Turek at UCARE for more information.

Request for Donations: Local youth empowerment program, HIP HOP Inc. in Pottstown is seeking donations of culturally diverse books (for 6th-12th grade) and artwork for their brand new program space. Contact UCARE if you are interested in donating!

Service Opportunities for Staff:

- **Daily Bread Community Food Pantry** is looking for volunteers to assist participants during food distribution hours on Thursday evenings or Saturday mornings.
- **Parkhouse Nursing and Rehabilitation Center** is looking for volunteers to spend time with residents, and is particularly in need of volunteers to help with their new birdwatching club!
- **Girl Scouts of Southeastern PA** is seeking committed adults to serve as troop leaders and assistant troop leaders. There are more than 1,000 girls currently on a waiting list for Girl Scouts due to a lack of adult volunteers.

Join Us for Happy Hour with President Blomberg!

President Blomberg has graciously offered to host the next Staff Happy Hour at his home on **Wednesday, February 17 from 3:30-5:00pm**. Come shake off those winter blues and relax with your colleagues for an afternoon!



Staff Assembly Elections

It's time to start thinking about our upcoming elections! Four positions on the executive cabinet will be opening up and we will be seeking nominations for candidates. Elections will take place in April via Wufoo for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We encourage all Staff to come out and be a part of this very important group as we strive to promote the mission of Staff Assembly at Ursinus.

Bear In Mind: Send us your topic of interest, comment, concern, or suggestion. All submissions can be given anonymously unless you choose to provide your name. You can complete the Bear In Mind form on the Staff Assembly website, or email your comment to: bearinmind@ursinus.edu.