Welcome from the Chair

Welcome to the 2013-2014 term of the Staff Employees' Council. With each year, we become more informed and involved in the shared governance of the University, and one of the ways we do that is through our monthly meetings.

Each month, we invite different guest speakers, including the President, Provost, General Counsel, Parking and Traffic Director, and Vice President of Facilities, to speak to us so that we as classified staff are informed about and involved in every aspect of University life. Did you know that you can come listen to our guest speakers too? All of our meetings are open to you. To find out when our next scheduled monthly meeting will take place, or to submit a topic you would like us to discuss at an upcoming meeting, visit our website www.unr.edu/SEC.

One of the topics we discussed last year was weapons on campus. We conducted a poll of classified staff regarding a resolution to keep weapons out of the University, we drafted that resolution, and we sent it forward to the President. This year, the Executive Vice President and Provost asked us to report on forms that could be handled electronically rather than physically. You should have received something from your representative to ask your opinion on potential future electronic forms.

Polling and soliciting input from our constituents is an activity of the Council that will be increasing this year. We will ask for input from all classified staff a few times this year on some upcoming ideas for campus. We now have the ability to conduct polls through SurveyMonkey, and while the final totals of any polls will be shared with campus administration, individual information will not be shared with anyone other than the SEC Executive Board.

We hope to continue to have an active voice in the shared governance of our University for many years to come. In order to do that, participation is critical, not only from SEC members, but from all classified staff. While we may not be able to change everything, having a voice is important. If your representative does not reach out to you, please feel free to contact them. Our website, www.unr.edu/SEC, should be updated with the 2013-2014 final Council names by November 15, 2013.

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SEC seeks Employee of the Month nominations

⇒ Do you know someone who does excellent work, even during campus’ busiest times of the year?
⇒ Is one of your coworkers a determined, positive person who takes ownership of projects and strives to succeed in the face of challenges?
⇒ Does a fellow University employee go above and beyond?

If so, you know one of our future Employees of the Month. Help them get the recognition they deserve. Let the campus community know how wonderful it is to work with them in your college or unit. Nominate them for an award today! Anyone can submit a nomination.

Please visit http://www.unr.edu/Documents/SEC/forms/ClassifiedEmployeeOfTheMonth-NominationForm.pdf to learn more.
A heartfelt THANK YOU!

Each August, the Staff Employees’ Council says goodbye to the representatives whose three-year terms have ended. This year, we say farewell to and thank the following for their time, hard work and service to the Council and fellow employees:
- Lee Green– Facilities Maintenance Services
- Lynda McLellan, School of Medicine
- Nancy Kelly– College of Engineering
- Phyllis Snedecker– Development & Alumni Relations
- Shannon Sisco– Library/IT

Welcome aboard!

While we are sad to see those with expiring terms go, we are happy to have the following join us on the Council as representatives. We know they will bring great new ideas, knowledge and skills with them and will serve the Council and their constituents well.
- Albert Bonk– Library/IT
- Betsy Brownfield– Business & Finance
- Carla Geib– College of Liberal Arts
- Debra Glogovac– UNSOM
- Harley La Roche– Facilities Maintenance Services
- Jodi Fraser– President’s Division
- Linda Ward– Provost’s Division
- Mary Miller– Facilities Maintenance Services
- Natsumi Housley– College of Education
- Pamela Terango– Development & Alumni Relations
- Robert Hernandez– Facilities Maintenance Services

For a complete list of representatives, visit www.unr.edu/sec.

Interact with us

To sustain our active voice as classified staff in the shared governance of the University, the Staff Employees’ Council needs your help!

Without your feedback, support, criticism, questions, comments, concerns, etc., we cannot properly voice and address the interests of classified staff in the operation of our University.

We need you to interact with us:

1. **on our website**: Visit www.unr.edu/SEC to learn more about the Council. Discover and connect with your SEC representative, submit a topic for the Council to discuss, nominate a coworker for Employee of the Month, and more!

2. **through our newsletter**: Sending this document through campus mail to every University classified employee is our way of reaching out to those we represent. To make it a more interesting and useful experience, staff are encouraged to reach back! Submit newsletter feedback and ideas to us at sec@unr.edu.

3. **at our meetings**: SEC meetings are open for all to attend. Meeting information is posted on our website and Facebook page. Topics discussed at SEC meetings are also open; submit a Hot Topic for discussion online at www.unr.edu/SEC.

4. **in surveys**: This year, we will conduct several online SurveyMonkey surveys about upcoming campus changes. Your responses will be kept confidential and will help shape the future of the University. If you have questions about any SEC survey you receive, let us know. Contact information for SEC representatives is available online at www.unr.edu/SEC.

5. **on Facebook**: Stay up-to-date on issues concerning University staff by liking our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StaffEmployeesCouncil. Liking the page does not share any of your personal information with us; it simply allows our posts to show up in your Facebook News Feed. You can visit our page and see our posts even if you do not have a Facebook account. Through these posts, you’ll learn about educational and promotional opportunities, staff discounts at stores around town, flu clinics, new Employees of the Month awardees, and more. Like our page today!