



The University of Michigan-Flint Staff Council Newsletter

Spring 2010

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Staff Council Newsletter is Green!

Look for your newsletter each semester delivered to your email inbox! The newsletter can also be accessed at:

www.umflint.edu/staffcouncil/newsletter

Sterling Staff Awards

The Sterling Staff Award is designed to acknowledge staff members for their contributions to the campus. Submitted by a student, faculty or staff member, a Sterling Staff Award lets staff know that they are making a difference, that what they do is valued, and that they are recognized for going the extra distance in their work.

Each month, staff members who are nominated will receive a certificate via campus mail.

Nominate a deserving staff member online!



<http://www.umflint.edu/staffcouncil/sterlingstaff/>

Letter from the Vice Chair

Welcome to Spring 2010! The trees are coming out of their dormancy and sprouting flowers and new leaves. The tulips and daffodils are bursting from the ground in their natural splendor. We've already had a good taste of nice weather and warmer days are on their way! The busiest time of the year is coming to an end. Commencement will be soon, and the spring semester will start. The campus won't be quite as busy, but there will still be a lot of things going on.

For Staff Council that means nominations for Staff Recognition Awards, and the election of new representatives. If you know someone that you would like to nominate because of their exemplary service to our great University, or if you yourself would like to represent your fellow staff by being a representative for the 2010-2011 Staff Council, watch your email for information on how to do just that!

Staff Council is active in many organizations here on campus with members serving as representatives on committees such as Auxiliary and Recreation Services, College Athletics Planning committee, Student Housing committee, Parking committee, Veteran's Day Recognition committee, Welcome Back Picnic, and many more. Some of our successes in the past have been improving tuition reimbursement procedures, Rec Center membership for retirees, Sterling Staff Awards, First Year Student Book Project, electronic elections, Leadership Flint Staff Scholarship, Staff Dependent Scholarships, open parking on Fridays, to name a few. Please feel free to check out our website at www.umflint.edu/staffcouncil/.

Earth day is Thursday, April 22. This year we will celebrate the 40th year of Earth Day by combining the celebrations of Mott Community College and University of Michigan – Flint on Saturday, April 24 from 9 am - 3 pm at UM-F campus in the Harding Mott University Center. There will be over 50 vendors and community organizations participating with presentations throughout the day in KIVA as well as outdoor games, recycled art show, egg hunt, hybrid and high mileage vehicles, animals, and much more.

Come and learn how to Live Green, and **Go Blue!!**

Barbara Bassett, Vice Chair

Staff Council Elections 2010

Staff Council is looking for candidates to run for the 2010-2011 Staff Council. There are seven positions open for non-Union employees.

If you are interested, or know of someone who might be interested in running for Staff Council, please submit the names of nominees to Rhonda Broadworth, Staff Council Chair, at rbrdwtrth@umflint.edu by 5pm on Friday, April 30, 2010.

Not quite sure about what Staff Council does? Visit our website at www.umflint.edu/staffcouncil and read our brochure located under "About Us".

THE ELECTION WILL BE HELD ONLINE ON MAY 4 & 5.

Upcoming Events

Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 24, 2010
9 am - 3 pm
UCEN

Birthday Club Party

Wednesday, June 2, 2010
1 pm - 2 pm
Michigan Room A, UCEN

Spring 2010 Commencement

Sunday, May 2, 2010
2:30 pm - 5 pm
Perani Arena and Events Center

Service Awards and Staff Recognition Award*

Wednesday, June 9, 2010
Flint Golf Club

Staff Council Elections

Tuesday, May 4 & Wednesday, May 5, 2010
Online

Staff Recognition Luncheon

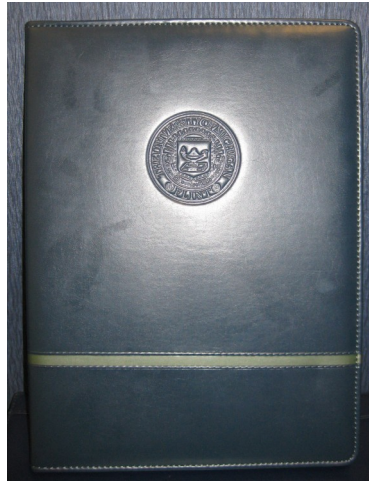
Tuesday, May 18, 2010
11 am - 1 pm
Michigan Rooms, UCEN

*The Chancellor and University Human Resources will be hosting the 25th Service Awards and Staff Recognition Dinner on June 9th at the Flint Golf Club. Honored invitees will include employees with 10, 20, and 30 years of service, recipients of the Staff Recognition Award, and the Dorothea Wyatt recipient.

Items for Sale



Bags - \$3.00



Portfolios - \$12.00



Mugs - \$5.00

These items make great gifts! If interested, contact a [Staff Council member](#).

M-Healthy Rewards

It's not too late to participate in M-Healthy Rewards! The reward this year is \$100.00 (pre-tax dollars) that can be added to your paycheck at the conclusion of the program. To get started, visit the M-Health Rewards website at: <http://hr.umich.edu/mhealthy/programs/rewards/index.html> to fill out the health questionnaire and find out about other eligible activities towards your reward. It's a great step towards a healthier YOU and it comes with a monetary reward, too! The deadline to complete the questionnaire is **May 7th, 2010**. Check it out today!

Kids Kare

Kids Kare at Home is a back-up child care program for families at the University of Michigan. It can be used:

- If your child is sick and cannot be sent to school/child care
- When your regular child care is not available (e.g. inservice day)

For more information, visit <http://hr.umich.edu/worklife/kidskare/index.html>

Staff Perks

Tuition Support for Staff

- The fund is available on a first-come, first-served basis
- Eligible staff members may receive up to 100% of in-state tuition and fees paid from central fund as long as funds are available (directly proportional to appointment fraction)
- Enhancement: Maximum of 18 credits per fiscal year (July 1 to June 30)
- For more information, visit:
http://www.umflint.edu/hr/Tuition_staff.htm



Dependent Child Tuition Scholarship Program

- New in Fall 2006, this program allows dependent children of UM-Flint regular Faculty and Staff members the potential for a scholarship towards the cost of UM-Flint tuition
- For more information, visit:
http://www.umflint.edu/hr/Employee_Benefits.htm

Bookstore Discount

- Faculty and Staff receive a 10% discount on all items except food and textbooks - simply bring your M-Card to receive your discount!



Did U Know?

UM-Flint Parking

- Open parking during the Spring and Summer semesters
- Open parking after 5 pm during the Fall and Winter semesters

Birthday Club

Four times a year, Staff Council hosts a birthday party with delicious cake, refreshing beverages, and delightful conversation. What a great way to meet other staff members on campus! If you would like to join the Birthday Club, contact Barb Bassett at bassettb@umflint.edu or 762-3169 with your name, email, department, phone number, and birth date.

Next Birthday Club Party:

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

1 pm - 2 pm

Michigan Room A, UCEN

RSVP to bassettb@umflint.edu



We Want to Hear Your Concerns!

Submit comments and concerns online at:

<http://www.umflint.edu/staffcouncil/feedback.htm>

Visit Us Online!

www.umflint.edu/staffcouncil