Who We Are

History:
Staff Assembly formed following a 1990 task force study. It consists of three groups:

1. Staff Assembly (all staff members of UM-Flint)
2. Staff Council (elected UM-Flint staff)
3. Staff Council Advisor (VC for Business & Finance)

2013-14 Staff Council Members:
Bob Mabbitt (Chair) | University Relations
Lynn Barbee (Vice Chair) | English
Sandy Alberto (Secretary) | TCLT
Della Becker-Cornell | ECDC
Suzanne Shivnen | Political Science
Angie Spade | Public Health
Laurie Green | Custodial Services
Bruce Sepanak | Public Safety
Vicki Ames | Custodial Services
Dana Woolcock | ITS

Staff Council officers are selected by fellow council members at the first Staff Council meeting following their election.

What We Do

The Staff Assembly and the Staff Council stimulate and maintain a spirit of unity and open communication between the University Support Personnel and the Administration of the University of Michigan-Flint.

Staff Council serves as an agent of Staff Assembly. The terms of Staff Council members are two years. All Staff Council members are eligible for re-election at the end of their two-year term. After serving two terms, a member needs to be inactive from Staff Council for one year before being eligible again for re-election to Staff Council.

Goals:
• Provide open communication on campus between UM-Flint staff and administration
• Promote lifelong learning through special programs and professional development
• Channel concerns to administration and suggest proposals and solutions with Staff Assembly input
• Recognize staff achievements
• Increase staff morale through events and activities
• Raise funds for projects that benefit Staff Assembly

Staff Council members also serve on committees and/or volunteer at campus events, including:
Commencement • MLK Day • Math Field Day • Super Science Friday • Research Conferences • United Way Campaign • Welcome Back Picnic • Women’s Night Out • Move In Day • Veterans’ Day • and more

Recent Successes

Implementing 2011-2016 Strategic Plan Priority #3: Expand Staff Professional Development
- taking steps to make Staff Council membership more representative of all types of campus units
- encouraging inclusion of more staff members on campus decision-making committees

Initiated Staff Council Information Sessions
- Life-Long Learning: UM-Flint Staff as Students
- UM-Flint’s Dependent Child Tuition Program
- Conflict of Interest/Conflict of Commitment Policy

Helped Plan and Fund New Lactation Room
Staff Council led the effort to establish a lactation room connected to the women’s restroom on the 2nd floor of the Harding Mott University Center.

Formed Working Relationship with Faculty Council
At the March 20, 2013 Governing Faculty meeting, a motion was adopted which states, in part:
"In an effort to further the future of the University, Faculty Council commits to engage with Staff Council to identify shared interests and further shared efforts to this effect…"

Helped Move United Way Giving Process Online
Staff Council and United Way CEO Jamie Gaskin have collaborated to establish a new electronic process for future UM-Flint United Way campaigns, eliminating paper pledge forms.
Calendar of Events

Information Session: Personal Safety
Wednesday, August 21, 2013
11:30 am–1:00 pm, Michigan Rooms A-B, UCEN

Birthday Club
(for birthdays in July, August, and September)
Thursday, August 8, 2013
1:00–2:00 pm, Alumni Room, UCEN

Birthday Club
(for October, November and December birthdays)
Thursday, November 7, 2013
1:00-2:00 pm, Alumni Room, UCEN

Staff Holiday Breakfast
Tuesday, December 10, 2013
9:00–11:00 am, Michigan Rooms, UCEN

Information Session: Personal Safety II
Tuesday, January 21, 2014
11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Michigan Rooms A-B, UCEN

Birthday Club
(for birthdays in January, February, and March)
Wednesday, February 12, 2014
1:00-2:00 pm, Alumni Room, UCEN

Staff Council Recognition
Award Nomination Process Begins
Monday, April 8, 2014

Staff Council Election Process Begins
Monday, April 15, 2014

Birthday Club
(for birthdays in April, May and June)
Wednesday, May 7, 2014
1:00 – 2:00 pm, Alumni Room, UCEN

Staff Assembly Breakfast
featuring the Staff Recognition Awardee
Thursday, May 22, 2014
9:00 – 11:00 am, MI Rooms, UCEN