MEET OUR NEW CHANCELLOR

Dr. Cathy A. Sandeen joined UW Colleges/UW-Extension on December 15, 2014 as Chancellor of both institutions. Dr. Sandeen previously was the Vice President for Education Attainment and Innovation at the American Council on Education and served in that position from 2012 until joining UW Colleges/UW-Extension. Some of her prior appointments included Dean of Continuing Education UCLA Extension at the University of California Los Angeles (2006-2012), Vice Provost and Dean of University Extension and Summer Session at University of California Santa Cruz (2000-2006) and previously held several leadership positions at the University of California San Francisco.

Dr. Sandeen holds a Ph.D. in Communication from the University of Utah. She earned a Master’s of Business Administration in Management from UCLA, a Master’s in Broadcast Communication from San Francisco State University and a Bachelor’s degree in Speech Pathology from Humboldt State University. In addition, she currently serves on several boards and committees.

Dr. Sandeen has two grown daughters, Marisa Sandeen Compesi, an attorney in San Francisco and Cara Sandeen Compesi, a law student at University of Washington in Seattle. Her hobbies are reading (voraciously), yoga, and art. She loves living in downtown Madison.

Welcome Chancellor Sandeen!
2014-16 CLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Classified Staff Council members for 2014-16 are:

- Dan Kursevski (CeOEL) – Chair
- Lisa Perkins (Coop Ext) – Vice Chair
- Suzanne Samuelsen (GEA) – Secretary
- Donna McLaughlin (DEED)
- Janet Waldburger (GEA)
- Ramona Gasper (GEA)
- Rick Mills (Coop Ext)
- James Wegener (BAMI)
- Russ Awe (BAMI)

The Council meets monthly, typically on the 3rd Thursday of the month, from 10 a.m.-12 noon. All Council meetings are open to the public. The Council meetings usually include a briefing from the Chancellor, Provost, Human Resources and other offices within UW-Extension to give updates on various matters. The agendas and minutes of the Classified Staff Council are posted on our website.

Feel free to contact any one of your council members with questions, comments, concerns.

CHECK OUT OUR WEB PAGE

It has taken a little while to get things rolling on our webpage, but we are making progress. The Communications Subcommittee continues to work with Information Technology and the Office of the Secretary of Faculty and Staff to add documents, links, etc. Please check out the UW-Extension Classified Staff Council webpage for meeting information, CSC membership list, links to classified staff personnel policies, etc.

WE CAN USE YOUR HELP

The Classified Staff Council has established subcommittees revolving around priority issues. We are looking for one or two more classified staff (including Limited Term Employees) to sit on a couple of these subcommittees. Please take a moment to review the list and contact Suzanne Samuelsen, suzanne.samuelsen@uwex.edu, 265-5917, to discuss serving on one of the committees. Your assistance is vital in fulfilling the goals of each of these committees.
KEY PRIORITIES/ISSUES IN 2014

Some of the issues that the Council has been working on over the past year or so are:

1. Establishment of subcommittees.
   a. Compensation Issues
   b. Classified Climate Issues
   c. CSC Communication with Classified Staff
   d. University Personnel System (UPS)
2. Workplace Climate (see Recommendations Report). A couple of key issues:
   a. Inclusion of classified staff on more search & screen committees for classified staff, academic, faculty and administration positions. Classified staff are encouraged to volunteer to serve on search and screen committees. One way to do so is to fill out the Expression of Interest Form.
   b. Professional development for institutional leaders/supervisors. This has been identified as a priority for UW-Extension overall and more will be forthcoming in the months ahead.
3. University Personnel System (UPS). The Legislative Joint Committee on Employment Relations (JCOER) in April 2014 approved implementation of new personnel systems for UW System and UW-Madison. These new personnel systems will become effective July 1, 2015. There will be developed two distinct personnel systems: one for UW-Madison and one for all other UW System institutions. UW-Extension Classified Staff Council has become involved in the past few months with review of various policies, etc., in order to address issues specific to UW-Extension Classified Staff members. One major area is reviewing and providing feedback on the UPS Operational Policies. As more decisions are made and policies created, we will provide information in as timely a manner as possible based on resources available to us. Continue to check out the UPS website as well as the Classified Staff Council website.

WHAT’S NEXT?

- Meet and Greet members of the UW-Extension Classified Staff Council
  o Thursday, February 19, 2015; 9:45-10:00 am
  o Studio A; 2nd Floor; WI Public Television, Vilas Hall, 821 University Avenue
    All welcome and encouraged to stop by for introductions!
- Brown Bag Session
  o Tentatively planned for early March
- Meet and Greet members of the UW-Extension Classified Staff Council
  o Tentatively planned for March CSC meeting -- watch for more information
  o Continuing Educ, Outreach & E-Learning (CEOEL); 5602 Research Park Blvd., Ste 3000

The UW-Ext CSC members look forward to meeting you at these events or others we are planning for April through June, 2015.