



APAC News

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APAC, Senate Elections Held

Academic Professionals in a campus-wide vote recently elected one AP member of the University Senate and six members of the Academic Professional Advisory Committee for three-year terms, 2009-2012.

Re-elected to a third term as an AP Senator was **Jacqueline Berger**, Communications Coordinator, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research. In a contested election, Berger defeated **Charmaine Daniels**, Associate Director of Customer Service, University Student Financial Services and Cashier Operations.

Daniels, however, was elected to one of six seats being contested on the Academic Professional Advisory Committee. Joining her on APAC will be newly elected members **Virginia Buglio**, Grants Manager, Office of Research College of Dentistry; **Michael Crehan**, Program Coordinator, Campus Programs; **Adrien Davis**, Assistant to the Head/Director of Administration, Department of Biological Sciences; and **Margaret Moser**, Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Research. In addition, Berger was elected to an APAC seat as well as her Senate seat.

With two seats with unexpired terms to fill, **Holly Ann Burt**, Program Coordinator, Library of the Health Sciences, was named by APAC to fill the 2009-2011 spot and **Sophia Magill**, Coordinator, Greek Advisor, and SAFC Advisor, was named to the 2009-2010 seat.

APAC therefore has every seat filled. Crehan had been serving as a temporary member of APAC filling an unexpired term until being elected in his own right. Burt is Co-Chair of APAC and will continue in that role.

APAC Hosts SURS Update

Nearly 100 Academic Professionals, representing all stages of the UIC professional journey, filled the room last Tuesday, April 21, to hear **Lee Bridges'** annual update on the State University Retirement System (SURS). Bridges is a SURS retirement counselor

The event included lively and participatory discussions with the audience and a number of specific presentations by Bridges. Topics covered included information on the stability of the SURS benefit program and what portions can be effected by legislation; the differences between the program options – traditional, portable, and self managed; the procedures of retirement distribution; and how the pension amount is calculated.

Special thanks to APAC members **Cathy Foley-Divittorio** and **Marietta Giovanelli** for organizing this exciting event, part of APAC's Open House series.



JOYCE WINN RETIRES—Above, Joyce Wynn (front row, third from right), of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, is retiring from the University and from APAC; she has been a member of APAC for 20 years. She is shown with some of her APAC colleagues, and (below) with Karen Ein, of the University Library, who presented her with a gift from APAC for her long and meritorious service.



New Arrivals

Jennifer Czak, Assistant Director, Research Development Services, Office of Research Services, and APAC member, recently had a baby, **Ian Bradley Czak**, born at 2:27 p.m. on Feb. 27, weighing 7 lbs., 12 oz., and measuring 21 inches. She reports that “mom, dad, baby, and big sister are all great.”

May APAC Meeting Set

The May APAC meeting will be held in Room 2550 of University Hall on the East Campus on Thursday, March 14, at 12:30 p.m. All Academic Professionals are invited to attend.

SURS Trustees Election Coming

The State of Illinois has changed the composition of the State Universities Retirement System Board of Trustees. Instead of all members being appointed by the Governor of Illinois, the new board will consist of 11 trustees: the head of the Illinois Board of Higher Education; four trustees appointed by the Governor; four elected by the contributing members of the system; and two annuitants elected by the annuitants of the system.

Of the four contributing members, up to two may be from the same campus in the University of Illinois System.

Contributing member candidates will be nominated by petitions in writing, signed by no fewer than 400 contributing members. The deadline to submit signed petitions to SURS is Wednesday, May 13. Ballots will be mailed to voters on Friday, May 29, and must be returned by Wednesday, June 17. Election results will be announced Thursday, July 2.

For more information or for a nominating petition, log on to www.surs.org or call 1(800) ASK-SURS.

Grievances

To learn about UIC campus grievance procedures for Academic Professionals, log on to: <http://www.uic.edu/depts/oa/Docs/griev.pdf>.

APAC Bylaws Amendments Pass

Several amendments to the APAC bylaws passed at the April 9 meeting.

The first changes the numbers of APAC meetings missed from three to four to be considered a resignation. The rationale was that with APAC holding more meetings than ever, three was too low a threshold for members to be removed from APAC.

The second and third amendments provide equal standing and voting privileges to elected and appointed APAC members. Members are appointed to APAC only if there are vacancies, and the consensus of APAC was that if such members are doing APAC work, they should have all rights and privileges of membership.

Updating UIC Listserv Emails

Do all your email lists have subject lines? PACADEMY does, but that may not have been the default you signed were on. Have you been receiving the digest version and want to switch to the regular version? Do you need to change how your name is listed or your email address?

You can easily update your settings for the UIC listservs - just go to

* <http://listserv.uic.edu/>

* Subscribers Corner

For example, if you want to add a heading to your PACADEMY list, click on

* PACADEMY

* LISTSERV-style, with list name in subject [SUBJECTHDR]

Other information and settings are included in the Welcome Message you received when you were signed on, as well as on L-Soft's LISTSERV website.

Coming Up

Mark your calendars for May 19th, when representatives from the Active Transportation Alliance (ATA), as well team captains for UIC's Bike to Work week, will be meeting to discuss biking as a commuting option and the role of UIC in the annual commuter challenge. Go to www.apac.uic.edu for more information as it becomes available.

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