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Jill Davis "Hustles Up" in various roles

APAC Secretary Profile

By Ivone DeJesus

WHEN YOU see the picture of Jill Davis "hustling up UH," you realize she is an energetic and passionate individual. She likes to attend concerts and explore the Illinois Prairie Path (to which she happens to live very close). Davis has participated in the "Hustle up UH" event sponsored by UIC Athletics and the University of Illinois Alumni Association. She also enjoys the "guilty pleasure" of watching reality TV, which she attempts to balance by being an avid reader.

DAVIS CAME to know UIC as an undergraduate student, not only attending classes but working on campus. Currently, she serves as Assistant to the Executive Director at the Center for Advanced Design, Research and Exploration (CADRE). Prior to her position at CADRE, she was an Admissions Counselor in the Office of Admissions.


AT CADRE, she develops a variety of skills including internal and external communications, organizing various meetings, and travel, as well as exposure to research practices and policies. "We have a great team and I really enjoy the company of my colleagues," Davis said.

UIC HAS been an integral part of Davis's life and Davis has been integral to UIC. She initially joined APAC because she was transitioning from being a UIC student to an Academic Professional (AP) and was looking for ways to get involved with the AP community. "APAC was just what I was looking for," she said.

SINCE 2005, her involvement with APAC has evolved quite a bit; she now is entering her second year as APAC Secretary, and she also is one of three members of the University Senate representing APAC. During the past several years she has seen many APAC accomplishments, including the recent implementation of electronic APAC elections. Davis noted that APAC also has "increased visibility" on campus through this publication, APAC News.

ADDITIONALLY, DAVIS mentioned that the APAC Open House and Brown Bag events continue to draw large crowds due to APAC's "commitment to provide relevant event topics" that are of interest to APs.

WHEN DAVIS reflects about the accomplishments of the past, she cannot help but be optimistic about the future, stating, "I would like to see fellow APs attending APAC meetings and joining our subcommittees this year."

She added that "any AP is welcome to volunteer on a subcommittee, and our meetings are open, so please join us." 



CONTRACTS CHANGED TO ALLOW FURLOUGH DAYS

WHEN AUGUST'S Notification of Appointments (NOAs) are released, you might notice a significant change in the terms. Under another expected tight year of budgets, the University has changed NOAs to allow the institution of unpaid furlough days.


WHILE THE University has allowed for the possibility of furloughs, an email sent to the campuses from President Joseph White, Chancellor Paula Allen-Meares, and her counterparts at Springfield and Urbana, states that "we are not, at this time, declaring furlough days for fiscal 2010".

HOWEVER, THEY were written into the contracts to allow the flexibility to do so. The email continues: "We hope that they, and other actions to reduce personnel costs, will not be needed. But we must be prepared."


THE POLICY is being described as "interim" and will take effect in August.

JOHN LOYA, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, notes that a great deal of analysis will be needed before deciding on the mechanics of implementing the furloughs.

FOR MORE information on this policy, please visit:

[HTTPS://HR.UILLINOIS.EDU/POLICYCOMPLIANCE/POLICYLIBRARY/HRPOLICY/FURLOUGH.CFM](https://hr.uillinois.edu/policycompliance/policylibrary/hrpolicy/furlough.cfm) 

AUGUST MEETING SET

The August APAC meeting will be held in Room 4250 of the Molecular Biology Research Building at 900 S. Ashland Ave. on the West Campus on Thursday, August 13, at 12:30 p.m. All Academic Professionals are invited to attend. 



LOOK AHEAD! SIX APAC EVENTS PLANNED

UNDER THE theme "Best Foot Forward," the Academic Professional Advisory Committee has at least six events planned for the upcoming academic year on such topics as employment, wellness, networking, the State Universities Retirement System, and resources, and there will be a Fall Open House as well. For more information, check the APAC website at <http://www.apac.uic.edu/> or see future issues of APAC News.



GETTING INVOLVED

APAC MEETS the second week of each month. Meeting locations alternate between the East and West Campuses. Meetings are open to all Academic Professionals. A complete list of meeting dates for the year can be accessed via the APAC Web page.

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