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APAC INVOLVED IN BIKE TO WORK WEEK



BIKING TO WORK GETS MORE POPULAR

By ROB MORANETZ, JILL DAVIS

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONALS who might like to bike to work, but aren't sure of the best ways to go about it were recently invited to participate in an APAC event designed to coincide with the City of Chicago's Bike Summer program.

MICHAEL ALVINO from the Active Transportation Alliance, an organization that promotes walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transport, came to the UIC campus (on his bike, of course) to give a primer on the how-tos of biking to work. After Alvino's presentation a question and answer period was held led by **Kevin Monahan**, a graduate student and member of UIC's College of Cycling organization and **Beth Sholtis**, the transportation intern at the Office

of Sustainability. About 20 people attended.

TOPICS COVERED included what to wear while biking (anything you're comfortable in), what do you do if you get a flat (jump on the bike-friendly CTA), and what are the safest routes (bike-laned streets).

IN ADDITION to the presentation, APAC Co-Chair **Rob Moranetz** along with Admissions, the Office of Sustainability and Green Mountain Coffee sponsored a Commuter Station for bikers on the first day of the annual commuter challenge, where universities compete to increase the number of bikers on campus.

ABOUT 75 people stopped by the station this year to chat with other university bikers, and fuel up on coffee and snacks.

LOOK AHEAD!
CHANCELLOR PAULA ALLEN-MEARES TO ADDRESS APAC THIS FALL.



CHANCELLOR PAULA Allen-Meares will appear at the APAC Open House in September, and all Academic Professionals are invited. Look for details in upcoming APAC communications.

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.

WWW.APAC.UIC.EDU

BENEFIT BEAT

A comprehensive list of discounts available for UIC employees can be found at <https://nessie.uihr.uillinois.edu/cf/benefits>. Among discounts available are tuition waivers. Employees' children under age 25 are eligible for a 50% tuition waiver for undergraduate studies at all U of

I campuses, Chicago State, Illinois State, Governors State, Eastern Illinois University, Northeastern University, Southern Illinois University, and Western Illinois University. Academic professional and faculty employees and retirees are eligible for full tuition and fee waivers at the three U

of I campuses. Civil service employees are eligible for a full tuition and fee waiver at all Illinois public universities, and retirees are eligible at the three U of I campuses.

MEET THE NEW APAC CHAIR

HOLLY ANN BURT

LIBRARY PROGRAM COORDINATOR, CHAIR OF APAC

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WHEN YOU ask Holly Ann Burt about her job at UIC, she says it's "a bit complicated."

SHE BEGAN working at UIC in 2005 as Program Coordinator; however, Burt actually works for the National Library of Medicine (NLM), which has a contract with the UIC Library of Health Sciences. Her title is Outreach and Exhibits Coordinator for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Greater Midwest Region. In addition to exhibiting in the ten states of her region, her job includes teaching others about the NLM databases and creating resources for librarians to share with those who use these databases. Many would agree that at a university like UIC, knowledge of research tools and databases are of extreme importance.

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BURT BECAME involved with APAC in her first year of service at UIC because she was new to the University. Having come from a non-profit organization, she wanted to learn more about what it meant to be an Academic Professional (AP). She also felt that UIC AP librarians should "have a voice on the committee and input into processes that affect the library community," Burt said.

SHE REFLECTED on her work with APAC, stating she is very pleased with the way APAC is "reaching out and connecting with the academic professional community." She



added that the dedicated membership are doing things like updating the website, publishing APAC News, and offering regular brown bags and open houses. A highlight this year was holding the first online elections, she said.

BURT THINKS it is important to mention that in addition to APAC, APs are represented by UPPAC, the University Professional Personnel Advisory Committee (www.uppac.uillinois.edu). UPPAC meets regularly to address the needs of APs on each of the three University of Illinois campuses. The responsibility to serve as chair rotates from campus to campus, and this past year it fell to the UIC APAC. "We

decided to split the tasks so that while Rob Moranetz chaired APAC, my primary responsibility was to chair UPPAC where I had served as alternate for the past two years."

THIS IMPORTANT committee lifts the issues from each of the campus APACs to share with the University President and with each other. She added, "It has been a privilege to chair UPPAC this past year and meet with our colleagues across the state. I look forward continuing to serve on both APAC and UPPAC and as your representative in the coming years."

WHEN ASKED what she would like to see APAC achieve in the upcoming year, she said, "I echo the words of my co-chair for the past year, Rob Moranetz, in expecting to continue to offer high quality programs and events to help UIC Academic Professionals be informed,

connect, network, and feel a sense of ownership in this excellent institution."

DURING HER spare time, Burt enjoys time with her two cats, Lluinja (short for Little Lady Ninja - which this calico certainly is) and Tralina (the softest furred black and white critter you'll ever meet). While they love reading together, they do prefer sitting on her keyboard (instead of lap) while she does genealogy research or watches online television episodes she missed.

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ELECTION RESULTS

NEW APAC OFFICERS COME FROM A CROSS SECTION OF CAMPUS

APAC HELD elections for its Executive Board in June. **Holly Ann Burt**, Program Coordinator, University Library of the Health Sciences, was elected Chair. She formerly was Co-Chair with **Rob Moranetz**, Coordinator of Recruitment Communications, Office of Admissions, who is stepping down from the Co-Chairmanship to serve as Webmaster. **Kimberly Dawn Clark**, Associate Director for Secondary Education, Student Affairs, LAS, was re-elected Vice Chair. **Jill Davis**, Assistant to the Director, CADRE, was re-elected Secretary.

GRIEVANCE SUPPORT

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONALS are allowed to have another person sit in on grievance proceedings and APAC is empowered to provide that person should an employee request it. In recent months, two employees have asked APAC to provide a member to join them during the grievance process. While the APAC member cannot advocate for the employee, he or she can provide support for the employee during a stressful time.

SURVEY ON THE WAY

SUBCOMMITTEE LED BY MICHAEL MOSS NEARS PROJECT COMPLETION

A SURVEY about working at UIC will be coming to Academic Professionals from APAC sometime this summer. Please watch for it and fill it out to let us know your opinions of UIC. We will provide survey results to Academic Professionals and to the Chancellor.

JULY APAC MEETING SET

The July APAC meeting will be held:

2550 University Hall - East Campus
Thursday, July 9 at 12:30 P.M.

All Academic Professionals are invited to attend.



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