Anastasia (Stasi) Chase, Information Practices Coordinator, UC San Diego

Stasi Chase has brought innovation and proactive leadership in serving on the UC Records Management Committee these past 4 years. She has volunteered for highly successful workgroups, resulting in a new framework for policy on information governance, in particular the electronic communications policy and the public access and privacy policies we all rely on in our daily work. During her time with the records management program, outreach to the campus has encompassed more than 3,000 faculty and staff. She continues to volunteer her services on committees, and has taken a deep interest in the privacy of information, and how it impacts each of us, at home and at work. Stasi continues to model her volunteerism and willingness to lead, by taking on the role of president of one of San Diego’s exemplary pre-schools during her daughter’s term. Her efforts led to new programs and restructuring the administration, to be responsive to those served by the community school. She enters every avenue she can, for sharing her expertise and willingness to create a positive learning environment, most recently leading a Girl Scout troop in her neighborhood for a group of highly engaged six year old girls.

Stasi serves the community and the citizens of the State of California, in her work in public records. She often provides guidance to our legal counsel on matters pertaining to the California Public Records Act, and has been instrumental in the past two years, in providing mentorship and coaching to new IPA coordinators across the University. Our outreach and collaboration have resulted in accolades from her colleagues, and recognition at system-wide meetings.

In 2020, Stasi chaired the Information Practices conference on January 28th taking a vision for the modern office and developing the program content, which offered more than 300 of her peers the opportunity to learn of the importance of handling and managing information. Her vision for the event, was embraced by the hundreds of people attending the conference, and resulted in such positive feedback, and the hope that she will continue to foster additional events. Some praise for her work included the “…wish that such an event were held annually!” The event had an exceptional array of speakers and interesting content, which Stasi developed over the past year.

On Campus, Stasi has been a champion of the effort to revitalize our legacy systems, working on the first ESR projects, resulting in the Kuali System design. She continues to champion the process improvement environment, earning her six sigma black belt, upon receiving a scholarship in 2016. From this time, Stasi has mentored her colleagues, to apply for scholarships and we now have the six sigma process development as an added feature of our records management program on campus.

Stasi is a champion of diversity and inclusion, mentoring many students and fellow staff to promote a widely diverse workplace. Stasi has built relationships across the campus, and consults and provides information sharing with many staff new to the campus, such as the UC San Diego privacy officer, who remarked recently, when Stasi was appointed to a new workgroup, that Stasi was just the person to be involved, with her sense of humor, and approach to partnering on solutions.

Stasi demonstrates her respect for the mission of the University, and her overarching willingness to help others has led to her recognition by campus leadership of her superior customer service to all those she serves.

I highly endorse her recognition as a leader that has lifted the University’s recognition across the State, in her efforts to help those she works with, for the benefit of our faculty, staff and students.