

**UC Merced
Campus Update
September 2011**

SA Membership

Staff Assembly at UC Merced currently has 127 members. Chancellor Leland is supportive of eliminating dues thus allowing all staff to be members of Staff Assembly. The Executive Board will submit a formal budget request annually. Staff Assembly is expanding to include subcommittees for annual events. New subcommittees include: First Fridays Committee, Community Service Committee and Staff Appreciation Week Committee.

Executive Board Meeting with Chancellor

The Executive Board met with Chancellor Leland in July 2011 and discussed Staff Assembly's mission, structure, CUCSA, accomplishments, short-term and long-term goals. Discussion also focused on how Staff Assembly can best support the Chancellor's initiatives. Chancellor Leland supports Staff Assembly's mission and encouraged the Executive Board to contact her directly regarding staff concerns.

Town Hall

The fall annual town hall meeting with Chancellor Leland was held in August 2011. It was sponsored and hosted by Staff Assembly and moderated by the Staff Assembly President. All campus community members were invited to attend. Some of the topics covered included: budget, space concerns, faculty to staff ratios, and CareerTracks. It was generally well-received and staff appreciated the opportunity to open up channels of communication between the administration and staff.

Campuswide Committees

The campus continues to submit requests to Staff Assembly for staff representatives on campuswide committees. There are currently 09 SA members on campuswide committees. Staff Assembly has drafted and issued written guidelines to those representatives on the expectations of their role as a staff representative.