



## **Campus Update March 2012**

### **New By-laws Approved**

Members approved revisions to the By-laws on February 15, 2012. The following are the major highlights of the changes to the by-laws:

- Eliminating membership dues and making all non-student staff eligible members
- Adding a new Finance Officer-Elect Executive Board position
- Allowing the President and Past President to vote
- Updating officers' duties
- Building in a provision for going into executive session
- Expanding the ability to vote electronically

A communications Opt-in list and process will need to be created and adopted to allow eligible members to receive Staff Assembly correspondence.

### **Spring Town Hall**

The second annual town hall meeting with Chancellor Leland will be held on March 26 at 1pm. It is sponsored and hosted by Staff Assembly and moderated by the Staff Assembly President. All campus community members are invited to attend.

### **Staff Appreciation Week 2012**

Organizing efforts have begun for the 2012 Staff Appreciation Week, which will take place from June 11-15. This year's celebration will feature a week packed with activities and will culminate in an All-Staff Picnic sponsored by the Chancellor in the Carol Tomlinson-Keasey quad. The slogan for this year is "Summer Camp" and activities will include Talent Show, Volleyball Tournament, Ice Cream Social, Grams, Parade of Mini Floats, and Disorderly Conduct Holding Tank among others. Net proceeds from fundraising activities will go toward the scholarship fund for children of UC Merced staff.

### **Staff Citation of Excellence Awards**

Planning has begun for the annual Staff Citation of Excellence Awards. Five \$500 awards and crystal cubes will be presented at the annual staff picnic to the selected PSS staff members with one year of UC Merced service. The planning committee is in the process of constituting the selection committee, which will consist of a previous winner, the Staff Assembly Past President and three to five other members from across campus. Historically there have been approximately 40 nominations submitted every year.

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