



Campus Update September 2012

Staff Appreciation Week 2012

The 2012 Staff Appreciation Week was a great success! The week-long celebration of staff included a variety of events including a staff breakfast, ice cream social, games tournament, and balloon pop fundraiser. The closing event was a staff picnic hosted by the Chancellor. The proceeds raised will go towards the scholarship fund for children of UC Merced staff.

Town Hall

The summer town hall meeting hosted by Staff Assembly was held on August 20th. Campus leadership in attendance included the Chancellor, Interim EVC & Provost, and Vice Chancellor for Administration. All campus community members were invited to attend. Some of the topics covered included: Improved campus communications, staff training, executive searches, and the impact on UC Merced if November 2012 tax measures do not pass.

EVC and Provost Search Committee

The work of this committee has been completed. Chancellor Leland announced the appointment of Dr. Thomas A. Peterson, who currently serves as Assistant Director for Engineering at the National Science Foundation (NSF). He will begin his new duties as Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost for UC Merced on December 3, 2012. His extensive background in academics and research and his knowledge of the critical support role played by grant-making organizations such as NSF will be invaluable to our growing campus.

Quarterly Meetings With Chancellor Leland

Chancellor Leland has agreed to meet with the UCM Staff Assembly President, Past President, and Vice President on a quarterly basis. Meeting dates have been identified and scheduled for the academic year. This is a wonderful opportunity to continue to build our relationship with the Chancellor and provide us with direct access to discuss issues related to staff.

Campuswide Committees

The call for new representatives went out to our constituents and we have interest in all committees needing representation. Committee representatives were voted on in closed session of the Executive Board on 8/24/12 and will be announced in the near future.

Scholarship Fund

UC Merced has awarded our first \$1,000 scholarship. This scholarship was based on financial need and goes to a well-deserving staff member's dependent.

Career Tracks Forum

At the request of Staff Assembly, Human Resources will conduct an open forum on August 30th regarding the new Career Tracks compensation and classification program for non-represented employees.