



Campus Update March 2013

2nd Annual Staff Group Winter Warmer

Staff Assembly, in collaboration with the Chancellor's Staff Advisory Council (CSAC), the Professional Women's Association (PWA), and the Academic Business Officers Group (ABOG), put on the 2nd Annual Winter Warmer. This year was a huge success, increasing the number of participants, vendors and sales from last year. The advertising, collaboration and staff support was incredible. We offered cookies, other baked items and hot beverages for staff, encouraging them to bring reusable cups; we also had an opportunity to hand out more BevMo bags (donated by the company to us for staff) and encourage people to participate in the door prize drawing by submitting feedback and comments to the staff group representatives. We are pleased to have this annual staff activity and look forward to continued success in the years to come. We also plan to do our 2nd Annual Spring Bazaar, collaboratively, where vendors will be able to bring their items for sale at our upcoming Staff Social during our Staff Celebration Week in May.

Staff Assembly New Website

We launched our new Staff Assembly website in February and are very pleased with the new look as well as the ease of access and navigation. Our old website was very basic and there was not a lot of information, detail or appeal. With the new site, we have been able to more effectively display our news and events, offer a place for important links to other information for staff, have relevant and current information, and we added photos. We are pleased with our new branding and opportunity to reach more people and give more insight to staff and others about Staff Assembly and CUCSA and all that we do.

<http://www.staffassembly.ucsb.edu/>

Staff Citation of Excellent Awards

With the new STAR process in place, we have had to alter our target audience for the awards. We are now, unfortunately, not able to give the award to non-policy covered/represented staff. This really limits our nominations process, as a large number of the nominees are staff in such positions. We are hopeful that we will still receive enough nominations; the deadline is Friday, March 1st. We have received several phone calls from people asking if the above-mentioned staff are in fact not eligible; we have explained in some detail about it being related to unions having to approve this award program and that thus far none have done so. We will continue to work on this to get this group of staff in the eligible category.

Staff Housing

After many years of working with UCSB administration on Staff Housing, we are starting to see actual movement on this issue. The Campus Planning Committee (CPC) is in the process of reviewing and submitting a policy to the Chancellor regarding the prioritization of staff for housing. This prioritization, a random lottery process, was originally formulated and recommended by the Staff Housing Workgroup, a collaborative effort of the four staff groups at UCSB. The Workgroup will continue to work with the CPC as the lottery is developed. We also plan to hold a series of Town Hall meetings for staff to explain the process. The first housing units slated for staff are scheduled to be available in Fall 2014.

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