

Campus Update

UC San Diego Strategic Planning Council and SC-SPOC

The role of staff in the strategic plan is becoming clearer, with the roles of staff being mentioned in several sections. There is a section (Strategy 13) that specifically mentions improving the work environment, market alignment, and staff development.

As part of the ongoing Strategic Planning process, a Standing Committee on Service and People Oriented administrative Culture (SC-SPOC) has been created. This in support of Goal 5 from the strategic plan: "Creating an agile, sustainable, and supportive infrastructure by ensuring a dedication to service, people, and financial Stewardship". The makeup of this committee is largely academic with appointed advisors from several VC areas and the Staff Association.

Change Management and Innovation Crowdsourcing

The Chancellor has initiated a series of change management trainings that will occur during spring quarter. These will target 800 people from senior leadership to PSS 1 staff members, with the goal of broadening understanding of change management and how to successfully engage in change. There will also be an ongoing crowdsourcing initiative aiming to cull the best ideas for change from the UC San Diego population.

New Art on Campus

A bronze sculpture of Sojourner Truth on Ridge Walk was unveiled on January 22nd, and the Black Legacy Mural at the Price Center was unveiled on February 11th. The tabletops near the mural have portraits and information about the individuals featured in the mural. These pieces of art join other public artworks on campus dedicated to diversity and activism, such as the Martin Luther King & 37th Street mural and Chicano Legacy 40 Años mosaic.

Triton Food Pantry Grand Opening

The Triton Food Pantry opened on February 5th and is open to all registered undergraduate and graduate students at UC San Diego. It is run by two student managers with funding from Associated Students (AS). This initiative developed from presentation to AS by the Food Insecurity Workgroup.

Senior Leadership update

- Becky Pettit is the new Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, effective March 23, 2015.
- Pierre Ouillet was appointed UC San Diego's first Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer in November 2014.
- The search for a new Assistant Vice Chancellor of Human Resources is underway.

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