



UCSF Campus Update December 2014

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UCSF Staff Council Changes Name to UCSF Staff Assembly

In October, the Staff Council discussed changing our name to the Staff Assembly to become uniform with the other campuses. In November, staff voted to change the of the UCSF Staff Council to the UCSF Staff Assembly. We have started to use the new name on communications and we have successfully modified our website and website address to reflect the change.

New Chancellor Hawgood Visits Assembly Meeting

Soon after being named as the new Chancellor of UCSF, Dr. Sam Hawgood asked to meet the Staff Assembly to introduce himself and discuss issues important to staff. The main theme of the discussion was around the cost of living in San Francisco and what could be done to relieve financial pressures on staff. Details included expanding child care services and finding ways to increase compensation. Chancellor Hawgood noted the concerns and asked to schedule more meetings with staff in the future.

Staff Recruitment Event

As the Staff Assembly continues to grow, we have capitalizing on the new energy by planning staff events. The most recent event was a staff "meet-and-greet" with cookies. During lunch we set up a table and offered all staff members cookies. From this event we were able to sign up over 10 new staff members to our listserv. We hope to hold more events in the future.

UC Regents Approve Long Range Development Plan

In November, the UC Regents approved UCSF's proposed Long Range Development plan. This plan is important for staff as it outlines the plans of campus leadership to consolidate staff and faculty to two main locations, Parnassus and Mission Bay. Currently the staff are scattered across multiple locations across the San Francisco and the East bay. Using the money saved from ending leases downtown and the future sale of the Laurel Heights campus, UCSF was able to purchase several plots of land in the Mission Bay area. In the coming years, thousands of more staff will be moving Mission Bay.

Mission Hall Move-in

Hundreds of staff members that were previously located in leased space across San Francisco have started their move to Mission Hall. The plans for this building have been very controversial as there are no private offices in this building, for staff or faculty. Instead, this workplace has an open floor-plan with no walls separating cubicles. While most staff members have remained positive, many staff members have noted issues with the format and the lack of adequate kitchen space. An independent occupancy study of the workspace is being done to provide campus leadership with objective data on whether this type of space will work in field of higher education.