

**CUCSA Campus Update
June 2014****Learn-at-Lunch: Supporting Student Veterans**

On March 12, the Learn-at-Lunch presentation introduced attendees to common challenges our military veteran students face in the transition from military culture to UCLA life. The presentation also offered information about UCLA campus initiatives designed for these students and recommendations on how you can support the needs of our student veterans. Forty attendees were present.

Mrs. Block's Outdoor Event: Walking Tour of the Los Angeles Port

On March 22, 2014, UCLA's First Lady, Mrs. Carol Block, hosted an exciting tour of the Port of Los Angeles and its many attractions, including the Fanfare Fountain, U.S.S. Iowa, Maritime Museum, and Ports O'Call Village. Other highlights of the visit included the Cabrillo Marina and AltaSea, the future home of an Urban Marine Research & Innovation Center of which UCLA is a partner. There were 47 people in attendance.

True Bruin Move and Groove 5K Run/Walk

On March 30, 2014, Staff Assembly hosted its inaugural 5K True Bruin Move and Groove 5K Run/Walk in partnership with the UCLA Healthy Campus Initiative. Employees, family, and friends participated in an event that provided participants with a chance to connect with the university and foster a healthy lifestyle. There were 1,065 registrants, 920 actual participants and the response was overwhelmingly positive. The funds raised will assist in funding the 2014 All-Staff Picnic.

Breakfast with the Chancellor

UCLA Staff Assembly hosted the Breakfast with the Chancellor on April 7, 2014. Approximately 100 staff applied for 13 available slots for the opportunity to meet with the Chancellor over breakfast and engage in dialogue about important campus issues.

Learn-at-Lunch: Botanical Gardens Tour

Participants took a docent-led tour of the Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Garden, during which they learned basic botanical concepts and interesting historical facts about the Botanical Garden. The tour was so popular that three sessions were offered. April 9th - 38 people attended, April 15th - 45 people attended, and April 21st - 27 people attended.

Emerging Research Speaker Series

UCLA Staff Assembly held its annual Emerging Research Speaker Series, in continuing efforts to bridge the gap between Faculty and Staff. On May 12, 2014, we offered a presentation by Dr. Kathlyn (Kara) Cooney, Associate Professor of Egyptian Art and Architecture, whose interest and research involves the reuse of Egyptian coffins during economic crisis. The event included a light reception where staff was given the opportunity to speak directly with Dr. Cooney.

Lunch with Dr. Washington

On May 13, 2014, we held our quarterly Lunch with Dr. Eugene Washington to foster the relationship with staff at the Health Systems. Attendees used this opportunity to express concerns about stagnating salaries and solicit career advice and were very appreciative of having Dr. Washington's attention.

Learn-at-Lunch: What is Staff Assembly?

On May 28, 2014, a “What is Staff Assembly?” Learn-at-Lunch was conducted to familiarize potential Board members with the organization’s programs. A PowerPoint presentation was shown along with each Board member talking about their board position roles and responsibilities, time commitments, and both the professional and personal development they’ve acquired.

Council on Diversity and Inclusion (CODI)

As part of CODI, Staff Assembly will be helping review and analyze the UCLA staff-related results of the recent Campus Climate Project Final Report. The results of CUCSA’s engagement survey will be considered as a point of comparison, as appropriate. The Chancellor would like to hear the staff group’s analysis and proposed action items at the June meeting.

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