



## **Campus Update June 2014**

### **Engagement Survey Committee**

Our engagement Survey Committee made up of the co-Chairs of Staff Assembly, representatives from the Chancellor's Staff Advisory Council (CSAC), Academic Business Officers Group (ABOG) and Professional Women's Association continue to meet regarding the issues of communication. Donna Coyne, Staff Advisor to the Regents, is attending our meetings with an interest in improving staff communications. Our main focus is communication with staff members and how best to improve that. We continue to address the need for staff issues to be seen as newsworthy information and we want to keep staff apprised of information relevant to them. The specific issue we are currently addressing is the need for continuing to pursue making S-list (Staff centered listserv) opt out rather than opt in. We have collectively met with the Interim Executive Vice Chancellor twice and the Associate Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs, each of whom expressed concerns about the S-List. We also met with the Manager of Employee and Labor Relations. She had initial concerns when the S-List was started 4 years ago about what went out on the S-List, but now agrees that it is a useful tool for staff communications. We have been encouraged by the willingness of administration to discuss these matters with us. We have engaged them in further discussions including the idea of a staff website, perhaps linked from UCSB main page.

### **Staff Celebration Week**

Staff Celebration Week began May 9 with the Chancellor's luncheon. At that time Staff Assembly presents the Staff Citation of Excellence Awards to ten deserving staff members who go above and beyond in their staff roles. Call for nominations is done early in the year and nominations are collected for outstanding staff members. Also during the luncheon Staff Assembly holds a drawing. In appreciation of all UCSB staff and the services they provide many local business and campus organization donate the prizes.

In addition to other group activities for the week, Staff Assembly coordinates a Staff Ice Cream Social where the ice cream is scooped and served by UCSB administrators and Staff Cookie Taste-off where staff can show off their cookie-baking skills in a competition with co-workers. The week is topped off with an afternoon Staff Social sponsored by the four staff groups and the Staff Arts and Crafts Bazaar where staff display and sell their creations. These activities made for a fun-filled week for our staff members.

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