Campus Update

UC San Diego Founders’ Day
UC San Diego celebrated the founding of UC San Diego with a symposium on Nov. 14th, campuswide celebration on Nov. 15th, music festival for undergraduate students on Nov. 15th, and Founders’ Dinner on Nov. 16th. This was the 4th annual Founders’ Day celebration and the theme was “Tritons United”. Chancellor Khosla awarded the Roger Revelle Medal to Oceanographer Walter Munk, and awarded Chancellor’s Medals to Molli and Arthur Wagner, and to Conrad Prebys. For more information, see http://founders.ucsd.edu.

2013 Staff Appreciation Picnic Sustainability
In planning the 2013 UC San Diego Staff Picnic, sustainability was front and center within each of the subcommittees. Emphasis was placed on minimizing the amount of waste headed to a landfill. Through excellent signage and crews of volunteers at each waste station, the amount of trash collected was minimal. Through this effort, 500 lbs. of clean food waste and slightly fewer pounds of recyclables were collected, a UC San Diego Staff Picnic first.

Staff Associations Master Calendar
The effort to put together a master calendar for the Staff Associations started last year. The UC San Diego Staff Association has a calendar covering events for its constituent groups, from the Pan-Asian Staff Association’s Holiday Celebration to Veteran’s Staff Association events to the Annual Powwow. This tool will help the various organizations to coordinate with each other when scheduling events as well as serving as an informational tool for our members. The master calendar is at http://blink.ucsd.edu/_files/HR-tab/staff-association/SA2014/SAMasterCalendar201314.pdf.

New Resource Centers
The Raza Resource Center is now open under an interim director. There are second round interviews scheduled for Raza Resource Center Director. Construction to expand the center will happen in early 2014, adding office space, more functional kitchen space and a library.
The Student Veteran’s Resource Center had a dedication ceremony on Nov. 7th.

Transportation Town Hall
At UC San Diego, public transportation subsidies and shuttle costs are paid from parking and citation fees. This model is unsustainable, and has been for several years. The changes necessary to balance the budget are drastic, and suggested changes include increases in parking fees, elimination of some shuttles, and severe reduction in public transportation subsidies. In order to better communicate with the UC San Diego community, Transportation and Parking Services held a few town hall meetings in October and November. At this time, there is no clear indication of what will happen with public transportation subsidies as of January 1st. See http://moveucsandiego.ucsd.edu/ for the latest information.

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