



UC Davis Campus Update September 2011

Citation for Excellence ceremony

Our Citations for Excellence Ceremony was held in August at the Chancellor's residence. We awarded 16 individuals and 5 teams Citations for Excellence, and we additionally had 3 individual and 2 team Distinguished Citation for Excellence. Our distinguished winners will be recognized with their names posted at the Alumni Center. The distinguished winners in each category are as follows: Supervision: Janet Brown-Simmons; Individual Campus Service: Missy Borel; Individual General Contributions: Susan McCormick; Campus Service as a Team: Community Advising Network; General Contributions as a Team: Geology Move Team. The Citations for Excellence Committee honors outstanding staff, reading all nominations to choose the top winners.

Scholarship Results (include additional donations from Latino association and retiring staff):

The UC Davis Staff Scholarship is administered by Staff Assembly and is for career staff who will be enrolled in school to seek a Certificate, Associate, Bachelors, or graduate degree from a college, university, or professional school in 2011/2012. The UC Davis Staff Scholarship is funded by the Margene Orzalli Memorial Fund and the Vanderhoef Scholarship Endowment, as well as from fundraising efforts and donations. This year, the Latino Faculty and Staff Association donated an award for \$400. The UC Davis Staff Retiree's Association donated an award of \$1000. Some staff members even donated directly to our scholarship fundraising program in honor of retiring staff members. The UC Davis Staff Dependent Scholarship Program is for dependents of UC Davis Staff who will be attending UC Davis as an undergraduate in 2011/2012. The scholarship is supported by donations, fundraising, and efforts put forth by UC Davis Staff, including sales of Staff Pins. Collectively, we awarded \$12,300 this year. Our awardees will be honored at a special scholarship ceremony in September.

Staff Assembly Transitions of officers and staff coordinator

Staff Assembly has elected new officers! Rob Kerner is our new Chair, James Cabbage is our Vice Chair, and Theresa Costa is our new Secretary. Online election voting was conducted via SmartSite. We are also planning a membership drive to recruit new Executive Committee members. Our Staff Assembly Coordinator, Tiva Lasiter is leaving to pursue a graduate degree at UC Davis. She and past Staff Assembly Chair, Peter Blando have served in their Staff Assembly roles for three years. A recruitment is currently underway to fill the Staff Assembly Coordinator position.

Staff Emeritus process review

Staff Assembly was asked by Associate Chancellor Karl Engelbach to provide feedback on the following items: The process of granting Staff Emeritus titles to retiring staff and any changes we might propose. We agree in granting the award to retired Associate Chancellor Maril Stratton

Staff Assemblies feedback was as follows:

- Why is the eligibility restricted to only MSP and SMG title codes and can't be extended to all title codes during a time when we need to be working more collaboratively and as a team?
- Examples and definitions of "extraordinary and meritorious" contributions should be provided and clearly defined that this is excellence during their career rather than any single year or even a few years and also has a greater scope.
- Nomination process and publications – how does a supervisor of these folks know about this program to nominate folks
- Most of the benefits listed are benefits for all retirees and not just emeritus status which we can assume that this is mostly a symbolic award. The main additional privileges are lifetime Shields Library card and continuation of ucdavis.edu email address.
- Is there a quota? Is only one awarded per year or can there be multiple each year and can this be awarded to past retirees?
- Is there a specific process issue question of when can you nominate someone? Can you nominate anyone who has ever retired?

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