

## UCI QUARTERLY UPDATE CUCSA – JUNE 2005

### UC Vice President, Michael Drake, M.D., Named as UC Irvine's 5<sup>th</sup> Chancellor



Michael V. Drake, M.D., longtime University of California faculty member and administrator, and current UC vice president for health affairs, was appointed chancellor of the university's Irvine campus today (May 26). Effective July 1, Drake will take the helm from Ralph J. Cicerone, chancellor since July 1998 who has been elected president of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C.

"UC Irvine is a campus that has risen to great heights in its relatively brief 40-year history, and Dr. Drake brings the perfect credentials and depth of experience to further that momentum," said President Robert C. Dynes. "He is an accomplished academic, a skillful and energetic leader, and one who understands the role that UC Irvine plays as a leading

force for educational, social and economic growth in Orange County and beyond."

Dr. Drake began his association with the University of California as a medical student at UC San Francisco Medical Center in 1975. He later joined the UCSF faculty, becoming professor of ophthalmology, and in 1991, assuming the post of assistant dean for student affairs at UCSF. As Dr. Drake's career progressed, he became the school's associate dean for admissions and student programs. From 1998 to 2000, he served as both the Stephen P. Shearing Professor and vice chair of the department of ophthalmology, and as senior associate dean for admissions and extramural academic programs in the UCSF School of Medicine. In his most recent career move, in March 2000, Drake was appointed University of California vice president for health affairs in the Office of the President.

For more information about Dr. Drake's appointment as UCI's 5<sup>th</sup> Chancellor, please see the following links:

Chancellor-designate Announcement: [http://today.uci.edu/news/release\\_detail.asp?key=1329](http://today.uci.edu/news/release_detail.asp?key=1329)

Chancellor-designate Information: [http://www.uci.edu/chancellor\\_announcement/](http://www.uci.edu/chancellor_announcement/)

### Spring 2005 Staff Assembly Events

- **Fireside chat with Chancellor Cicerone**  
Staff Assembly and the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Staff, known as CACSS, jointly hosted an informal forum with Chancellor Ralph J. Cicerone in the University Club. Hosts from each group engaged Chancellor in conversation about himself and his experiences. He shared anecdotes from his tenure at UCI, including what attracted him to UCI and his interests and accomplishments as a faculty member, department chair, dean and chancellor. He also shared plans for his upcoming move to Washington, D.C., and his ideas about his new position as the 21st president of the National Academy of Sciences.



The event was open to all staff members, although seating was limited. This was a great opportunity to hear the Chancellor speak exclusively to UCI staff and to join with other staff in thanking him for being an outstanding leader who recognizes the valuable role that we play in UCI's success.

A link to the video of the Chancellor's Forum" may be found at the Staff Assembly web site:

<http://www.staffassembly.uci.edu>

- **Brownbag Lunch Forum and Lecture Series**

The Lunchtime Series offers lectures, workshops, seminars, and panel discussions on various topics of interest to staff. For more information, go to: <http://www.ddm.uci.edu/Assembly>

Recent event topics included “Conflict Management Across Cultures,” “Master’s Degree Programs at UCI.” We also held a “Neighborhood Meeting,” which Staff Assembly co-sponsored with the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Staff (CACSS). We discussed the experiences of staff who have worked at UCI for 5 to 15 years, focusing on the factors that influenced staff members’ decisions to seek employment at UCI, explore the elements of our work environment that have encouraged them to continue to work and build a career at UCI, and hear staff’s observations about what we do well and your ideas for improvement.

**Recent Happenings at UCI**

- **NIA awards UCI \$9 million to continue Alzheimer's disease research**

The National Institute on Aging has awarded \$9 million to UC Irvine to support research and pilot projects that focus on discovering the loss of cognitive function with age, understanding the mechanisms causing Alzheimer’s disease and developing pioneering treatments. The five-year Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center grant, which will support more than 30 UCI faculty investigators, renews an expiring \$6 million grant from the NIA.



The NIA Alzheimer’s Disease Centers Program is very competitive and when currently funded centers come up for renewal, there are many other applicants seeking to displace them,” said Creighton H. Phelps, director of the Alzheimer’s Disease Centers Program at NIA. “Applicants are judged on past research performance and future promise to contribute to the advancement of science related to Alzheimer’s disease. Only the best organized and productive centers, such as UCI’s center, survive these competitions.”

More: [http://today.uci.edu/news/release\\_detail.asp?key=1323](http://today.uci.edu/news/release_detail.asp?key=1323)

- **U.S. Dept. of State names UCI atmospheric scientist a Jefferson Science Fellow**



U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has announced that Michael Prather, an internationally recognized UC Irvine expert on global climate change, is one of only five 2005-06 Jefferson Science Fellows selected by the U.S. Department of State.

As a fellow, Prather will now spend a year in Washington, D.C. He will bring his expertise in environmental issues of climate change, ozone depletion and air quality to assist the Department of State as it formulates and implements foreign policy. He also will discuss science and technology with non-specialists and the general public, providing advice and education, and may travel to U.S. embassies as necessary.

More: [http://today.uci.edu/news/release\\_detail.asp?key=1325](http://today.uci.edu/news/release_detail.asp?key=1325)

- **UCI Chancellor's Distinguished Fellows Series adds former U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix and climate expert Robert Corell**



UC Irvine's fifth annual Chancellor's Distinguished Fellows Series closed its 2004-05 season with three lectures in May addressing controversial topics: weapons of mass destruction, the right to marry and global climate change. All presentations were open to the public and free, with seating available on a first-come basis.

Blix, chairperson of the Commission on Weapons of Mass Destruction and the former United Nations chief weapons inspector, shared the lessons learned while inspecting for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq prior to military action by the

U.S. and its allies.

Corell chaired the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment – a four-year study involving eight Arctic countries. The assessment confirmed that the Earth's climate is changing more rapidly and persistently than at any time since the beginning of civilization, and that these changes are more severe in the Arctic than elsewhere.

The Chancellor's Distinguished Fellows Series brings distinguished scholars and non-academics to campus to share their experience and expertise with the UCI community. The series features fellows who have been selected for their contributions in disciplines that address the challenges of an increasingly interdependent world. For more event information, visit: [www.chancellor.uci.edu/cdfs](http://www.chancellor.uci.edu/cdfs)

- **Prime-LC Receives \$1 Million Grant to Support Latino Medical Education**

The Program in Medical Education for the Latino Community, an innovative medical training program in the UC Irvine School of Medicine designed to serve the unique needs of the nation's fastest-growing ethnic group, has received a \$1 million grant from the UniHealth Foundation.

The three-year grant will provide general support for the program, known as PRIME-LC.

"This generous support will be most beneficial to the continued success of PRIME-LC, and it helps validate its importance for the training of tomorrow's doctors," said Dr. Alberto Manetta, senior associate dean of educational affairs in the School of Medicine and director of PRIME-LC. "As Latinos become the largest population group in California and the largest minority group in the nation, meeting this group's medical needs takes on even greater importance in terms of the overall public health."

- **Preparations have begun for new UCIMC groundbreaking**

Construction site development has begun at UCI Medical Center in anticipation of the groundbreaking in early summer for a new university hospital designed to foster pioneering medical care and patient comfort

The seven-story new hospital will be built on the existing medical center grounds.

