



Campus Update September 2006

New Advocacy Sub-Committee Formed

The purpose of this committee is to spread the good news about UCI and provide information to staff about UCI's service, teaching and research; in turn giving staff an opportunity to serve as ambassadors or advocates on behalf of the institution. Increasing pride and improving morale of UCI staff is a key goal.

Installation of New Officers and Development of Strategic Plan

Newly elected Staff Assembly Council members began work on a strategic plan for fiscal 2006-07. The plan was officially adopted at the August meeting, and emphasizes goals such as maintaining excellent relationships with executive leadership, increasing campus awareness of and participation in the Staff Assembly, and supporting the campus Career Management Initiative.

Meals with Mike

For several years Staff Assembly has promoted monthly "Meals with Mike" hosted by Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, Michael Gottfredson. The lunch hour events provide an opportunity for 4 or 5 staff to have lunch with EVCP Gottfredson and share information about themselves and their departments, and ask questions about campus programs and issues. In July, this program was expanded to include monthly breakfasts with staff working at the UCI Medical Center. Staff have enthusiastically participated in the new program and expressed satisfaction that they have the opportunity meet campus leaders and discuss topics of interest in a comfortable setting.

Staff Service Awards

The Staff Assembly co-sponsored and participated in the annual Staff Service Awards ceremony held in Aldrich Park on June 19, 2006. Staff were recognized for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of service. This year, the budget for recognition gifts was substantially increased, and recipients were able to choose from a variety of gift options at each level of service.

Concert in the Park

In June the Staff Assembly sponsored the second annual "Concert in the Park," an informal event featuring local music groups. Staff are encouraged to invite family and friends. This year approximately 200 people were entertained by The Eliminators.

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