

UCLA Campus Update
CUCSA Meeting
March 2-4, 2005

Staff Assembly Update

Learn at Lunch Program

Thursday, January 27, 2005 - Chancellor's Town Hall

About 200 staff members joined Staff Assembly at a Town Hall meeting with Chancellor Albert Carnesale and Assistant Vice Chancellor of Campus Human Resources Lubbe Levin on January 27, 2005. Chancellor Carnesale and AVC Levin discussed issues such as holiday closure, staffing issues and the university's financial situation. They answered questions submitted in advance as well as questions from the audience.

UCLA Recreation Re-opening Celebration

UCLA Staff Assembly partnered with UCLA Recreation for this Learn at Lunch event. More than 80 staff members toured the Strength and Conditioning Zone, the Outdoor Adventure Center, the Energy Zone convenience store and the competitive sports clubhouse. The Recreation center offers flexible membership options for staff at great prices.

Events

UCLA Staff Assembly and Purchasing Resource Fair for Small Business

The Annual Resource Fair for Small Businesses was held January 20, 2005 at the UCLA Ackerman Grand Ballroom. Over 700 individuals representing a broad range of campus and hospital departments attended this event. A total of 55 vendors participated. There were numerous comments regarding the business environment and increased business at UCLA.

UCLA Staff Assembly is offering a new outreach program for 2005: an online directory of participating vendors published on Assembly website. This outreach program provides more extensive listings for the UCLA community and its vendors. The directory will remain on the website for one calendar year.

Upcoming Events

Your UCLA Retirement Benefits

Camille Carr, Benefits Counselor with Campus Human Resources will conduct three retirement benefits workshops. The first two meetings will be held in March and the third in April. The benefits counselor provides each attendee with a personalized benefits summary with projected retirement earnings.

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UCLA Scientists Transform HIV Into Cancer-Seeking Missile; Firefly Protein Illuminates Virus' Hunt of Metastasized Melanoma Cells in Live Mouse

Camouflaging an impotent AIDS virus in new clothes enables it to hunt down metastasized melanoma cells in living mice, reports a UCLA AIDS Institute study in the Feb. 13 online edition

of Nature Medicine. The scientists added the protein that makes fireflies glow to the virus in order to track its journey from the bloodstream to new tumors in the animals' lungs.

MAKING STRIDES TOWARD FACULTY DIVERSITY

Since 2002, Associate Vice Chancellor Rosina Becerra has headed the Office of Faculty Diversity, which was created by Chancellor Albert Carnesale as part of his commitment to diversity as a cornerstone on which to build academic excellence. Becerra, who has been at UCLA for 30 years as a professor of social welfare, department chair and dean, leads the campus' diversity efforts, which include disseminating information and advice on enhancing faculty diversity via the Web, faculty workshops and meetings with faculty, chairs and deans. Her office provides educational opportunities for faculty as well as a network of resources to support faculty retention.

NEW DEPT. ON THE RISE

The newly created Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies will increase the visibility of that field not only on campus, but also throughout the community, said its chair, Reynaldo Macías. The success of the Department looks bright, as more undergraduate students are attracted to the field. The Department may eventually house graduate programs.

Other Items

The UCLA Staff Assembly President, Hassan Ghamlouch was profiled on the UCLA web site for two weeks. The article featured Ghamlochs' interests and it announced upcoming Staff Assembly events. This is the first time that a Staff Assembly President has been featured on the campus website which afforded positive publicity for the group.

Respectfully submitted,

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