

**UCLA Staff Assembly Update
CUCSA March 7-9, 2007**

Learn-At-Lunch Program

For the winter quarter our learn at lunch topics included:

Fidelity Investments – February '07

Fidelity Investments Tax-Exempt Services Company (FITSCo) made a presentation to staff who wanted to learn about investing for retirement and to gain a better understanding of the steps they could take to ensure retirement readiness.

Understanding the UC Retirement Plan (UCRP)- February '07

UCLA Benefits representatives provided an overview of UCRP and offered details about how to determine a retirement plan that works for the individual employee.

A Whole New World: Staff At the UC Regents' Table - February '07

Staff Advisors to the Regents, Lynda Brewer and Dave Miller, were invited to speak about the vital role that staff plays at the UC Regents table for the first time in over 100 years. They also showcased the newly developed Staff Advisors to the Regents website and spoke about the application process.

New Faculty and Staff Appreciation Basketball Game and Pre-Game Party – UCLA Athletics partnered with Staff Assembly for a new annual staff appreciation event. Staff and faculty who purchased basketball tickets to the UCLA vs. USC game were invited to participate in a pre-game party that included a catered dinner and words from Assistant Coach Scott Garson.

Annual Resource Fair for Small Businesses -- The overall goal of the Resource Fair is to provide opportunities for small businesses to promote their products and services to the UCLA purchasing community, and in turn, provide opportunities for the UCLA community to increase and build customer relationships. This year's fair was the most successful to date, with over 70 vendors and nearly 1300 UCLA staff in attendance. The funds generated from the event are used to fund Staff Assembly scholarships for staff.

Toy Drive-This holiday season Staff Assembly sponsored for the first time a Toy Drive to benefit the sick children in Mattel Children's Hospital. The overwhelming generosity of volunteers, individuals, and departments made it possible for **all** of the sick children at the Mattel Children's Hospital to receive toys during the holiday season and all year round. In fact, for the first time the Child Life/Child Development Center did not have to purchase any toys from their budget to make up for shortages. This will become an annual event for Staff Assembly.

Meeting with Chancellor-Designate Block- Selected members of staff were invited to meet with Dr. Block to discuss issues that are important to staff at UCLA. Staff Assembly provided an overview and presented a briefing portfolio of existing programs and two future initiatives to encourage his endorsement and participation. It was an honor to meet with Dr. Block and learn about his commitment to staff.

New Board Position- We have added a new position to our Staff Assembly Executive Board, Vice President, Special Projects (VPSP). This position will open during the Spring Elections. The VPSP represents the interests of the general membership and conducts projects and accepts duties as assigned by the President. The duties include attending all board meetings and Staff Assembly events and accepting project assignments on an ad hoc basis.

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