

**UCLA Campus Update
June 2008**

Staff Assembly Awards and Scholarships

On June 17, 2008, a reception will be held to honor recipients of the following Staff Assembly awards and scholarships: 1) Staff Scholarships; 2) Excellence in Service; and 3) Faculty/Staff Partnership Award. Ten Staff Scholarships, each for \$500, were awarded for to staff career enhancement and professional growth. One Excellence in Service was awarded for \$5,000 to Marsha Coutin, Campus Human Resources, for demonstrating a commitment to the mission of the University through significant contributions and achievements which consistently exceed the established requirements of the job. One Faculty/Staff Partnership was awarded to Aimee Dorr, Dean, Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, for faculty who actively develop and encourage faculty/staff partnerships.

Casino Night

Staff Assembly held its annual Casino Night event on May 1, 2008 in the UCLA Athletic Hall of Fame. This event serves as a staff social event, as well as a fundraiser for staff scholarships. At the event, staff played games such as poker, craps, and roulette for prize drawing tickets. This year's event included the first annual poker tournament. The \$15 ticket price (\$25 for two, and \$10 for additional tickets) included light refreshments and beverages. Prizes were donated by on and off campus sponsors. Approximately 175 staff attended the event, which raised \$1,700 for scholarships.

Inauguration of Chancellor Gene Block

On Tuesday, May 13, 2008, UCLA inaugurated its ninth Chancellor, Gene Block. Staff Assembly President Sabrina Lux Wright was a key participant in the inauguration ceremony both as a member of the Official Party and as a speaker delivering Official Greetings from the UCLA Staff. Sabrina also gave remarks on behalf of Staff Assembly at the Inauguration BBQ, held on May 12, 2008. In his inaugural speech, Chancellor Block outlined four areas of focus for UCLA: 1) academic preeminence; 2) campus diversity; 3) societal engagement; and 4) financial security.

2008-09 Board Elections

Elections for the 2008-09 Staff Assembly Executive Board were held May 12 – May 28, 2008. The new Staff Assembly President-Elect and CUCSA Junior Delegate is Maureen Wadleigh, from UCLA Recreation. The roster for the new board members can be found on the UCLA Staff Assembly website.

Learn-At-Lunch Program

FitWell – Activating Fitness and Wellness – April '08

UCLA Recreation provided a sampling of offerings for staff and faculty at little or no cost. Twenty minute rotations allowed participants to sample at least two ways to get fit, including Yoga, Tai Chi/Qi Gong, Ultimate Frisbee, Soccer, and BruinWalkers. Approximately 80 people RSVP'd for this event.

StayWell Demonstration – May '08

StayWell's coordinator, Holly Scholl, provided an overview of the StayWell website, including how to use the Action Plan, Health Tools and articles to meet wellness goals. She also demonstrated how to complete the Health Assessment and shared how take advantage of StayWell's Health Centers, Family Centers and other wellness-related resources. Approximately 30 RSVPs were received for this event.

Budget Town Hall – June '08

Vice Chancellor of Finance, Budget and Capital Programs, Steve Olsen and Assistant Vice Chancellor of Government and Community Relations, Keith Parker, provided an overview of the state budget situation and answered questions from staff. Vice Chancellor Olsen and Assistant Vice Chancellor Parker discussed how the UC Regents' decisions on the UC budget would affect UCLA and what is being done to advocate for the UC in Sacramento. Approximately 404 people RSVP'd for this event.

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