

**UCLA Staff Assembly Update
CUCSA September 5-7, 2007**

4th Annual All Staff Picnic

The 4th Annual All Staff Picnic was held on July 25, 2007. The event this year was the largest to date as UCLA staff thanked Interim Chancellor Norm Abrams for his tremendous service to UCLA this past year and welcomed their new Chancellor, Dr. Gene Block. This was Chancellor Block's first official event with the UCLA community. Interim Chancellor Abrams literally "passed the baton" to Chancellor Block, and then Chancellor Abrams and Chancellor Block joined in the festivities and dancing with UCLA Staff members. We welcomed and fed approximately 5,300 individuals. Staff members enjoyed the beautiful weather, great food, and most of all connecting with their colleagues from all over campus. The planning committee which included members from the Chancellor's Office, UCLA Catering, Events Management, and the Central Ticket Office, and our exceptional volunteers was instrumental in another successful event and made the effort look seamless. (http://www.today.ucla.edu/news/070814_baton-pass/)

UCLA Staff Assembly Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board met twice this fiscal year to discuss and plan its strategic calendar of events for the upcoming year. We have submitted two additional programs to the Chancellor's office for approval. Both events include the Chancellor and will provide UCLA staff members an opportunity to connect with our leadership. Additionally, the Vice President of Information Technology, Joseph Chiu, and our executive board have been working on developing a new website for UCLA Staff Assembly. We are currently putting on the finishing touches for the site to go "live" in the next month. This new and improved site will serve to better inform our community about issues related to staff and highlight organizations like CUCSA and the Staff Regents program.

Learn-At-Lunch Program

UCLA Campus Safety- August '07

Our first Learn-at-Lunch program was held on Monday, August 10, 2007. The topic was Campus Safety and Assistant Chief of Police, Jeff Young, provided a presentation about efforts both at UCLA and system-wide to improve campus safety. He also discussed the importance of each individual in maintaining a safe campus environment. We accepted 70 RSVP's for this event.

Understanding the UC Retirement Plan (UCRP)- August '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. We accepted 50 RSVP's for this event. This continues to be our most popular learn at lunch series. We had a waiting list of over 50 people for this Learn-at-Lunch. Our annual goal is to provide this workshop for staff on a quarterly basis.