



**Campus Update
March 2007**

NEWLY FORMED COMMITTEES

Staff Assembly fundraising and Scholarship fundraising committee

This committee will tackle the challenges of fundraising for both the Staff Assembly and the newly formed Scholarship fund. The Scholarship fund still needs over \$5k to become endowed and this committee is up to the challenge. Some recent proposals include silent auction, no dinner dinner, pledge matching, and social donation party. We have also had the proceeds of a heifer donated to the Scholarship.

Mentorship and Staff Development committee

This newly formed committee will investigate and develop potential mentorship opportunities and bring Staff Development to UC Merced. The committee is currently seeking out programs at other campus that work well, to see what we can incorporate. We are now working with Human Resources to figure out funding for development.

Staff Picnic and Staff Appreciation Week committee

This committee is planning and coordinating the Staff Picnic and Staff Appreciation Week scheduled for the end of May. They have also developed the criteria for the first annual Staff Citation of Excellence Award. There will be 5 Citations awarded this year, which carry a \$500 prize each. The Theme for this year's staff picnic will be "Staff Rocks" and will be catered by the Chancellor's office.

Bylaws Changes

General Staff Assembly voted on and approved unanimously to an amendment of our bylaws to allow all staff, regardless of probationary status, to join the staff assembly if they so choose. This was the first vote of the general staff assembly outside of elections.

Video Executive Meetings

Our staff assembly has many members outside of the general campus including Fresno. In fact, we have an executive board member that works in Fresno. We have recently been able to get video conferencing for our future executive board meetings and will be able to use video for our upcoming general meeting and election.

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