

UC Merced Campus Update August 2007

UC Merced Staff Assembly Staff Appreciation Week Wrap-Up:

The first UC Merced Staff Appreciation Week, hosted by the UC Merced Staff Assembly was a smashing success. Highlights of the week included: “behind-the-scenes” tours of the campus led by our Facilities group; an exceedingly well-attended two-day staff volleyball tournament, held during the lunch hour, and an ice-cream social, where campus administrators served dessert to the campus staff. The week culminated with a standing-room only Staff Appreciation Picnic, where five deserving UC Merced staff members were honored as recipients of the inaugural UC Merced Staff Citation of Excellence Award (each recipient received a commemorative plaque as well as a \$500 cash award).

Fall General Meeting:

Our campus assembly will be holding our Fall General Meeting on September 14th. Important agenda items for this meeting will be soliciting input from our campus assembly on what areas they would most like to see Staff Assembly focus on during the coming year, as well as holding an election for UC Merced Staff Assembly Historian, an interim position we will be incorporating and evaluating throughout the 2007 – 08 year.

Staff Assembly Invited to the Brown Bag Lunch Series:

Representatives from the Staff Assembly have been invited as the featured speakers for an upcoming Brown Bag Lunch. The Brown Bag Lunch is a regular lunchtime meeting, organized by the Communications group, where a variety of invited speakers update attendees on the goings-on around campus. This will be our first formal engagement with the Brown Bag Lunch since the inception of our Staff Assembly.

First Annual Faculty vs. Staff Softball Game:

Building on the camaraderie fostered from the first annual staff volleyball tournament, we will be holding the first annual Faculty vs. Staff Softball game this fall. There will be a nominal “admission fee” and a variety of goods will be sold at the event, with all proceeds going to support the UC Merced Staff Scholarship endowment.

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