



Riverside Campus Update to Council of UC Staff Assemblies March 2010

Highlight: Office Space Allocated to Staff Assembly

In February, 2010, the UCR Space Allocation Committee, in concert with the EVC/Provost, allocated the first office space for Staff Assembly to exist. This space, albeit, lacking much form, and serving limited function in a tight space, is rent-free, and will serve the following critical Staff Assembly needs: archival and storage, confidential meeting area with Staff requesting assistance (financial, scholarship, emotional support, etc.), and a home base for Staff Assembly operations.

We have graciously accepted this office space, while asking the Committee to consider SA for a different space, should one become available, as we would ultimately like to be able to host our Board and each of our committee meetings in this space.

End-of-the-Year Campus Carnival

This is a new partnership between Staff Assembly and the Academic Senate. SA is working with the EVC/Provost, Chancellor and others to hold a Campus Carnival that will be structured much like a company picnic. In addition to carnival games, and traditional games like an egg relay, 3-legged race and tug of war, we'll be offering food, music and entertainment. Entry to the event, for staff, faculty and immediate family members will be free, though there will be modest cost to play the carnival games and per plate of food. Though this will be heavily subsidized by Staff Assembly, we are pursuing local corporate sponsors to defray costs as much as possible.

Staff Recognition Awards, Scholarships and Staff Assistance Request Process

The processes for each of the above components of SA have been revised this year to align with the Academic Year cycle so that allocation decisions made during one Board term are more or less resolved before the next Board term starts. Simultaneously, decisions have been made to refine the criteria and timeline for these individualized financial allocations/grants. This is due, in part to a loss of funding for the Outstanding Staff Awards event, and below-target fundraising.

Staff Assembly Elections

SA will be conducting elections in April, following a heavy recruitment process and candidate forums at SA events, particularly for those running for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect. A Board Transition Meeting will be held in mid-June, followed by new officers starting July 1.

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