



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE - STAFF ASSEMBLY

Campus Update June 2005

Staff Assembly News

- ❑ UCR staff member David Stevens received the first annual “People Helping People” Award, created by the Service Plus Credit Union in partnership with the UCR Staff Assembly. Stevens was recognized for his exemplary contributions to the community of Riverside. The maintenance carpenter in UCR’s Physical Plant department has devoted hundreds of hours of service to the Boy Scouts of America and has lent his trade skills to the camping facility of a local church. In addition, he adopted a neighboring family, when they suffered the loss of their home, by offering rent-free shelter to the family while they restored their property. The \$500 “People Helping People” award and recognition plaque was presented to Stevens in June at the Staff Assembly’s annual staff barbecue. Additional information can be found at http://www.staffassembly.ucr.edu/bbq/spcu_award.html.
- ❑ The UCR Staff Assembly, in partnership with several campus departments, will again offer “Next Step,” a career development program that provides classroom training, professional development and mentoring opportunities to UCR staff. The program provides participating staff members with the skills needed to apply for entry-level office positions. It includes career counseling, classroom training in computer and office skills, resume writing, interviewing skills and mentoring. Nine UCR staff members completed the program in 2004-05. The program will continue to be coordinated by Sue Anderson, who served as corresponding secretary of the Staff Assembly last year. Additional information can be found at <http://www.staffassembly.ucr.edu/nextstep/index.html>.
- ❑ The 2005-06 Staff Assembly Executive Board includes four new members: Connie Doyle as Standing Committee Co-Chair along with the returning Eric Martin; Robert Wolfer as Ways and Means Co-Chair, along with the returning Kathleen Fariss; Jan Carter as Corresponding Secretary; and Dale Masterson as the Social Committee Chair. Other returning Board members are: Jeanette Bradeen, Vice President/President Elect (last year’s Social Committee Chair); Treasurer Robb Miller; Recording Secretary Mary Johnson; Laura Heraty, Communications Chair; Nasser Salomon, Past President; and Kathy Barton, President (last year’s Vice President/President Elect).





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Nanofabrication Facility Opened at UCR

The UCR campus in August held a grand opening and dedication of its new nanofabrication cleanroom, which is expected to give a big boost to UCR's nanotechnology research by providing the tools and dust-free workspace in which to build a myriad of small-scale circuits and machines. The \$3 million facility contains \$7 million worth of advanced equipment that will enable UCR faculty and students to construct new materials one molecule or one atom at a time. Nanotechnology has sometimes been called the final frontier in miniaturization. It holds great promise for a variety of new and useful products, including stronger and lighter building materials, smaller and more powerful electronic devices, and "nanobots" used in new, innovative medical treatments.

Major Expansion of UCR Commons Underway

A \$50 million expansion and renovation of the UCR Commons area and Costo Hall is underway with the recent demolition of the campus's four-decade old Commons building. The project is expected to take about three years to complete. The old Commons will be replaced with a 142,000-square-foot building that is intended to serve as the social and dining hub of the campus, providing food service areas, wireless Internet access, a student lounge, meeting space and an 8,000-square-foot multi-purpose/entertainment area. A garden area will connect the new Student Commons with Costo Hall. "We expect that this area will become the city center of the campus, a place where our students, faculty and staff want to be," said Todd Wingate, director of the Student Commons and Cultural Events. "Whether it's music, a meeting space, or a quiet place there will be something for everyone."

New Campus Police Chief Appointed

Mike Lane, Assistant Chief of Police since 2003, has been appointed UCR's new Police Chief. He succeeds Chief Henry "Hank" Rosenfeld, who retired in June after 16 years at the helm of the campus police force. Lane, 35, has been a member of the UCR community since 1988 when he entered UCR as an undergraduate student. After receiving his bachelor's degree in administrative studies, he worked in the UCR Housing office, eventually becoming resident director at Lothian Hall. In 1996, he attended the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Academy and was hired as a patrol officer with the UCR police department shortly thereafter.

