



Riverside Campus Update to Council of UC Staff Assemblies September 2009

Highlight: Staff Caring for Staff Program

This is a new program we are launching this Fall where staff can volunteer for a payroll deduction on a monthly basis to contribute to our Staff Assistance fund. This will be in addition to our periodic campus-wide appeals for donations when the need exceeds currently available funds. Historically, we have raised around \$4,000.00 annually for staff assistance (welfare and scholarships). Through a newly enhanced partnership with Service plus Credit Union, we have a challenge grant that will match donations through payroll deduction to this program dollar for dollar, up to \$5,000.00. If we exhaust this grant, we will have increased our fundraising for this program 350%.

Staff Assembly Outreach Events

During the 0809 Academic Year, Staff Assembly hosted a series of outreach events in functional areas of the campus where staff have traditionally not been active participants in Staff Assembly programs. Areas visited included: Transportation and Parking Services, the Building Services night shift, Agricultural Operations, and the Child Development Center. Through these events, staff had the chance to meet Staff Assembly representatives, hear updates from various senior campus administrators, and celebrate with food, awards and prizes. We will be continuing this endeavour this year, expanding the number of outreach events and continuing those done this year.

Staff Wellness Programs

To enhance our services to staff, we are expanding our programming efforts to enhance campus offerings to staff. We are holding a series of workshops/programs this year that are equal parts social and meaningful/productive during these rough economic times. Topics for these programs will include: Having Fun on a Budget, Maintaining and Improving Your Credit Score, Stress Management, and Saving Money While Eating Well.

Staff Assembly is working to get a Physical Office space

In collaboration with the Chancellor's office, UCRSA is working to secure a physical office space which will serve as both a home base, and a confidential meeting area for staff seeking financial assistance to meet a critical need.

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