

University of California, Riverside

2007-08 Staff Assembly

Staff Advisors to Regents Visit UCR

Nearly a year after the Regents' unanimous approval of a permanent Staff Advisor Program (SA), Staff Advisor Lynda Brewer and Staff Advisor-Designate William Johansen obliged the Staff Assembly's request to speak at the October SA forum and Staff Assembly general meeting. In representing the more than 160,000 UC staff, Brewer and Johansen discussed their roles as SAs, displayed the SA website, answered questions, encouraged eligible UC staff and non-Senate academic employees to apply as a designate, and subsequently met on individual bases with members of the campus community, including Acting Chancellor Robert Grey, Academic Senate Chair Thomas Cogswell, Human Resources AVC Marilyn Voce, and others. According to Brewer, "We hope to build a relationship with the Regents...[and] offer them a staff perspective on all issues that come before them." Johansen concurred.

Retired Judge Receives Alumni Appointment to UC Board of Regents

Retired Judge and UCR graduate Ronald Stovitz was selected by the Board of Directors of the UCR Alumni Association to serve as alumni representative to the UC Board of Regents. His two-year appointment begins July 2008. Stovitz, a 1964 graduate of UCR, served as president of the UCR Alumni Association from 2004 to 2006. "Stovitz, who has contributed his time serving the university for almost two decades, is one of the most dedicated volunteers we have seen," said Kyle Hoffman, Assistant Vice Chancellor Alumni and Constituent Relations and Executive Director of the UCR Alumni Association. Stovitz has been a trustee of the UCR Foundation since 1998 and a member of the Board of Visitors of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, from 2003 to the present.

Search Underway for New UC Riverside Leader

A search has begun for a new chancellor at UC Riverside. A 16-member committee of faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community representatives is advising the UC Office of the President on the selection. The committee is charged with recruiting, screening, and conducting interviews with candidates this academic year. Robert Grey, a professor and former Executive Vice Chancellor at UC Davis, is currently serving as acting chancellor following the five-year tenure of Chancellor France Cordova, who is now leading the Purdue University system.

UC Board of Regents Given Update on UCR Medical School

UC Riverside Acting Chancellor Robert Grey updated the UC Board of Regents on the proposed UCR school of medicine, including the current development of a comprehensive business plan covering its financial and operational strategies. The Board in November 2006 reviewed UCR's preliminary proposed and authorized the campus to proceed with final planning. Plans will be carried out by six workgroups representing faculty, staff, medical and community leadership, campus administration, and alumni. "Our medical school will be founded on the university's three-fold mission of teaching, research, and service. But the mission for UCR's school is tailored especially for the needs of Inland Southern California," Grey said. The search for a founding dean has been postponed until a new chancellor is selected.

Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Staff Climate Furthers Its Work

The Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Staff Climate has held two meetings to discuss recommendations drawn from identified needs in the Wonderlic Staff Employee Opinion Survey: communication, recognition, and career opportunities. The committee's goal is to provide oversight for the implementation of the accepted recommendations. The objectives include providing updates to the chancellor, guiding oversight for the administration of future staff climate surveys, and factoring work environment improvements outside those represented in climate survey recommendations. The plan is to submit recommendations to the steering committee in March.