



Santa Cruz Campus Update March 2, 2010

Staff Advisory Board Newsletter Launched

This year the Santa Cruz Staff Advisory Board (SAB) launched a monthly e-newsletter which is circulated to all non-represented staff. It features announcements of SAB activities, and features a staff member each month who is recognized for exceptional contributions to the campus community and beyond.

Staff Advisory Board Sponsors Community Linkages

In December the SAB sponsored a campus **food drive** to benefit **Second Harvest Food Bank**. UCSC brought in 63,00 lbs of food and cash equivalent which provided over 105 meals to local people in need.

In January SAB hosted a faculty and staff **Blood Drive** with the **American Red Cross**. All appointment times for donations were filled.

SAB Forms Advocacy Committee:

SAB has formed Advocacy Group to look at strategies for advancing staff and general UC issues into the community. A letter writing contest from staff and faculty members describing their University experience and the benefits UC has on the community will be launched, followed by videos of winners to be circulated through local legislators and used by our Chancellor. A forum with Alum and former Assembly member John Laird, and other state assembly reps to talk about budget issues is also being planned.

SAB and Chancellor Meet to set agenda for Staff Forum

In February the board met with Chancellor Blumenthal to discuss issues most relevant to staff and which he should address at the next SAB hosted Chancellor/Staff forum. Historically held over the lunch hour, forums are held to provide staff an opportunity to hear directly from the Chancellor on issues most important to them, and to give staff an opportunity to ask questions directly of him. The next forum will be held for the first time at 5pm in order to accommodate swing shift workers and other staff who may find it easier to attend at the end of their workday.

Coming Up:

SAB has formed a **new partnership with the UCSC Alumni Association** to co-host the annual **Staff of the Year Award**, in recognition of outstanding career service by a single staff member. This long standing award spotlights the contributions made by staff particularly to student life at UCSC and whose former recipients have represented a range of occupations.

Thumbs Up Staff Awards – Staff nominate other individuals or groups of colleagues in recognition of above and beyond service. Awardees receive certificates of appreciation including acknowledgment of particular work being recognized.

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