

## Campus Update

September 2009

### **All Staff Picnic**

Within a few days after tickets became available through the University Box Office, all 3,750 tickets were sold out for the All Staff Picnic held on August 21, 2009. It is estimated that more than this number attended the event to enjoy the festivities and spend time with their friends from various other Departments. In addition to the strong support from the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor group, The Staff Association was able to solicit sponsors for both money and in-kind donations. The “UCSD Staff Has Talent” was a big hit while the theme “Celebrating Our Strength” was highly regarded by attendees. Twenty Eight Staff Association Scholarships were awarded during the celebration. Seven teams from different VC groups competed in the traditional volleyball tournament to try to unseat the defending champions, Relyea’s Rebels of Business Affairs. It is anticipated that next year’s All Staff Picnic will be much larger because it will coincide the UC San Diego’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **Summer Barbeque**

The employee Relations, Policy Development and Work/Life division of HR is putting on a Summer Barbeque for the night and evening staff on August 26, 2009 from 8:30 pm to 10:30 p.m. This is to celebrate and appreciate the contributions of the staff who work the later shifts and also to share information about programs and resources available through Human Resources.

### **Update from Staff Advisor to the Regents Ed Abeyta with Auxiliary and Plant Services Managers**

On July 20, 2009 Staff Advisor to the Regents Ed Abeyta held met with the Leaders of Auxiliary and Plant Services from AVC Russ Thackston to supervisors. The update consisted of recent developments and decisions in the Board of Regents and the Office of the President with regards to the budget and its future implications. Ed Abeyta described the role of the Staff Advisor to the Regents and how staff can channel their ideas through this position.

### **Town Hall Meeting with Chancellor Fox and SVC Paul Drake**

On June 18, 2009 Chancellor Fox and SVC Paul Drake held a Town Hall Meeting, followed at a later date by another meeting for the Medical Center and The Scripps Institution of Oceanography to provide an update on the state of the budget and its effect on UC San Diego. Also discussed were the budget reduction proposals from the UC Office of the President. Several staff shared their concerns and ideas and asked questions about the budget.

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