

Campus Update March 2008

Breakfast with the Chancellor

The first quarterly “Breakfast with the Chancellor” event, co-hosted by the Chancellor’s Office and Staff Assembly, occurred on Thursday, February 21, 2008, from 8:30am to 10:00am in the Chancellor’s Conference Room. Over 250 applications were received from UCLA staff, from which 13 attendees were randomly selected. Additionally, staff who participated in this event were: two rotating members from the Staff Assembly Board, the Staff Assembly President, the Staff Assembly President Elect, the Associate Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, and the Deputy Assistant Chancellor. Breakfast was served at 8:30am. The event commenced with opening remarks from Staff Assembly President Sabrina Lux Wright, and participants then introduced themselves. Chancellor Block discussed his vision for the UCLA campus, focusing on three key areas: 1) Academic Excellence; 2) Diversity; and 3) Community Involvement. Participants were then given the opportunity to discuss issues of importance to them with the Chancellor. Topics included succession planning; salary and industry benchmarking, the affordability and accessibility of a UC education, professional development and training/obtaining certifications and degrees, and housing and childcare for staff. Attendees expressed their appreciation for having this event, and being able to have a personal conversation with the Chancellor.

Small Business Resource Fair

Staff Assembly held its annual Small Business Resource Fair to generate funds for staff scholarships, on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, from 10:30am – 2:00pm in the UCLA Ackerman Grand Ballroom. Over 40 on and off campus vendors participated by purchasing and staffing a table at the event to promote their products and services to approximately 800 UCLA staff members. The event had slightly lower attendance this year (down by 200), due to it being scheduled the day after the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, and the inclement weather that day. However, attendees expressed satisfaction with the ability to visit many tables and vendors said they were able to spend more “quality” time with potential customers. Attendees signed in at the entrance by swiping their BruinCard (UCLA ID Card) and were given bags with the event schedule and a “stamp” card. Stamp cards were distributed to encourage attendees to visit more of the vendor tables (to be stamped at each table visited). Prizes were donated by the vendors and winners were drawn and announced at the event. BruinCard also distributed \$25 credits to 4 lucky winners. The grand prize, roundtrip airfare for two to anywhere in the US, was donated by UC Travel and awarded to one of the stamp card participants. A light lunch was also provided to both vendors and attendees.

Learn-At-Lunch Program

Staff Advisors to the Regents – January ‘08

Staff Advisors to the Regents Lynda Brewer and Bill Johansen were special guest speakers. They provided an overview on their Staff Regent role, fielded questions, and encouraged applications for this position. Approximately 50 people RSVP’d for this event.

UCLA Ergonomics – February ‘08

UCLA Environment, Health and Safety Ergonomist David Brandenburg discussed with staff the “do’s” and “don’ts” for workplace ergonomics. Topics included how to improve your posture and ways to modify your workstations/computer set up. Approximately 60 RSVPs were received for this event.

Fidelity Workshop – March ‘08

Staff Assembly is continuing to offer the popular UC Retirement Savings Program/Fidelity Workshop (series of 3). In this workshop, participants learn about the investment options available to them and the

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benefits of the Retirement Savings Program. Approximately 55 people RSVP'd for this event.