



Campus Update March – May 2009

Citation of Excellence

We put out our annual request for nominations for the Staff Citation of Excellence Awards. We were very pleased with the response of 51 nominations. A group of 15 staff which included Staff Assembly members and past award winners reviewed the nominations and chose 10 staff members to be honored during Staff Celebration Week.

Staff Advisors to the Regents Visit

We were pleased to host Bill and Ed's campus visit on March 24th. They met with representatives of the different staff groups: Staff Assembly, the Chancellor's Staff Advisory Council, Professional Women's Association, and Academic Business Officers Group. They also met with the Academic Senate and Chancellor Yang. There was a Town Hall Forum and they had an opportunity to explain their roles in great depth and fared well in an atmosphere of discontent due to the budget concerns at the time.

Farewell Luncheon for our Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services

Donna Carpenter, VCAS, sponsor of our Staff Assembly, has retired. She was a strong supporter of our group and staff interests in general. This is a huge loss and we met with staff representatives on the selection committee to give our input to help them in the selection process. Due to budget cuts, Chancellor Yang announced that this position would not be replaced at this time and the duties are being distributed amongst two Associate Vice Chancellors. We have not been notified which one will be overseeing Staff Assembly.

Staff Celebration Week

It was May 18th through the 22nd. This event is collaboration between all staff groups of CSAC, PWA, ABOG, and Staff Assembly. Staff Assembly kicked off the week with their annual Ice Cream Social and senior administrators including Chancellor Yang scooped 800 bowls of ice cream to the staff. Other activities that our group were involved with were the Cookie Contest and Staff Social. At the Chancellor's Luncheon, which is the closing activity of the week, we announced the Citation of Excellence awards winners. Each winner received a plaque and a check for \$500 presented by Chancellor Yang.

New Co-Chair

At our May meeting, we chose our new co-chair to CUCSA. Her name is Julie Luera and she is an Analyst in our Engineering Department. She is looking forward to meeting everyone in fall.

Campus update contact: Stephanie Coghlan, coghlan-s@sa.ucsb.edu