



**Campus Update  
December 2008**

**Staff Council invited to sit on Search Committee for new UCSF Chancellor**

Our Staff Council Chair received a letter in October from President Mark Yudof asking us to appoint a Staff Council representative to attend the 12-person Regents and faculty committee meetings to advise him on the selection of the replacement for UCSF Chancellor Michael Bishop. We voted to send Heather Alden, who is the current Chair-Elect of the Staff Council, to represent us. Just yesterday, we were asked to have one other staff person participate in the process as well. This is really great news as it shows that President Yudof values input from staff in this very important process.

**UCSF Initiates Drop-In Problem Solving “Clinic” at the Mission Bay Campus**

UCSF’s Problem Resolution Center hosted its inaugural drop-in session at Mission Bay in the Rutter Community Center on Thursday November 13, 2008. This event offered an opportunity typically available through an ombudsman office for Graduate Students, Post Docs, staff and faculty members to speak confidentially with representatives of UCSF’s Problem Resolution Center and UCSF’s trained internal mediators to explore solutions for workplace problems, conflicts or potential issues they may be facing.

The first in a series of problem solving “clinics” to be held at various campus locations throughout the coming year will provide communication skills, coaching or offer other resources. Problem Resolution Center representatives can discuss the benefits of non-adversarial approaches such as mediation, a confidential communication process facilitated by neutral co-mediators. Referrals can also be made to other campus services, such as, the Sexual Harassment and Prevention Program, Faculty Staff Assistance Program and the Office of Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity and Diversity; etc.

**UCSF Staff Council launched First Learn at Lunch Series on Sustainability**

On Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, the UCSF Staff Council hosted a Learn at Lunch session on “Having a Greener Holiday” at which Susan Bluestone, UCSF Recycling Manager, presented information about recycling and composting programs at UCSF and offered tips and ideas about how to make your holidays more environmentally sustainable.

**UCSF/ABOG Co-hosted a session on WASC and the accreditation process**

On Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, the UCSF Staff Council and ABOG co-hosted a session with speaker Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Sally Marshall, who explained the process that UCSF goes through in order to be accredited by WASC (the Western Association of Schools and Colleges). We hope to co-host more events with ABOG in the coming year.