

**COUNCIL OF UC STAFF ASSEMBLIES
QUARTERLY MEETING AT UC, Davis
December 7-8, 2000**

Press Release

The Council of UC Staff Assemblies (CUCSA) held its second quarterly meeting of the 2000-2001 academic year on the campus of UC Davis, December 7- 8, 2000. The Council is an advisory body made up of staff delegates from each of the nine campuses, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the Office of the President. CUCSA meets on a quarterly basis, rotating between campuses, to discuss issues of importance to staff and to provide feedback to the Office of the President on these issues.

Thursday, December 7

Ginger Birkholm, CUCSA Chair, opened the meeting on Thursday, December 7 by welcoming the delegates. After brief announcements, Chair Birkholm distributed handouts of correspondence sent out since the last meeting.

Carol Miller, CUCSA Vice-Chair, talked to the delegates about travel expenses and submitting travel documents on time.

Chair Birkholm asked the four work group chairs to give updates on the status of their projects. The delegates then spent time in their individual work groups.

Lubbe Levin, Assistant Vice President, HR Policy, Planning and Benefits, UCOP, gave the delegates an update on from UCOP. UC will be getting more support from the Governor. This support could improve wages and benefits for UC employees by increasing staff salaries that lag behind the marketplace and by expanding UC's childcare program. AVP Levin also talked about proposed changes in retirement age factors, and gave an update on remission of the Educational Fee for faculty and staff dependents. The delegates spent the remaining time asking questions of AVP Levin on a variety of topics.

UC Regent Irene Miura was a guest of the Council. She gave a little background on herself and her perspective on the role of the Regents, especially Alumni Regents. Regent Miura then opened the floor to questions. The delegates raised issues such as increasing staff to meet the needs for Tidal Wave II, what she thought about having a staff Regent, and retirement issues.

To close the day, the delegates were treated to a tour of the Botanical Greenhouse on the campus.

Friday, December 08

Chair Birkholm conducted routine business by asking UC Santa Barbara delegates to distribute information on the next CUCSA meeting and by asking for Campus Updates from the delegates. Work groups convened to continue discussion of action plans.

Vice Chair Miller introduced **Stan Nosek, Assistant Vice Chancellor and Executive Director HR, Office of Administration** and **Lynette Temple, Records Manager, Office of Administration**. Mr. Nosek and Ms. Temple gave a brief overview of public records in the UC system.

After work groups convened for a short afternoon session, Chair Birkholm adjourned the meeting.

Future CUCSA meetings are scheduled as follows:

- March 8-9, 2001 Santa Barbara
- June 7-8, 2001 Office of the President