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PRESS RELEASE

The Council of UC Staff Assemblies (CUCSA) held its third quarterly meeting of the 2005-06 academic year at UC Merced on March 2-3, 2006. The Council is an advisory body composed of two delegates from each of the ten campuses, three national laboratories, and Office of the President. Officers include Rosemary Anderson, Chair (UC Santa Cruz); Bill Johansen, Chair-Elect (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory); and Debra Richerson, Secretary (UC Office of the President). CUCSA meets on a quarterly basis, rotating between the campuses, the national labs, and the Office of the President to promote communication and to solicit feedback on interests of primary concern to staff.

OFFICIAL WELCOME FROM UC MERCED

On March 2, 2006 Chancellor Tomlinson-Keasey welcomed CUCSA delegates to UC Merced on the first day of their quarterly meeting. Chancellor Tomlinson-Keasey is the founding chancellor of the newest UC campus. Remarks included information on founding of the 10th campus and goals for future growth.

- Campus welcomed first undergraduate class of 1000 students in fall 2005. Population is diverse and engaged in student life. Each year will add 1000 more students to reach 25,000 total by the year 2030. By 2010-2011, expect 6000 students enrolled.
- Sustainable planning and design including working towards LEEDS silver rating for all buildings.
- Contributions to campus reached \$50 million in gifts and outstanding support from local community.

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LEIGH TRIVETTE, Secretary, The Board of Regents

Leigh Trivette spoke on the recent history of the office of The Secretary of The Regents. The Secretary of The Regents is one of three principal officers of The Regents of the University of California. The Secretary is tasked with working for the president to provide support to The Regents. Leigh Trivette outlined the support provided to The Regents, including orientations to new regents. She highlighted some of her office initiatives designed to bring best practices to bear on office operations.

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CUCSA WORK GROUPS CONVENED

CUCSA work groups convened for furthering the important work group efforts of past years on three continuing topics: Diversity; Workforce Evolution; and Policies and Procedures. The work groups made progress on goals and objectives and summarized recent accomplishments which typically lead to reports published at year-end.

DAVID B. ASHLEY – Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, UCM

David Ashley provided highlights from the long range development plan in his talk entitled “UC Merced – A 21st Century Research University.” The first class of undergraduate students were welcomed by faculty in the schools of Natural Sciences; Engineering; and Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts. The 10th campus serves the 400 mile long Central Valley and the student body reflects the diversity of the region. The campus and neighboring University Community will be created utilizing principles of sustainability in building design, construction and operation, and will serve as a model for development in the San Joaquin Valley.

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IRVINE CUCSA MEETING ANNOUNCED

The next CUCSA meeting will be hosted by UC Irvine on June 7-9, 2006.

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