

Council of University of California Staff Assemblies
Press Release

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The Council of University of California Staff Assemblies (CUCSA) held its third quarterly meeting of the 2008-09 academic year at UC Merced March 3-5, 2009. The Council is an advisory body composed of two delegates from each of the ten campuses, the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), and the Office of the President. Officers are Lin King, Chair (UC Davis); Nancy Horton, Vice Chair (UC Berkeley); and Beverly Skinner, Secretary (UC Berkeley). CUCSA meets on a quarterly basis rotating between the campuses, the national lab, and the Office of the President to promote communication and to solicit feedback on interests of primary concern to staff.

Sung-Mo “Steve” Kang, Chancellor, UC Merced

Chancellor Kang welcomed delegates to UC Merced and talked about how the campus was established, their current number of students, faculty, and staff, and gave a presentation of the future plans for the campus and how they anticipate UC Merced will grow and benefit the San Joaquin Valley in relationship to health and environmental issues.

Mary Miller, Vice Chancellor, Administration, UC Merced

Vice Chancellor Miller talked about UC Merced’s budget and vision, and gave a comparison of their budget, the number of faculty, students, and staff with other UC campuses. She highlighted UC Merced’s future plans that include student and campus services, recreational facilities, housing, parking, and infrastructure and utilities.

Bill Johansen, Staff Advisor to the Regents and Edward Abeyta, Staff Advisor to the Regents Designate

The Staff Advisor and Staff Advisor Designate talked about budget issues; said they will visit all ten campuses by June; and about the application process and applicants for the Advisor to The Regents Designate for 2009-2010.

Odessa Johnson, UC Regent

Talked about budget issues and how it relates to staff, the Accountability Report, and said UC owes much to its 160,000 staff. She also briefly talked about how the UC Regents are looking at improving their responsibility to the University of California, and new requirements for students.

John White, UC Merced, University of California Staff Diversity Council

White said the UC Staff Diversity Council is a result of CUCSA taking an interest in this topic previously. He also talked about practices and litigated claims and gave a list of members of the Council.

Randolph Scott, Executive Director, Strategic Planning and Workforce Development, Human Resources and Benefits, UC Office of the President

Scott answered questions about the current budget, its impact on staff and retirees, President Yudof’s concerns and response. Scott also updated Delegates on the constitutional initiative and CUCSA being assigned to a work group under the direction of the Presidential Post-Employment Benefits (Task Force).

Andy Coghlan, LEED AP Sustainability Manager, UC Office of the President

Coghlan gave a presentation on Sustainability at UC and how it impacts everyone on campus.

Thomas Lollini, Associate Vice Chancellor - Physical Planning Design and Construction

Talked about the University of California, Merced’s Long Range Development Plans and gave a presentation.

Delegates delivered updates from their local staff assemblies. Some key activities at UC campuses, LBNL, and UCOP in this quarter included:

Citation of Excellence awards
Pancake breakfast
Staff Mentorship Program
Celebrate the Night
Experience the Arts with Staff Assembly
Cookbook fundraiser
Staff Appreciation week
Centennial year TGFS Picnic

SAB Partnering with UCSC Retirees Association
Staff Assembly Represented at UCR Homecoming Event
Staff and Staff Dependent Scholarships
Student Regent Forum
Small Business Fair
Leadership Series
Lunchtime Series
Campus Climate Survey

