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The Council of UC Staff Assemblies (CUCSA) held its first quarterly meeting of the 2006-07 academic year at UC Davis on September 7-8, 2006. The Council is an advisory body composed of two delegates from each of the ten campuses, the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the Office of the President. Officers include Bill Johansen, Chair (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory), Kathy Mendonca, Chair-Elect (Office of the President), and Sonia Johnston, Secretary (UC Merced). 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.

**VIRGINIA S. HINSHAW – PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR**

On September 7, 2006, Provost Hinshaw welcomed CUCSA to the Davis campus on the first day of its quarterly meeting. She spoke on various campus issues including the budget, staff training programs, and diversity as well as giving the Council a short history of the campus.

**UCD STAFF RECOGNITION of Zach O'Donnell, and Kathy Von Rummelhoff.**

Both are integral to UC Davis Staff Assembly. CUCSA Chair Johansen presented them each with a CUCSA certificate recognizing their exemplary leadership and outstanding service to the Davis community.

**GERALD L. PARSKY – CHAIRMAN OF THE UC BOARD OF REGENTS**

Chairman Parsky addressed delegates and reviewed several UC issues relating to fiscal soundness, budgets, recruitments, compensation and staff participation in decision making.

**DENNIS SHIMEK – SENIOR ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR**

Associate Vice Chancellor Shimek focused his remarks on the MSO training program, succession planning and child care issues. He also stated that the MSO training program has been expanded to include a program for Student Affairs Officers, Administrative Assistants and Accountants.

**MARIA LEDESMA – STUDENT REGENT**

Regent Ledesma shared her experiences as a Student Regent and addressed issues relating to K-12 as they relate to higher education. She also discussed the university diversity study group that has been formed by The Regents that will look at these issues as well as the campus climate.

**LYNDA BREWER – STAFF ADVISOR TO THE REGENTS**

Staff Advisor Lynda Brewer spoke to her early experiences with The Regents. Discussions with The Regents, whom she and fellow Staff Advisor David Miller have been meeting with, have been focused on communication and staff issues. Ms. Brewer is a former CUCSA delegate who was selected to serve as Staff Advisor to the Regents.

**JOHN MEYER – VICE CHANCELLOR OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Vice Chancellor Meyer gave delegates an overview of the campus and how the campus interacts with the city of Davis. Vice Chancellor Meyer also hosted a campus tour.

**CLAIRE POMEROY – DEAN, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, VICE CHANCELLOR, HUMAN HEALTH SCIENCES**

Dean Pomeroy welcomed delegates to Sacramento and the UC Davis Health System, which sits on what was the California State Fair Grounds. She gave a brief overview on the high impact they are making in clinical care, education, research and community engagement.

**UCD HEALTH SYSTEM recognition of Teri Low** for her support with the health system website and health system Staff Assembly website. CUCSA Chair Johansen presented her with a CUCSA certificate recognizing her outstanding service.

**MICHAEL PANSIUS – MANAGER, FACILITIES PLANNING**

Manager Pansius spoke on campus facilities and planning for the future. He also addressed the community relations and additions services required as the central valley is expected to grow to 7.6M by 2018.

**STEPHEN ARDITTI – ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR STATE GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Assistant Vice President Arditti discussed current legislative bills and ballot items, as well as the new academic center in Sacramento. The center offers students the ability to work at the capital similar to UC in DC program. They currently have 55 students involved.

**NEXT CUCSA MEETING AT UC SANTA BARBARA**

CUCSA announced that its next meeting would be held at UC Santa Barbara December 6 – 8, 2006.

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