Staff Assembly Council Meeting Notes
April 10, 2008

SA Representatives:
Chair      Mike Puritz     present
Vice Chair    Mark Wheeler    absent
Immediate Past Chair    Sherry Main     absent
Finance      Andrea Denish    present
Council Communications  Heather Wuebker   present
CUCSA (Sr.)    Penny White    present
CUCSA (Jr.)   Ramona Agrela    present

Standing Committee Representatives:
Communications   Ingrid Fahr    absent
Scholarship      Nancy Carter-Fields    absent
                  Zen Yieh    present
Staff Appreciation  Penny White    present
Training and Development  Lara Farhadi    absent
Special Projects   Jeri Frederick    present
                  Sandra Longnecker    absent
Marketing     Mary Lou Ledgerwood    absent
Staff Ambassadors  Kathy Eiler    present

Other attendees:
Deborah McWilliams, Zeba Zehdar, Anne Detch, Deborah Perkins

Statement of Subject - Call to Order and Approval of Minutes
Main Points – Puritz called the meeting to order.  White moved to approve March minutes; Denish seconded.

Statement of Subject – Chancellor and EVCP follow-up
Main Points – Puritz recapped meetings w/ Chancellor and ECVP: Mtg w/ Chancellor: discussed biannual fireside chat with Chancellor; late spring or early summer date in the works; finding suitable date for staff picnic; additional staff awards. Mtg w/ EVCP: discussed value of staff training, programs and events; discussed increasing scholarship dollars for staff. Send agenda items for next EVCP meeting (Apr 17) to Puritz.

Statement of Subject – Budget Town Hall
Main Points – Eiler distributed letter from the EVC (Mar. 18); discussed current shortfall in UC budget. Invited Staff Assembly to attend and speak at Budget Town Hall meeting. (Main Campus: Apr. 24, noon, UCI Student Center, room tbd.  UCIMC: Apr. 21).
Attendees will have opportunity to provide comments that will be distributed to state legislators in May via the OC Public Education Partnership (partnership of California universities and community colleges). Volunteers are needed from Staff Assembly to collect letters at event; contact Eiler if interested in volunteering.
Statement of Subject – Lauds and Laurels Sponsorship
Main Points – Puritz received letter from Jorge Ancona requesting financial sponsorship of Lauds and Laurels dinner; declined due to funding restraints.

Statement of Subject – Off Campus Financial Advisor
Main Points – Puritz received email from Edward Jones rep requesting to speak at Staff Assembly; declined due to on-campus resources.

Statement of Subject – Living our Values Awards
Main Points – Will Nagel contacted Puritz to add Living our Values Award info to Staff Assembly website.

Statements of Subject – CUCSA
Main Points – White nominated Agrela for the position of Chair Elect of the system-wide CUCSA. Work groups reports are wrapping up; White working on educational opportunities for staff; Agrela working on staff retention committee. Position for Junior CUCSA rep will be needed when Staff Assembly elections start. Sept. 4-6 – next meeting (UCI is hosting).

Statements of Subject – Finance
Main Points – Denish distributed March budget and expenses; includes proposed budget for 2008-09. Scholarship payments are coming in (8 of 37 are in); Yieh will send out reminder to recipients to let them know we’re nearing end of year. CUCSA is planning to roll over their budget for next year to cover costs of hosting Sept. meeting. White will take proposed budget to Staff Appreciation committee meeting to ensure proper allocation for events. Eiler asked for $150 in next year’s budget to cover travel cost of Staff Ambassadors. Additional budget items need to be received by Denish before Apr. 17.

Statements of Subject – Staff Appreciation
Main Points – White commented on changes to UC Idol contest (video voting for finalists; finalists perform at picnic). Pancake breakfast went well. Per U Club recommendation, SA may find outside vendor for picnic. Additional events:
- Baseball game vs Riverside: Apr 19 @ 5 p.m.
- Staff Picnic: tentative date of Weds, Aug. 20 (also UC Idol)
- Football game: Nov. 8 @ UCLA

Statement of Subject – Marketing
Main Points – Ledgerwood absent.

Statement of Subject – Communications
Main Points – Fahr absent.

Statements of Subject – Scholarship
Main Points – Yieh is continuing to work on details for Walk-A-Thon fundraiser.
**Statements of Subject – Education and Enrichment**
Main Points – Farhadi absent; Lunch & Learn brown bags in the works; Wellness Presentation on Weds. Apr. 16 at Wellness and Safety Fair.

**Statements of Subject – Staff Ambassadors**
Main Points – Eiler starting program back up in summer to educate staff about happenings/other things on campus.

**Statements of Subject – Special Projects**
Main Points – Frederick commented on upcoming Meal with Mike (next week); semi-annual Fireside Chat tentatively being planned – assembly noted June and September dates would be good. Send ideas for possible topics to Frederick.

**Statements of Subject – As Offered**
April 28, 11:30-1:00 University Club Library: Eric Rignot, Earth Systems Science, will talk at next A&PW about melting ice caps.

*The next Staff Assembly Council meeting will be held May 8, 2008.*