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UCRS Advisory Board – Election of Staff Members

An election has been underway for two non-Academic Senate seats on the UCRS Advisory Board, currently held by Vice Chair John Sandbrook, UCLA, and Tricia Hiemstra, Interim Human Resources Director, UCSB.

The call for nominations produced seven qualified candidates from various UC locations. A list of the qualified candidates is attached for the Board's information. The newly elected Board members must be from different University locations and their terms will run from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2015.

Two paths for voting were available for all eligible UCRP members: E-ballots for online voting, as well as mail-in paper ballots. For the first time a third-party external vendor, VR Election Services (VRES), conducted the election process while UC maintained full oversight and control of all decision points.

In order to encourage participation, this election was supported by a broad based communications effort. All election and nomination materials, including candidate statements, were provided in Spanish as well as English. To answer any questions voters may have had, VRES offered a toll-free 800 number as well as a customer service e-mail help desk. As a result of these efforts, over 10,000 eligible voters had cast ballots as of June 13, 2011 as compared to 3,525 total voters in the prior staff election.

Background on the UCRS Advisory Board and other communications were posted on the UC Human Resources election website at http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/ucrs_election/. An update on the election process was provided at the February 25, 2011 UCRS Advisory Board meeting. During the election, updates were given at meetings of the Benefits Managers as well as two meetings of the Union Coalition.

The 25-day election voting period began on May 23rd and concluded on June 17th at 5 p.m. The UCRS Advisory Board and the winning candidates will be notified of election results shortly after the election is completed. Results also will be announced in UC communications and posted on the UC Human Resources election website:
http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/ucrs_election/.

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