

## **FACULTY WELFARE ALERT!**

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### **Academic Senate Service**

Through the Academic Senate, the UCLA faculty participates in a system of dual authority and responsibility called shared governance. The Senate has direct control over academic matters and performs an advisory role in decisions made by the Administration on budget matters and the organization and structure of the university as well as on faculty promotions and appointments.

If you are an Academic Senate member and have an interest in serving on an Academic Senate committee, please take a moment to indicate your preferences for service on our Committee Volunteer Form, <http://www.senate.ucla.edu/committee/CONC/volunteer.htm>

By actively participating in Senate Committees, you will ensure that academic and administrative decisions are informed and enriched by broad faculty input. Likewise, active participation in the Faculty Executive Committees of the various Professional Schools and the College of Letters and Science will also ensure that local academic and administrative decisions are informed and enriched by broad faculty input.

For more information on the Academic Senate's twenty-three standing committees please visit: <http://www.senate.ucla.edu/committee/committeHome.htm>

### **Athletics Department: Community of Learners - Faculty Mentor**

In 2006-2007 the Athletics Department piloted the Faculty Mentoring segment of their Community of Learners Program (COL). The Community of Learners works with some of our freshmen student-athletes to better help them with the transition to college. COL integrates academic support in athletics with other athletic department administrators, coaches and faculty to promote academic, personal, and athletic excellence. Currently, the program focuses upon football players and track and field athletes. Other sports will be included as the program develops.

The pilot program results were so impressive that the program is now being actively expanded. Faculty mentors are asked to meet with their assigned student every two weeks for the academic year. Please sign up to be a faculty mentor for this academic year. YOU can make a difference!

The first faculty mentor mixer will be held on October 18, 2007 in JD Morgan Center Press Room.

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Please visit: <http://www.senate.ucla.edu/committee/ia/AthleticsFacultyOpenHouse.htm> and <http://www.senate.ucla.edu/committee/ia/FacultyMentoringinformation.htm> for flyers and Program information.

### **Medical Plan Changes - Open Enrollment is in November**

Please review your current health care choices and be prepared for open enrollment in November. Some changes have been made to the 2008 medical plans. These are summarized at:

[http://www.atyourservice.ucop.edu/news/health/08med\\_plans\\_update.html](http://www.atyourservice.ucop.edu/news/health/08med_plans_update.html) and discussed in more detail at:

[http://www.atyourservice.ucop.edu/forms\\_pubs/misc/08medplan\\_ppt.pdf](http://www.atyourservice.ucop.edu/forms_pubs/misc/08medplan_ppt.pdf)