

Verano Residents Council Meeting 12/09/08

Attending: Ling (Secretary), Carrie, Suzanne, Yang.

Academic Senate, AGS, CGG & CSE update

- Problems with the guarantee policy were discussed:
 - a higher percentage of vacancy rate, 4% compared to 1.5% in previous years;
 - all requests on the housing waitlist have been fulfilled but there are more vacancies than requests;
 - the faculty or the school want to use guarantee policy as a recruiting aid, but the effect and the cost does not match, especially when it is hurting current graduate student housing status.
 - **This year is the first year that we will have a large number of graduate students in VP who will receive vacate notices under the current Guarantee Program in January-March, 2009.** –We will keep you updated on this, but the bottom-line is that we will have to unite our students and try to change the policy if we do not want such draining situation in 2009 (or at the latest 2010).
- VRC has proposed that it will try to have a joint meeting with Manuel Gomez, Vice Chancellor of UCI, together with PVRC and AGS, to negotiate that a special committee on housing is to be established and is to quickly research an alternative housing policy to replace the current Guarantee Program.
 - Residents in Verano are encouraged to send your opinions to VRC on ways to improve housing, so that as VRC try to re-negotiate the housing policy, you may actually have a voice on your behalf. **Voice your concerns** to VRC and VHO!

VHO update

- Items discussed at the previous meeting with VHO:
 - Landscaping issues – the director of the Child Care Center has promised to demand no mowing activities should take place outside Child Care Center on Saturday mornings.
 - Fire alarm installation in Unit 6 buildings (apt 6xxx) has been scheduled to **January**.
 - Fire Drill in VP is currently scheduled to **January**. The fire drill will operate by a few blocks at a time with each section takes about 15 minutes. VHO will have various notices and educational flyers sent out before the event.

CSSA-UCI funding request

- VRC has approved the following funding request from Chinese Students and Scholars Association at UCI:
 - Chinese/Lunar New Year Celebration
 - Date/location – **January 24th at Student Center**.
 - VRC sponsored \$250 plus the sound system.
 - EVERYONE IS WELCOME! CSSA will send out flyers in January.
 - **VRC calls for resident request for funds**. If you are planning an event for Verano residents and you would like to request VRC funding, please email VRC@UCI.EDU, and we will be glad to review it and fund it

accordingly.