



Fall 2009 CUCSA Meeting - Speaker Bios

Chancellor Gene D. Block UCLA Chancellor

Dr. Gene Block became chancellor of UCLA in August 2007. As chief executive officer, he oversees the university's three-part mission of education, research and service. A biologist, he holds faculty appointments in the David Geffen School of Medicine and the College of Letters and Science.

A champion of public universities, Chancellor Block has called for UCLA to define for California and the nation the role of a great public research university in a major urban center in the 21st century. The priorities he has set for UCLA during his administration include academic excellence, diversity, civic engagement and financial security.

Previously, Dr. Block served as vice president and provost of the University of Virginia. He received a master's and Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Oregon and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Stanford University, where he also completed a postdoctoral fellowship.

Edward L. Abeyta, Ph.D Staff Advisor to the Regents

Edward L. Abeyta, Ph.D. is currently the Registrar and Director of Academic Services at UC San Diego (UCSD) Extension. Prior to joining UCSD Extension in 1995, Edward began his service at UCSD as a counselor for the Early Academic Outreach Program serving underrepresented students in San Diego high schools. Dr. Abeyta has a B.A. from the University of New Mexico, a M.A. from the University of San Diego and his Ph.D. in Post Secondary Adult Education from Capella University. Edward has been recognized from UCSD and the UC Office of the President for his involvement in staff diversity and development initiatives. He is an alumni and member of LEAD San Diego and currently serves as a board member on the City of San Diego Citizens Review Board on Police Practices and the San Diego Workforce Advancement Board. Recently, Edward was selected to receive the San Diego Metropolitan Magazines "40 under 40" award that recognizes the region's young business and civic leaders. He is also a founding board member of the newly established San Diego Urban Discovery Charter School.

"The University of California has been able to achieve so much for California largely because of talented staff, students, faculty, alumni, careful planning, and the investments of the state, the federal government, and private supporters in the University's basic mission. These investments have helped make California one of the most thriving and innovative places in the world. Given the numerous challenges currently facing the UC system, the role of the Staff Advisor serves as a critical bridge between staff, The Regents, and UC leadership. As Staff Advisor, my primary goal is to be an effective translator and bridge builder. I plan to be called upon to both interpret the position of The Regents to staff peers across the system, as well as represent the points of view of staff to The Regents."

Juliann Martinez
Staff Advisor to the Regents Designate

Juliann Martinez, as the Director of Gift Management at UC Berkeley, serves as the chief gift policy advisor for the Berkeley campus and manages the areas of gift and fund administration as well as institutional reporting for charitable giving. Prior to this role, she served as Director of Development Research and oversaw all aspects of prospect research and records management operations. Juliann is a member of the Berkeley Staff Assembly and an instructor in Berkeley's Financial Management Certificate Program for staff. Ms. Martinez has spoken at regional conferences for CASE and NSFRE, consulted with numerous San Francisco Bay Area nonprofit organizations and other higher education institutions, and led workshops on gift management, identifying prospects, and establishing a research library. Besides her higher education experience, Juliann has supported K-12 public education serving as a parent representative on the K-8 Evaluation Committee for the West Contra Costa Unified School District. Ms. Martinez also has a background in tax and is enrolled to practice before the IRS. Juliann graduated from UC Berkeley in 1987.

"The challenges that face the University of California require unique and creative responses. Throughout its long history, staff, faculty, alumni, and students have responded to challenges with innovative and creative ideas, and by building strong relationships. As a Staff Advisor, I would serve as a conduit to share the creative thinking and energy of staff from across the University of California with the Senior Leadership and The Regents. In addition to offering staff input, I would look for ways to explain Regental policy decisions to the campus staff so we all have a clear and shared understanding of the future direction of the University of California."

Jesse M. Bernal
Student Regent

Jesse M. Bernal is the student Regent for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2009. A first generation college student, Mr. Bernal received his bachelor's degree in political science from Westmont College in Santa Barbara. He is a graduate student at the Gevirtz School of Education at UCSB working on his Ph.D. in Education with an emphasis in Cultural Perspectives including underrepresented students in higher education. As an undergraduate, he was active in several community service projects which included serving as site coordinator for a Santa Barbara Endowment for Youth after-school program and a tutor and college adviser with the California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP). As a graduate student, he has served as University Affairs Chair and Executive Board Member of the UC Students Association and External Vice President for Statewide Affairs for the UCSB Graduate Students Association. He also served as the student representative on the UCSB Chancellor's Coordinating Committee on Budget Strategy and the UCSB Academic Senate committees on Planning and Budget and Diversity and Equity. Mr. Bernal is currently special programs manager in the UCSB summer sessions office, where he coordinates academic arrangements for the Early Start Program, a high school outreach program, and the Freshman Summer Start Program, a bridge program for incoming UCSB first-year students.

Jesse Cheng
Student Regent Designate

Jesse Cheng is a fourth year in Asian American Studies at University of California, Irvine. He has been active in the Asian Pacific Islander community, including a term as a chair of the Asian Pacific Student Association at UC Irvine, and in student government at UC Irvine, as an Executive Vice President. Jesse Cheng received the majority of his student development under Student Affairs departments at UC Irvine, including the Cross-Cultural Center, Dean of Students, and Center for Service in Action.

Randolph R. Scott
Executive Director, Policy and Program Design, Human Resources and Benefits
UC Office of the President

Previously, Scott served as Chief Human Resources Officer at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, University of California.

After serving in the US Air Force and with the National Staff of the Boy Scouts of America, including a two year period as a College Instructor, Scott began his corporate career in human resources at Diamond Shamrock Corporation in Dallas, Texas serving in various HR positions, culminating his service as General Manager for domestic and International HR Operations. He then moved to JC Penney, as Manager of Healthcare Cost Containment.

He transitioned to the medical carrier side, first as Vice President Human Resources, Alliance Blue Cross Blue Shield in St Louis, Missouri and then as Area Vice President Human Resources for the Golden Gate Service Area, Kaiser Permanente, in San Francisco, California where he provided leadership for all human resources functions.

Prior to joining the Lawrence Berkeley Lab, Scott was Director, Employee Relations for the California division of Kaiser Permanente. Scott currently serves as President of the Northern California Human Resource Management Association (a SHRM chapter) and is Vice President, Board Trustees of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, and member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for the Pacific Business Group on Health.

He has a B.A. in liberal arts from West Virginia College and a master degree in educational administration from West Virginia University.

David Feinberg, M.D., M.B.A.
CEO & Associate Vice Chancellor
UCLA Hospital System

“UCLA Medical Center has been a world-class healthcare institution for more than half a century. The incredible physicians, nurses and hospital staff who make up UCLA will now have a facility that allows them to take their amazing accomplishments to an even higher level. The new Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center will allow us to efficiently and compassionately meet the healthcare needs of our community and our world for many years to come.”

Dr. David Feinberg is the chief executive officer of the UCLA Hospital System and associate vice chancellor. Since opening its doors in 1955, UCLA Medical Center has consistently provided innovative healthcare. Known worldwide for its pioneering technological contributions, including advancements in organ transplantation, artificial insemination and ultrasound, UCLA Medical Center year after year is ranked number one in the West by U.S. News and World Report’s annual survey of “America’s Best Hospitals.”

Prior to assuming the leadership role of CEO for UCLA Hospitals, Dr. Feinberg was the medical director of the Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital (NPH) at UCLA. The Resnick NPH is considered to be the premier psychiatric hospital in the Western United States and was ranked in 2006 by U.S. News and World Report as the fifth best psychiatric hospital in the country.

Dr. Feinberg is triple board certified in the specialties of child and adolescent psychiatry, adult psychiatry and addiction psychiatry. He is a professor of clinical psychiatry in the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Dr. Feinberg graduated cum laude in economics from the University of California, Berkeley, and went on to graduate with distinction from the University of Health Sciences/The Chicago Medical School. He earned his master of business administration from Pepperdine University in 2002.

Dr. Feinberg has published and spoken on numerous occasions on attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, autism, pediatric bipolar disorder, pediatric depression and adolescent substance abuse. Dr. Feinberg is a highly sought after consultant to healthcare agencies regarding the industrialization of medicine.

Jeffrey Averill, AIA, LEED AP
UCLA Campus Architect

Mr. Averill has been practicing architecture for over 30 years as a member of numerous offices in Houston, San Francisco, Philadelphia, London, Sydney and Los Angeles. He received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Rice University and a Master of Architecture degree from University of California at Berkeley

He joined UCLA Capital Programs in early 2001 as a Project Manager responsible for a new laboratory building. In June 2003, he was formally appointed Campus Architect.

He is a Westwood resident and serves as vice-chair of the City of Los Angeles Westwood Design Review Board.

Dave Miller
Deputy Assistant Chancellor
UCLA Office of the Chancellor

Dave Miller was the first appointed Staff Advisor to The Regents, and the only one to serve a two-year term in the role. One of the highlights of his term was being appointed by then Board Chair, Gerald Paskey, to serve on the UC Diversity Study Group in 2007. Mr. Miller currently serves as the Deputy Assistant Chancellor at the UC Los Angeles campus. He came to UCLA in 1994 with twenty years of experience in the private sector. He has worked for companies such as Bankers Trust, Pacific Telephone, AT&T, Motown Record Corp., Diana Ross Enterprises, and 20th Century Fox Music Publishing. Prior to assuming his current position, Mr. Miller was Client Services Manager at UCLA Communications Technology Services. He has served as UCLA Staff Assembly President in 2002-2003, and was elected to serve as Chair of the Council of UC Staff Assemblies (CUCSA) in 2004-2005. Mr. Miller was presented with the first ever Excellence In Service to the UCLA Campus Community Award by then Chancellor Albert Carnesale in 2005. Most recently, he was honored with the UCLA Staff Assembly President's Award in 2009.

Robert Gibson, Ph.D.
Director of Training and Development
UCLA Campus Human Resources

Robert Gibson serves as the Director of Training and Development in UCLA Campus Human Resources, a position he has held since 1998. In this role, he provides management oversight to organizational development services, career development programs, a comprehensive campuswide training program, and co-directs Workforce Planning. He coordinates UCLA's participation in systemwide development programs and represents UCLA in engagements with peer functions across UC.

Prior to this role in HR, Dr. Gibson was Director of Education and Training for Chancellor Young's Responsibility Center Management Project, served on his UCLA Reengineering Project, and was a lecturer in Organizational Change at UCLA's Graduate School of Education. Before coming to UCLA, Robert was a senior management consultant to Fortune 500 enterprises in a range of arenas, including process reengineering, management development, workplace climate, employee recruitment and retention, customer satisfaction, employee assistance programs, and design and delivery of human relations workshops. Dr. Gibson earned his Ph.D in Social and Organizational Psychology from the University of Texas at Austin, and his BA in History and English from the University of Texas at El Paso. His continuing professional passion is leadership development, was manifested early in an award-winning project that linked 360-degree managerial assessment with demographic and psychological profiles. That work continues at UCLA.

Manuel C. Baldenegro, Jr.
Director, Advocacy Programs
UCLA External Affairs, Government & Community Relations

Manny has been with the Office of Government & Community Relations since 1991 initially developing the "UCLA in the Community" and the "UCLA Student Outreach" directories. He was a coordinator of the first Summer Youth Employment Program in 1992 prior to his promotion in State & Community Relations. As an Assistant Director, Manny was responsible for UCLA advocacy within state legislative districts in the San Gabriel Valley, San Fernando Valley and downtown Los Angeles areas.

In his current position as Director of Advocacy Programs, Manny oversees volunteer involvement at all levels of government by alumni, students, staff, faculty and community partners. His unit is responsible for volunteer recruitment for the annual "UCLA Days" in Los Angeles, Sacramento and Washington, D.C., event planning and coordination, and the use of GIS (geographic information system) to promote the University to elected officials. Manny is a graduate of UCLA with a degree in political science, a member of Latino Issues Forum, and past participant of the Ford Foundation's Latino Leadership Opportunity Program which analyzes local, state and national public policy issues. On February 2008 he was recognized as a "distinguished alumnus" by UCLA's Academic Advancement Program for his political and community work.

Manny is a fifth-generation Mexican American and the first in his family to attend a four-year University. He is also a performance artist and writer, recently studied mask and movement and has been performing for more than twenty years. Manny was last seen at the Carmen Zapata Theater production of "Too Many Tamales" as Papa. He is currently writing Canción de mi Vida (Song of my Life) on the life of his maternal Tejana grandmother which he hopes to produce and perform for the stage.

Dr. Henry Powell
Chair , Academic Senate
UC Office of the President

Henry (Harry) Powell is the 2009-10 University of California Academic Senate Chair and Professor of Pathology at the UC San Diego School of Medicine. He is a medical graduate of University College Dublin and his M.D. and D.Sc. degrees are from the National University of Ireland. After training at the Philadelphia General Hospital, UC San Diego and the Massachusetts General Hospital, Powell was board certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology and Neuropathology, and he is a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists in London. He has been a faculty member at UC San Diego since 1976 and has served as Neuropathology division head from 1986-2008 and as interim chair of Pathology from 1999-2004. His research has focused on diseases of the peripheral nervous system, in particular the pathogenesis and pathology of diabetic neuropathy and mechanisms of increased endoneurial fluid pressure. Powell has served as residency program director in Neuropathology and also Anatomic and Clinical Pathology. In the divisional Senate at UC San Diego. he has served as a member of the Committee on Academic Personnel, the Committee on Committees, on the School of Medicine Faculty Rights and Welfare Committee, and chair of the divisional Senate.