Nurse Bargaining Update

It has been a while since the last update about UC’s negotiations with the California Nurses Association, so we are providing this brief progress report.

Negotiations continue, and we believe we are making good progress towards an agreement. Recently CNA appointed a new chief negotiator for their team and the transition required rescheduling some bargaining sessions, but the parties met for three days in Oakland recently, and they will be back at the bargaining table again on December 8 and 9 in San Diego.

Wages for nurses is among the topics to be discussed during the San Diego bargaining session, and specific information about UC’s wage proposal will be available shortly thereafter. Meanwhile, we can assure you that, as we have been in the past, UC Davis Health System is committed to providing all our nurses with competitive salaries and good benefits.

Since wages is typically one of the last issues to be negotiated, we are hopeful that negotiations will be concluded soon. Negotiations will continue here at UCDHS on January 11-13, 2011.

We’ll continue to update you as the negotiations proceed, and you can also follow the negotiations on UC’s website: www.ucnurses.com

As always, thanks for all you do for our patients, and to help make UCDHS one of the best medical centers in the country.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the collective bargaining office at 734-2718.