

## OEOD Launches its Campus Conversation Series

### **Irvine Mayor Sukhee Kang**

#### *Speaking on Diversity in Irvine*

The newly appointed Mayor will talk about the work the city of Irvine does regarding issues of diversity at noon – 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at the Cross-Cultural Center as part of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity's (OEOD) *Campus Conversation Series* kick-off event.

The Mayor will address questions such as: How culturally diverse is Irvine? How does the city of Irvine encourage diversity in the community? Does the city host diversity events? Are there partnerships between the city and other groups that promote diversity? How does the city celebrate and include diverse people in its workforce? Also, the Mayor will share his personal story about being an immigrant.

“We are delighted that Mayor Kang will be our guest speaker. Support for diversity from community leaders such as the Mayor enhances the quality of life for all those who live, work, do business and study in Irvine and greater Orange County,” said Raid Faraj, Senior Investigator/Diversity Educator at OEOD.

In his 2008 election, Mayor Kang made Irvine history as well as American history by becoming the first Korean-American to serve as Mayor for a major Southern California and major U.S. city. Prior to his election and his service on the Irvine City Council, Mayor Kang served as a Governor's appointee on the California Workforce Investment Board and the Mayor's appointee to the Irvine Finance Commission, as well as a member of the Orange County Great Park Board.

The purpose of the *Campus Conversation Series* is to provide the campus community with opportunities to engage in dialogues about contemporary topics related to equal opportunity and diversity.

Event co-sponsors include: *Cross-Cultural Center, Office of the Vice Chancellor Student Affairs, Difficult Dialogues, Department of Asian American Studies, UCI Staff Assembly/Staff Ambassadors, UCI Advance Program, and Office of Community and Government Relations.*

The event is free and open to the community. If you have questions or need further information, please contact Raid Faraj at 949-824-5594 or [eod@uci.edu](mailto:eod@uci.edu).

The UCI Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity works to coordinate the University's compliance with federal and state laws and university policies and procedures regarding discrimination, retaliation and sexual harassment; and to promote and integrate the principles of equal opportunity, affirmative action, nondiscrimination, and excellence through diversity. To learn more about OEOD, please visit: <http://www.eod.uci.edu/>.