The chancellor will see you now

Katieh hears from UCD students at weekly office hours

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When a UC Davis student wants to talk over issues with Chancellor Linda Katehi, he or she generally can find the chancellor hosting office hours in the Memorial Union Coffee House on Tuesdays from 12:45 to 1:15 p.m.

For the past year or so, Katieh has met with students in the casual setting to discuss whatever needs discussing.

This past Tuesday’s session was at times productive and insightful, at other times, the rapport was more contentious and repetitive.

Aside from the chancellor and her chief of staff Karl Englebach, in attendance on Tuesday were Ralph Washington Jr., a first-year Ph.D. entomology student; Kabir Kapur, a fifth-year political science student; Nathah lid, a third-year environmental policy and planning student and the chancellor’s student assistant; and Elly Oltersdorf, a second-year history student.

A couple of other students dropped in throughout the hour, including fourth-year graduate student Alberto Valdivia, but it was more to listen than to discuss.

After introductions, Kapur started the session with a budget issue, he wants it to be easily accessible and transparent to the students. lid offered that the university’s 2020 Initiative should make the budget more transparent.

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Arcadia Biosciences Inc. is going public

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Local seeds of commerce are sprouting as another Davis business, Arcadia Biosciences Inc., announced Tuesday that it has filed a registration statement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for a proposed initial public offering of its common stock.

That makes Arcadia the second Davis company to go public in the past two years, following Marrone Bio Innovations’ IPO in August 2013. When MBH reached its IPO, it was the first company in the Sacramento region to do so since 2004.

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City honors teens for courage, service

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If it takes a village to raise a child, then surely it takes a village to make sense of the seemingly senseless, violent death of one.

That’s what this community of Davis attempted to do back in 1992 when 14-year-old Andrew Mockus, then a student at Holmes Junior High School, was beaten, robbed of $2 and pushed into a moving train by several youths.

Stunned, the city responded by conducting public forums to try to uncover the causes facing Davis teens and how the city could do something about it.

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Davis Shakespeare Festival producers announce two shows for summer

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The Davis Shakespeare Festival, which marks its debut last summer, plans two more for its upcoming season, which will run from June 25 through August 2 at the University Memorial Theater in Davis.

The popular Shakespeare comedy “Twelfth Night” will be paired with the 1985 musical “The Mystery of Edwin Drood,” which is based on the novel that Charles Dickens was writing at the time of his death in 1870.

Auditions will take place on March 22 in San Francisco, and March 23 in Davis, go to the festival website (www.shakespearedavis.org) for details. The cast is expected to include a mix of professional and community actors.

“Twelfth Night” — a staple at summer Shakespeare festivals — will be directed by Bob Salas, who directed last summer’s production of “Much Ado About Nothing.” Salas said the production will include “lots of music” by festival composer Richard Chowne and a UC Davis graduate who has written scores for Davis Shakespeare productions.

“Twelfth Night” involves twins (a brother and a sister) who were separated during a stormy shipwreck. Finding herself alone in a strange land, the play’s heroine

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Here’s the play: A fictitious couturier, Alfred Dreyfus, is on trial for treason. He pleads his case to a woman who’s the most beautiful woman in France,编号

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