



Campus Update Winter 2016

BSA Food Security Survey

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 2010 recently conducted a survey to gauge the level of food security amongst its members. The BSA Governing Council is also interested in learning if this is an issue for Berkeley staff in general, and is conducting its own informal anonymous survey. Once sufficient data is collected, the survey results will be shared with the campus community. Of interesting note, is that within the first hour after sending out the survey, there were 60+ responses, which indicates that food security is an area of concern, given the number of staff not directly impacted that responded. As of November 11, there were approximately 187 responses to the survey.

Leadership Roundtable – 2016

On November 10, 2016, the Berkeley Staff Assembly hosted a leadership round table with campus leaders to discuss finances, improvement processes under way, and ongoing leadership and organizational change. Topics discussed were questions submitted by staff from the BSA's anonymous survey, and live audience. Panelists included Interim Vice Chancellor and Provost Carol Christ, Vice Chancellor Scott Biddy, Associate Vice Chancellor, and Chief Financial Officer Rosemarie Rae, and Campus Shared Services Chief Operating Officer Peggy Huston. Discussion also included the Chancellor's replacement and senior leadership administration, special staff thanks and acknowledgement, and continued focus on the campus deficit reduction for the upcoming fiscal year. Carol Christ also wanted to acknowledge the very difficult time for our country, and the importance of supporting each other together at this time.

Search Advisory Committee for the selection of the UC Berkeley Chancellor

The Council of Staff Orgs hosted a preliminary survey to gather input about the search for the new Chancellor. The survey received 300+ responses. Major themes and thoughts from the survey were shared at the first scheduled closed staff member listening session. There were a total of four scheduled listening sessions, which focused on the needs and interests of undergraduate students, graduate students, staff, and faculty. The listening sessions provided opportunities to share thoughts regarding the requirements, and desired attributes of the next Chancellor of UC Berkeley. The committee will work throughout the fall with the aim of presenting a new chancellor to the Board of Regents for their approval in early 2017.

Plans finalized for new sexual violence & sexual harassment peer review panel

On 11/3/16, Chancellor Dirks announced plans to launch a 5-member panel beginning in 2017, comprised of an undergraduate student, graduate student, member of the Berkeley Staff, faculty member, and a senior administrator to review all cases in which a faculty or staff member has violated the university's sexual violence and sexual harassment policy. The committee will provide guidance and advice to the Chancellor on proposed resolutions. The goal of the peer review panel is to ensure that sanctions for campus employees are effective, fair and consistent. The panel will not replace any current investigatory or disciplinary processes, but will add a new layer of input into the disciplinary procedures by a panel made up of a cross-section of the campus community.

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