UC Berkeley’s New Chancellor

University of California President Mark G. Yudof announced on November 8, 2012 that he selected Nicholas B. Dirks, Columbia University’s executive vice president and dean of the faculty of Arts and Sciences, as UC Berkeley’s 10th chancellor. Dirks, 61 emerged as the top candidate after a six-month search. The local Berkeley Staff Assembly as well as other staff organizations participated in the search by electing a representative member to be on the selection committee for this highly important recruitment. Dirks will succeed Chancellor Robert Birgeneau on June 1, 2013.

Berkeley Staff Assembly Event: Farewell Breakfast with Chancellor Birgeneau

These "Breakfast with the Chancellor" sessions which began in Fall 2010, have been kept to a maximum of 8 attendees, as decided upon by the Council of Staff Organizations and are open to any member of the staff, regardless of level or position. Staff organizations manage the designation of staff to send to each breakfast, each organization providing one attendee each semester. Each staff organization establishes their own procedures for choosing attendees. The Chancellor often brings along a member of his cabinet. The November 30th, 2012 breakfast is the last one held with Chancellor Birgeneau before his official retirement.

Campus Shared Services Service Offerings

Campus Shared Services (CSS) now has available specific information that delineates which services will be provided by the CSS organization, by Central Campus, and at the unit level. The CSS team has also started to post process maps that depict work flows. Services and associated processes will evolve over the next 24-36 months and be refined through a culture of continuous improvement.

CultureCal

2,200 employees participated in CultureCal, the campus-wide brainstorming event that took place Oct. 1-12 with the goal of gathering input for a set of operating principles to guide our administrative work. CultureCal, which included a collaborative website, campus kiosks, and various in-person events, yielded 358 principles, 404 comments, and 22,923 ratings on various principles. CultureCal was the culmination of a series of workshops, forums, and other collaborative activities. The Berkeley Operating Principles team is now working with groups representing staff, faculty, and students to analyze the feedback and develop operating principles by the end of the year.

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