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Comment Period on Proposed Changes to Compensation Policy

Berkeley Lab announced an employee review period for a proposed revision to the Compensation policy. Currently, temporary administrative stipends are provided for up to two years maximum. It is proposed that faculty employees in a scientific management assignment maintain their administrative stipend for the duration of their assignment. This proposed change applies to faculty employees in a scientific management assignment. Represented employees should contact their union representatives or consult their collective bargaining agreement.

Webpage Created for Information, Updates on Unstable Hillside

During the holiday shut down in December it was discovered that an area of the hillside at LBNL was unstable and a land slide danger. Occupants of the building directly below the unstable area were relocated to other departments on the hill, and a new webpage was developed where all information on the unstable hillside is posted. It includes an overview of the situation, as well as details on remediation efforts, walkway closures, traffic detours, altered shuttle stops, and relocation of building occupants.

Applications for Staff Advisor to Regent Now Open

The application period for the next staff advisor-designate to the Board of Regents was announced. The position's term runs from July 2013 through June 2015. The staff advisor program, now in its eighth year, allows for two staff and/or non-Senate academic employees to participate in open sessions of designated committees of the board. The staff advisors bring the voice and perspective of staff and non-Senate academic employees to board deliberations. Application deadline is March 1.

UC Seeks Bids for 2014 Medical Plan Offerings

LNBL announced that the university had begun its annual project to evaluate health and welfare benefits and find ways to reduce costs for the university, employees and retirees. This year, system-wide Human Resources will consider proposals from new and current medical plan vendors in an effort to limit cost increases while continuing to provide high quality medical insurance plans to employees and retirees.

Lab Hosts Family Science Night in Richmond

More than 240 children and parents from Washington Elementary School in Point Richmond enjoyed an evening of science provided by 20 Berkeley Lab and school volunteers on Jan. 24. The multipurpose room at the school was transformed into a Bubble Festival where participants explored making bubbles with straws, strings, and even their own bodies. Funded by Public Affairs and provided through the Center for Science and Engineering Education (CSEE) Berkeley Lab In School Settings (BLISS) program, Washington's Family Science Night is one of several planned for schools that will be nearest neighbors to the proposed Richmond Bay Campus.