



Berkeley Staff Assembly

Campus Update
September 2014

Staff Appreciation Week and Summerfest

Staff Appreciation Week was held from June 16-20, 2014 on the Berkeley campus and included special offers of free coffee for staff, discounted meals at campus dining, staff walks around campus, and access to the Recreational Sports Facility. Claude Steele, Berkeley's new Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost, gave a keynote speech titled "Stereotype Threat: How it affects us and what we can do about it," which was available for staff to view in person or via live stream. The week included the annual Summerfest celebration for staff, where staff enjoy food, games, and entertainment. BSA attracted staff to our Summerfest table by holding a raffle to win gift certificates by signing up for our mailing list, and by passing out BSA logoed pens and post-its.

Next Opportunity at Work Conference

UC Berkeley hosted the second annual Next Opportunity at Work (NOW) conference on June 19, 2014 in the newly renovated Memorial Stadium. The all-day NOW Conference included inspiring keynote speakers and concurrent workshops. Workshop topics included career-planning, job seeking and career resilience resources, and tools to support staff job futures. This year's conference also included the inaugural Career EXPLORation Fair, an event designed to foster networking and learning opportunities for various career fields. Managers and supervisors were encouraged to approve requests from staff to attend at least two hours of the Conference. BSA's Career Development Committee hosted a table at the conference to talk to interested staff about the benefits of the Staff Mentorship Program.

Governing Council Elections

The BSA general membership voted on new Governing Council (GC) members to serve a three-year term. The highly successful election resulted in nine new GC members to join the existing 14 members. The 2014-15 total of 23 GC members is the highest rate of participation in years, nearly reaching the maximum number of GC members allowable (24) by the BSA Bylaws.

Staff Mentorship Program

The BSA Staff Mentorship Program successfully completed its 7th cycle and just started accepting applications for the 8th cycle. The program pairs staff who are seeking to develop themselves professionally with more experienced campus colleagues. The most recent cycle successfully paired 57 mentees and mentors, hosted regular mentor cohort meetings to discuss best practices, and conducted check-in calls with each mentee to ensure their satisfaction with the program.

BSA End of the Year Lunch

BSA hosted an End of the Year Lunch on June 12, 2014 at the Faculty Club to commemorate the end of the year, recognize the Governing Council members who were cycling off, and welcome newly elected members. General BSA members were welcome and in attendance.

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