



BERKELEY STAFF ASSEMBLY

Campus Update March 2010

Voices at the Table

Steve Garber and Paul Riofski continued their monthly meetings with Staff Advisor Designate to the Regents, Juliann Martinez. These meetings are a great way for all of us to be kept abreast of what is happening on campus and assuring that information is flowing in all directions. We will be having a BSA Program, Voice at the Table – Spring 2010 on April 7. We will provide an update of the different activities going on at the systemwide level including UC's Commission on the Future and the Post Employment Benefits task force.

Operational Excellence Project

Bain and Co. have been very busy on the Berkeley campus gathering data on many topics including Supervisor to Staff ratios, Space Utilization, Energy Consumption and Purchasing. The Operational Excellence Team has met with the BSA Governing Council twice to get feedback and input from us. At the last meeting on February 12, they showed us a video that provided an update on the status of the project. The video can be found at <http://berkeley.edu/oe/news/interimFeb10.shtml>. Staff on campus are anxious about how this project will affect them and whether it will lead to more layoffs.

Bill Clinton Visit

On February 24 Bill Clinton visited the Berkeley campus to talk with staff, students and faculty regarding Global Citizenship and "Communitarianism." There was a full capacity crowd of 2,000 people in the audience of Zellerbach Auditorium. Clinton was very well received and seemed very up to date on the higher education issues facing the State of California. A webcast of the event and more information can be found at <http://blumcenter.berkeley.edu/clinton>.

UC Commission on the Future

On December 3, 2009 members of the UC Commission on the Future visited the Berkeley campus. BSA and the Chancellor's Staff Advisory Committee were approached by the Office of the Chancellor to speak on behalf of staff and provide input on the issues and scope of the Commission's work. We had a great team of people who worked on this and we received very positive feedback from those in attendance.

Mentorship Program

The BSA Membership Program recently completed its fourth cycle. This was commemorated with a year-end celebration held in the Chancellor's Office. The Chancellor attended and spoke about his own experiences with mentoring and he congratulated and thanked the 53 pairs of mentees and mentors. The fifth cycle of the program commences on July 1, 2010.

Member Gatherings

BSA held its first Member Gathering that invites staff to come to a brown bag lunch and find out what is happening with BSA and to ask questions and provide comments. It was very successful and we have decided to hold these gatherings on a monthly basis.

Vice Chancellor Administration Update

Nathan Brostrom, Berkeley's Vice Chancellor Administration, departed for OP on February 1, 2010 where he is now serving as the Executive Vice President Business Operations. He has replaced Katherine Lapp. Vice Chancellor Frank Yeary has assumed the interim role while a nationwide search has begun for a replacement. Nathan, BSA's sponsor, will be sorely missed, but we look forward to what he can accomplish at OP.

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