



BERKELEY STAFF ASSEMBLY

Campus Update June 2010

BSA Meetings, News & Programs

- *Campus Budget Process and Outlook in Sacramento* – BSA had a very successful program on May 7 where Associate Vice Chancellor-Budget and Resource Planning Erin Gore, Associate Vice Chancellor Public Affairs Claire Holmes and Director State Governmental Relations Kieran Flaherty spoke about the State Government Budget process, the state of the California budget and campus media relations efforts.
- *BSA General Meeting featuring Chancellor Birgeneau* – BSA's General Meeting on May 27, 2010 featured Chancellor Birgeneau who commented on topics that involve staff, including the budget, Operational Excellence, UC Commission on the Future, and UC Post Employment Benefits.
- *Howard Pripas* will be joining the BSA Governing Council meeting on June 24.
- *Voices at the Table* – On April 7, the CUCSA delegates were again joined by Staff Advisor Designate to the Regents, Juliann Martinez for the semi-annual Voices at the Table presentation. Steve, Paul and Juliann spoke about issues affecting staff including Operational Excellence, UC Commission on the Future, UC Post Employment Benefits and the Staff Morale Survey. We also gave updates on the March CUCSA meeting. We are looking forward to having Juliann join us as the Staff Advisor to the Regents next year; the CUCSA Delegates plan to continue meeting with her on a monthly basis along with the BSA Chair and Chair-Elect.
- *New BSA Sponsor* – BSA has a new sponsor, Jeannine Raymond, Assistant Vice Chancellor Human Resources. We look forward to working with her on continuing to build the membership of BSA and its influence on the Berkeley campus.

Campus News & Events

- *Operational Excellence Project* – The Operational Excellence Project team has completed the diagnostic phase and has started the design phase. Over the next couple of months a Project Office will be opening and project teams will be pulled together in the following areas: procurement, organizational simplification, information technology, energy, and student services. After six months of design, the project will move into the implementation phase. The goal of the project is to realize a \$75 million per year savings.
- *Post-Employment Benefits Taskforce* – The Taskforce came to the campus on April 20 to present recommendation to Berkeley Staff and Faculty. Staff remain concerned about how these changes will affect their pensions and future health benefits.
- *Hunger Strike* – A group of students participated in a 10-day hunger strike to protest the passage into law of Arizona bill SB1070, which allows police to check immigration status in ways that many people anticipate could lead to a surge in ethnic/racial profiling. On May 7, Chancellor Birgeneau issued a very strong condemnation of SB 1070 and also assured students of campus policies and practices that protect undocumented students here. The strike ended on May 12.
- *“RACE: Are We So Different”* – The Staff Diversity Initiative Office hosted events in April and May at this Lawrence Hall of Science Exhibit. The exhibit provided an opportunity to understand race from a biological, cultural, and historical perspective through engaging, hands-on science experiences; real artifacts; and videos that present people's unique stories.
- *Cal Summerfest* – The annual staff appreciation day event will occur this year on the afternoon of June 9.

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