



BERKELEY STAFF ASSEMBLY

## **Campus Update September 2007**

### **Chancellor's Annual Chat with Staff**

Berkeley Staff Assembly hosted Chancellor Robert J. Birgeneau at its annual Chancellor's Chat with Staff on June 26, 2007. The informal noontime presentation of about 45 minutes – attended by over 100 staff members – was followed by a question-and-answer period. Among the topics covered by Chancellor Birgeneau were staff salaries, the Regents discussions to return to employee retirement contributions – he stated that he was conservative on the matter – and his fundraising role in the campus capital campaign.

### **BSA Summer Orientation**

An intensive orientation was held on July 26 for new and incoming members of The Berkeley Staff Assembly Coordinating Committee. The orientation included an overview of BSA history, a recap of the previous years' activities, analysis of membership demographics, an overview of committees and a brainstorming session on new initiatives that include our future membership model, our mission/vision statements and by-laws and operating procedures.

### **Mentorship Program**

One of BSA's most successful enterprises, the Mentorship Program is in full swing for its third cycle. The BSA Mentorship Program pairs experienced staff with less experienced staff in a mentoring relationship. The all volunteer program provides a supportive structure in which staff members can cultivate contacts, explore challenges, and enhance effectiveness as they design their personal growth and career paths at Berkeley.

This year, 47 mentor-mentee pairs are taking part in the year-long program. Mentors are nominated across the campus for the opportunity, while mentees apply for the program. More information on BSA's Mentorship Program is available at:

[http://bsa.berkeley.edu/index\\_files/Page892.htm](http://bsa.berkeley.edu/index_files/Page892.htm)

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