



Berkeley Campus Update to Council of UC Staff Assemblies September 2008

New Director of Staff Diversity Initiatives

Dr. Sidalia (Sid) Reel was appointed as the new Director of Staff Diversity Initiatives, reporting directly to Gibor Basri, Vice Chancellor for Equity and Inclusion. Her charge is to engage staff and management to ensure staff diversity throughout the campus at all levels of employment; to foster an inclusive workplace environment with a welcoming climate; and to link staff diversity efforts to the public mission of the university in support of a holistic vision for the campus.

BSA's Annual Chancellor's Chat with Staff

A full house gathered for the annual Chancellor's Chat with the Berkeley Staff on June 5, 2008, but the event was pre-empted by continuous disruptions by AFSCME protesters. BSA is working with the Chancellor's staff to reschedule in the Fall, perhaps in a different format.

Summerfest -- Campuswide Staff Appreciation Celebration

This annual event was held on the afternoon of June 13, and BSA members staffed a table to answer questions and provide information. BSA took this opportunity to highlight the fact that we will no longer collect dues from members, generating a lot of interest among the attendees.

BSA Annual Spring Lunch

On June 26, 2008 BSA held its annual Spring Luncheon. It was well-attended by current, new, and potential members. New officers were introduced and outgoing officers were thanked for their service and presented with a certificate.

BSA Staff Mentorship Program Update

A concluding ceremony was held for the 2007-2008 mentorship program participants with the Chancellor on Tuesday, July 8. 70 mentees have been accepted for the next cycle (calendar year 2009), with over 100 potential mentors to date agreeing to make themselves available for informational interviews.

Call for Proposals for Berkeley Initiative for Leadership on Diversity (BILD)

The BILD Steering Committee is seeking new and continuation pre-proposals from campus staff (including student employees) and faculty for 2009 funding, addressing Partnership, Access, Inclusion and/or Staff Development, including broad perspectives on diversity consisting of, but not limited to, disability, race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation, and their intersections.

Upcoming Events

(1) Coordinating Committee Orientation on August 28; (2) Fall Welcome Luncheon; and (3) Planned Programs: Update from the CUCSA Delegates to the Berkeley Staff; and a presentation by Bill Johansen, Staff Advisor to the Regents.

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