



BERKELEY STAFF ASSEMBLY

Campus Update December 2007

Staff Assembly Annual Fall Welcome Luncheon

BSA held its Annual Fall Welcome Luncheon to welcome all members, particularly those new to BSA; introduce members of the Coordinating Committee; encourage everyone to participate on committees; and to talk about the upcoming elimination of collecting dues. Effective July 1, 2008 BSA plans to discontinue requiring members to pay an annual \$15 fee. Instead all employees will be given the opportunity to “opt in” to BSA membership. The loss in dues income is anticipated to be offset by financial support from the Associate Vice Chancellor’s office. It is expected this change will greatly expand the voice BSA has on the Berkeley campus and will take BSA’s support of staff involvement to a new level.

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, 50 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

Upcoming Topics for BSA

We are planning on revisiting our Mission and Vision Statements in 2007-08 so that we can work on our strategic plan. In previous years we revised the By-Laws so will focus on the Mission and Vision Statements as well as our Procedures this year.

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