



BERKELEY STAFF ASSEMBLY

Berkeley Campus Update to Council of UC Staff Assemblies June 2009

BSA Staff Mentorship Program Update

In addition to their work with their mentors, the mentees have had the opportunity to meet with their mentee peers in a group setting every other month, with the mentors gathering in a similar context on a quarterly basis. These meetings are scheduled by the organizing committee, and the participants are free to use the time as best suits their needs. The BSA Career Development Committee has invited Mijiza Sanchez from UCSF, Director of their “Turnaround Program,” which provides mentorship to employees in lower classifications up to and including (___) Assistant II, to see if a similar program could be piloted at UCB.

BSA Programs

Tuesday, March 17, Berkeley CUCSA delegates Beverly Skinner and Paul Riofski were the speakers at a noon-hour brown-bag program to talk about the work of CUCSA and its current projects. Nancy Horton, CUCSA Vice Chair, was also present and participated in the discussion. BSA plans to hold these “CUCSA updates” on a regular basis each semester.

Wednesday, April 29, BSA hosted Kira Stoll (Sustainability Specialist, Office of Sustainability) and Alesia Woods (Manager, Parking and Transportation) in a presentation about the Cal Climate Action Partnership (CalCAP), a collaboration of faculty, administration, staff and students working to fulfill the campus commitment to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2014 – a goal that is six years earlier than State of California and the UC requires – without compromising the operations and mission of the University.

Wednesday, May 13, BSA co-sponsored (along with the other staff organizations) the campus presentation to the Berkeley staff by the Staff Advisors to the Regents, Bill Johansen and Ed Abeyta. Earlier in the day, leaders of the organizations joined Bill and Ed at a special breakfast meeting.

Summerfest (Staff Appreciation Day)

Held on Wednesday, May 13, with the theme “Calypso.” BSA provided visitors to its booth with information about its Staff Mentorship Program and Excellence in Management programs, and encouraged many staff to “opt in” for membership under its new non-dues policy.

Upcoming Events

(1) BSA General Meeting, Monday, June 15, featuring special guest speaker, Chancellor Robert Birgeneau; (2) BSA Spring Luncheon, Thursday, June 18; and (3) BSA Program featuring Sidalia Reel (Director of Staff Diversity Initiatives) and Gibor Basri (Vice Chancellor for Equity and Inclusion) on the initial findings of the campus climate survey, Friday, June 19.

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