

News for the Board
Tuesday, October 25, 2011

- **Mark your calendars for Town Hall/Teach-In against budget cuts 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sat., Oct. 29 at BCC**

BCC's Global Studies Club in collaboration with AgainstCuts.org will host a fall Town Hall/Teach in from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sat., Oct. 29 in the college's atrium and auditorium. All are invited to the event to find out how to organize with others to halt budget cuts. Participants will engage in discussions, view video presentations and hear overviews about federal, state and local budgets and how they can organize against prospective cuts to education and other public services. E-mail: mail@againstcuts.org.

- **Berkeley Mills to host Oct. 29 fundraiser for BCC**

Gene Agress, chief executive officer of Berkeley Mills, will host an invitation-only fundraiser for Berkeley City College, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Sat., Oct. 29 at the Berkeley Mills Showroom. The \$100 per person event will include dinner, hosted by Kitchen on Fire, and an auction of a Berkeley Mills' hand-crafted cherry wood Closet Tansu valued at \$15,000. All proceeds from the event and auction will go to the college. Agress is part of the President's Circle, a group of Berkeley business leaders and philanthropists, which was started by BCC President Betty Inclan to help raise funds to support the college. Chef Olive and Chef MikeC, owners of Berkeley's Kitchen on Fire, hosted a Sept. 15 dinner for the college; and Berkeley developer Soheyl Modarressi sponsored a BCC fundraiser at Alborz Restaurant in December 2010. The group so far has helped to raise more than \$40,000.

- **BCC begins work on mid-term report for March 15 WASC team visit**

BCC has formed committees and has begun to gather data for its 2012 Accreditation Midterm report and Mar. 15 ACCJC/WASC team visit. This fall, the college is holding several college wide accreditation forums to gather data and input from students, faculty and staff in several areas. An accreditation steering committee and subcommittees were formed to address ACCJC recommendations in Student Services, Assessment, Facilities, Operations and Financial Practices.

- **“Columbus Day Legacy” documentary examines free speech, ethnic pride issues**

“Columbus Day Legacy,” a documentary by Navajo filmmaker Bennie Klain, will be shown at 12:15 p.m., Mon., Nov. 7 in Berkeley City College’s auditorium. The film explores free speech and ethnic pride against the backdrop of an ongoing Columbus Day parade controversy in Denver, Colorado. Klain takes viewers into a personal, yet highly public conflict which asks tough questions about identity and history in America.

The event is sponsored by BCC’s Indigenous Student Club, the Department of Arts and Cultural Studies, and the Global Studies Club. It is part of the Sorrows of War/Struggles for Peace series funded by the Jerry L. Adams Endowment of the Berkeley Community Fund.

- **Nov. 9 civic/university panel to examine ways to improve Berkeley arts, food, entertainment districts**

Berkeley civic leaders will participate in “Late Night in Berkeley,” a panel and public discussion at Berkeley City College which will examine ways to improve Berkeley’s arts, food and entertainment districts, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wed., Nov. 9 at BCC’s auditorium. Panelists will include Jim Peters, president of the Responsible Hospitality Institute; David M. Mayeri, entertainment consultant and former chief operating officer of Bill Graham Presents; Kemi Amin, program director of Buy Local Berkeley; Noah Stern, former president of the Associated Students of the University of California; and Polly Armstrong, chief executive officer of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce. The event is hosted by Berkeley City College and co-sponsored by the University and City: Ideas for Partnership.