

Final Questions for Summer 2004 SoCal BSI Mentors – 4 of 8 mentors responded regarding their experiences with 6 interns; red text indicates issues also identified by mentors during 2003

1) What part of your involvement in the SoCal BSI Program met or exceeded your expectations? Please explain why or how.

3 **quality/enthusiasm of students** – intern made major contribution to the company, “Interns were bright and willing to do what was asked.”

2 **well organized program** – better than expected

1 program evaluation

2) What part of your involvement in the SoCal BSI Program disappointed you? Please explain your response and/or suggest ways to improve the program with respect to the issue that you have identified.

2 **admissions standards for interns/screening should be higher/better** – C programming skills weak, “it is very difficult to find anything meaningful to do for someone with little or no background knowledge”

2 **matching of students to internships needs improvement** – see above quote, would like to see resume or list of projects and technical skills for interns

2 nothing

1 **problem with support at worksite** – paperwork at research site

3) Would you recommend to a colleague that they accept an intern in the SoCal BSI Program? Please answer either NO, YES, or YES WITH RESERVATIONS. Please explain your response.

3 YES – if in LA and have a match to the BSI theme, I learned a lot by mentoring the interns.

1 No answer

4) Do you have any other comments about the SoCal BSI Program that you would like to make at this time?

- The mentors need feedback (another mentor told me this informally at the final presentations)
- “Thanks for making it happen!”
- “Thanks again for letting us participate.”