Black Faculty and Staff Association
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 9, 2016

I. Introductions

II. Reports
   a. President
      i. Danny will no longer be co-chair due to responsibilities associated
         with Track and Field. Unique will be filling in for him for the
         remainder of the year
      ii. FSA's
         Meeting with President Armstrong on April 11th, have been meeting in
         the meantime to discuss approach and identify how to frame issues
   b. Officers
      i. No updates
   c. Representatives
      i. Multi-cultural center
         Rep not present but they have been given money from the
         administration to host some events and are willing to collaborate
      ii. BSU
         Advisor not present, no update
      iii. OUD&I
         Rep not present but new Program Director set to start at the end of
         March

III. Events
   a. Black Commencement
      Friday June 10th, 6-8pm in Spanos Theater. 17 students have
      registered, 1 graduate student. Theme is TBA. Speaker is Patrice
      Cullors, co-founder of Black Lives Matter. Hoping to have African
      Drummers or Gospel Choir as entertainment. BFSA will donate $300
      to assist with entertainment costs, which will include the cost of an ad
      in the program. Unique may emcee the event
   b. Black Legacy Weekend 2016
      July 29-31st, a variety of events have been planned. You should have
      already gotten the save the date. Be on the look out for information.
   c. NAACP Annual Prayer Breakfast
      Saturday March 19, 10am at the Santa Maria Airport Radisson Hotel-
      3455 Airport Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93422. The cost is $22 per adult
      and $11 per child (12 and under). The keynote is TBA and the theme
      is “Until Justice Rolls Down Like Water…”
   d. Celebrity Golf Tournament
      Community member Donna Davis discussed the C.O.Y Classic, which
      will be Friday June 3, registration starts at 7am and Shotgun start at
      9am. Held at the Avila Beach Golf Resort. More information at
      www.opcoy.org

IV. Unfinished Business
V. New Business
   a. Diversity proposal
      Unique discussed an opportunity to bring renowned speaker and community
      organizer Ise Lyfe to campus to increase and sustain awareness and dialogue
      surrounding diversity issues on campus. If you have any specific ideas, please
      contact her. Encouraged to work with MCC to make event happen.
   b. Voter registration drive
      Everett mentioned the possibility of holding a voter registration effort since
      it is election season. Idea was tabled for next meeting. Need to gauge interest
      in event and target population
   c. Diversity Festival Spring quarter in UU plaza
      Not discussed at the meeting due to lack of time, but received an email about
      participating in festival, which is meant to be a time for URM groups on
      campus and SLO to come together, create solidarity/community, and show
      cultural pride through music, art, and dance. Asked if we are willing to
      participate and need response by March 11. Any interested parties?

VI. Open forum
   a. Unique asked about the structure of the BFSA and the roles and
      responsibilities of members. Stressed the importance of having meeting
      minutes to keep track of discussions and unfinished business and also to
      keep those who are unable to attend informed. She volunteered to also serve
      as acting secretary. Need more people to attend the meetings and be involved
      in leadership roles

VII. Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm
VIII. In attendance
      1. Everett
      2. Preston
      3. Renoda
      4. Donna Davis
      5. Terrance
      6. Unique
      7. Bernard
      8. Roberta
      9. Mardel