

1. Welcome and Introductions – attendees at today’s meeting were Juliette Duke, Renoda Campbell, Camille O’Bryant, Terrance Harris, Annie Holmes, Sam Kirby, Bonnie Murphy, Rachel Roberts, Staci Shoals, Eleonara Cahill, Danny Williams, Melissa Furlong and Preston Allen
2. Reports and Updates
 - 2.1. OUD&I Welcome Reception – there was some good discussion about different reactions to the first ever event of this type on our campus. Student organizations who were invited to attend were really pleased to have the chance to attend because there was more visibility for them as compared to the showcase during WOW. There were actually quite a few people mingling within and across different groups which met Annie’s vision for the event. This was meant to be an opportunity for people to connect and network versus walking up to different tables like they might do at a resource fair. It’s nice that the vision for the event actually came to life. It would have been nice to have seen more students; but the percentage of students who did attend is probably proportional to the percentage of underrepresented students enrolled at Cal Poly.
 - 2.2. 2013 Black Legacy Weekend – events, outcomes, and aspirations – Camille distributed a handout with notes/comments related to Black Legacy Weekend 2013. The dates for 2014 are set (last weekend in July) and the planning committee really needs to work with an established budget.
 - 2.3. 2013 Black Commencement – there were 20 students who participated in Black Commencement this past spring. It was the 25th ceremony! There are actually three student coordinators for Black Commencement 2014. Remember...all faculty and staff are welcome to sit on the stage during the ceremony! It was also nice that Cal Poly’s vice presidents all chipped in to help cultural commencements financially...paying for venue rentals, program printing, and catering helped ensure that each and every group could dedicate more time to their actual program and not worry so much about fundraising.
 - 2.4. BFSA Membership and Dues – Annual dues cover September (2013) through August (2014) and are \$30.00. There were forms available at the meeting. Camille will also send a membership form via email. We can accept cash or checks. Thanks! We use dues to pay for food at meetings/events; gifts for students or members (e.g. expressions of sympathy); and other special events. While we don’t “force” people to pay dues; if you do pay, the money goes to good uses.
 - 2.5. New students – admission trends and concerns – Renoda and Terrance provided a brief report on the admission and enrollment trends for Black/African American students
 - 2.5.1. Fall 2013 = 54 new students (13 = upper division transfer and 41 = First time freshmen); this number does not include students who check multiple racial groups. This number (54) is more than double last year. Renoda was able to check the

students who checked multiple races and reported that there are as many as 80 more students who identify as African American (multi or bi racial).

2.5.2. What is a good trend to see is that the administration is very supportive of ramping up recruitment and retention efforts so that we would hopefully continue to see increasing applications from Black and African American students and increased admissions from this cohort.

2.6. Alum Special Interest Group(s) – five alums have stepped up to create the Cal Poly Black Alumni Association (CPBAA). Many of these alums have attended Black Legacy weekend and the interest in a Black alum special interest (affinity) group has been gathering steam for quite some time. Mark your calendars to attend the Cal Poly football game/tailgate on November 9th and the CPBAA business meeting on Sunday, November 10th. BFSA has agreed to sponsor a meet and greet so that alums who are here can meet with current faculty, staff and students.

3. Announcements & Discussion Items

3.1. BFSA Web Site & Solicitations – the web page is in need of updates. This time last year we didn't have a page; so it's nice to have one now. Camille is currently putting together a list of items that need attention for the web page. If anyone is interested in helping with web page content; please sign up for the web gardening committee. BFSA web page will also include a link to the Bakari Mentoring program (<http://www.bakaricalpoly.org/>). Roslynn Caldwell is the director of the program at Cal Poly. If you ever get a chance to attend one of their graduations; you should. The young people who participate in this program work very hard to complete the program. For many of them, this is an important step in keeping them out of the criminal justice system.

3.2. Faculty and Staff Affinity Associations (A) Team – Camille and Preston attended Cal Poly's first ever joint meeting of all the difficulty FSAs on campus. The FSAs will hold a joint social/reception on October 24 in Kennedy Library Atrium (see handout).

3.3. Black Alum Barbecue and Business Meeting – November 9 – 10, 2013 – as mentioned earlier (item 2.6) there are five alums who have taken the lead in establishing Cal Poly's first ever Black Alum Association. The kickoff event for this group will take place the weekend of November 9th (see flyer). There are 100 seats at the football game reserved for folks attending the event AND there will be a business meeting and BFSA sponsored meet and greet on Sunday, November 10th.

3.4. Leadership Mentoring Opportunities – now is the time for folks to step up and into leadership roles to help BFSA continue to meet its mission and goals.

3.4.1. BFSA committees (handout) – if you are interested in serving on one or more of BFSA's committees; please write your name down on the handout and return to Camille.

Camille will summarize results from today's meeting and then put a general call out to all people on the BFSA email distribution list.

3.4.2. BFSA Co-chairs – according to BFSA By-Laws; co-chairs are elected to serve a two year term. Camille and Preston are in the second year of their two year term. Historically the co-chairs are elected in the summer and have about two weeks to get organized. Preston and Camille thought it would be nice to elect co-chairs now and give those people a chance to shadow us in our current roles. There was discussion about who was interested in serving as co-chairs for 2014-2016. Preston and Camille were nominated to serve another term. We will put this out to the entire email distribution list for a vote.

3.5. BFSA Events/Programming – Get Involved

3.5.1. 2014 Black Commencement will take place on Friday, June 13, 2014. There was discussion about changing the start time so that members of the football team could attend. Currently Black Commencement clashes with the Football banquet.

3.5.2. 2014 Black Legacy Weekend – will take place July 24 – 27, 2014. Stay tuned for more details from the event planning committee.

3.5.3. Community Partner Reception (February?) – there was discussion about having a community partner reception sometime in February. People on the events committee should look into the possibility.

3.5.4. Community Partner Awards/Recognition (April or May?) - there was some discussion about doing something to recognize those community partners who have taken a keen interest in and been very supportive of BFSA. The people on the events committee should look into this idea more carefully.

3.5.5. Fall Quarter Home Visit – Danny Williams said that he would like to host another home visit sometime in October. BFSA would help with this event (i.e. pay for food). We just need a date. Danny will check with his family and get back to us very soon....tentatively planning for October 20 or 27,2013.

3.5.6. Thanksgiving Potluck! We did not have one last year. Great discussion about how important this event has been to the students. Should plan for November 24, 2013. It is time to get this on the agenda now so that it will actually happen!

4. Future Meeting Dates/Times/Topics

4.1. Try to meet twice each quarter – discussed setting the meeting dates in advance so that people can get this onto their calendars. The recommendation was to meet Friday of week 1 and Friday of Week 7. Camille and Preston would check the dates and see how things work out.

- 4.2. Special guests to attend (new VPSA, New director counseling services, other?) – Who would BFSA like to see come to our meetings and report on the various issues/trend impacting people on campus? Discussion of possible invitees included someone from the Mustang Success Center, someone from student affairs, and ??
- 4.3. Committees – once we set the general BFSA meetings; then the committees could plan to meet on different weeks so that they can bring reports back to the general meeting.