Notes from Cal Poly BFSA Meeting – 11/8/2013

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I. Welcome & Introductions – people in attendance at today’s BFSA Meeting
   a. Renoda Campbell, Juliette Duke, Jeffrey Alexander, Staci Shoals, Terrance Harris, Preston Allen and Camille O’Bryant

II. BFSA Leadership Opportunities - Committees - sign ups and reports
   a. We reviewed and updated the current BFSA Committee information. Camille will updated the document and send it to the BFSA email distribution list
   b. Web Gardening – Staci Shoals and Camille O’Bryant met in October and reviewed the current BFSA web page. Staci sent it to staff members at CTLT who are in the process of converting it from Dreamweaver to Drupal. Once this transition is complete, it will be much easier for anyone who knows Drupal to edit/update the page. Hopefully the “new” page will be live very soon.
   c. Events and Programming – Renoda Campbell = chair.
      i. Thanksgiving Potluck – November 24, 2013 - Bonnie and Camille met and set a plan for the next BFSA event – The Thanksgiving Potluck. We distributed the flyer for the Thanksgiving Potluck and discussed one edit. Once Renoda updates the flyer; she will send it to Camille. Camille will then forward it to the BFSA email distribution list. Please encourage students to attend!
   d. Scholarships – this committee has not yet met. There may be more “work” for the committee once the Cal Poly Black Alumni Association is up and running. Jeff Alexander volunteered to serve on the committee.
   e. Academic Achievement – this committee has not met and there is no report today. However, student success and academic achievement is something very important
for BFSA and the Cal Poly Black Alumni Association will probably also have supporting academic achievement as an organizational goal as well.

f. Community Outreach – Preston and Camille noted how important community involvement is and that we are receiving messages from community members who are interesting in “joining” BFSA and supporting its programs. We are going to have some type of community appreciation event in winter quarter.

g. 2014 Black Legacy Weekend – Save the date for July 24 – 27, 2014. Preston and Camille will share the dates with people who attend this weekend’s Cal Poly Black Alumni Business Meeting

III. BFSA Treasury

a. Preston reported that we still have some money in the BFSA Account (about $1300.00). The BFSA dues and donations help us offset the costs of hosting events and purchasing gifts for students.

IV. Announcements/Reminders

a. CPBAA Weekend – we reviewed the schedule for this weekend’s events and will share updates with BFSA as they become available.

b. Join BFSA Today – thanks to those of you who joined BFSA today.

c. NAACP Fashion Show – Preston distributed a flyer about this year’s NAACP Fashion Show. The president’s office typically purchases 1 table (10 tickets) and sometimes another half table (5 tickets). We will send an announcement to the BFSA email distribution list with information about how to express interest in attending.
d. Black Commencement is Friday, June 13, 2014. We do not know the actual time yet but please stay tuned for further details. Renoda has three students working as coordinators of the event.

e. Future meetings - BFSA = Friday on Week 2 (January 17) and 7 (February 21) of Winter Quarter. Camille will check the calendar and send out announcements about future meeting dates and locations

f. Committees – please review the committee roster that Camille sends out via email. Preston will be convening a meeting of the Black Legacy Weekend committee very soon.

g. Other??

i. We discussed some concerns about the quality of campus life for Black student athletes. Camille shared Roslyn Caldwell’s concerns about some students on the football team. She will advise Roslyn to set up a meeting with Annie Holmes to discuss those concerns

ii. Annie Holmes put out a call for applications for faculty mentors to participate in a diversity and inclusivity student mentoring program. Stay tuned for further updates.

iii. Kudos to those who planned the Constitution Day event with Dr. Jones. It was an excellent event and Dr. Jones expressed interest in coming back to Cal Pol.