

## **March 25, 2010, SMC Black Alumni Chapter Meeting**

**7:00 p.m. – Galileo 113**

**Present:** Lloyd Schine, Ranelle Dunham, Tanya Boyce (and daughter), Jamila Buckner, Tim Ambrose, Gail Garrett

**Conference Call:** Rushell Gordon, Tamika Workmon, Warren Parker, Greg Young, Cheryl Berna Adams, Halima Marshall, Brian Stanley

**The meeting was called to order by President Schine at 7:11 p.m.**

### **Introductions**

### **Old Business:**

#### **Tribute to African American Women 2/18/10**

- Panelist Ranelle Dunham wished they had had more time
- Panelist Jamila Buckner commented the event was more formal than she thought it would be. She thought it went really well
- Greg Young would like to go to more women events. He thought this was a good event
- Panelists did an outstanding job. Wish we had had more students present
- Lloyd thought it was a wonderful event and it could have gone on much longer. If we do it again, make sure we have more time
- The food was good
- Women Resource Center would like to do the event again next year

#### **Expressions of Blackness /‘Our Future Has A Past’ 2/21/10**

- This was a collaboration of students, Development Office, Admissions, Jack & Jill of Contra Costa, Diablo Black Men’s Group
  - There were 260 attendees
  - The video was good
  - The Intercultural Center didn’t seem to have enough time to devote to Black students because they are also working with LASA, APASA, GALA, etc.
  - What can BAC do to improve support for Black students?
  - Lloyd, Tom Brown, and Odell will be meeting with Beth Dobkin
  - The student’s power point presentation expressed that they felt isolated at SMC. Jamila was shocked, but the video was balanced

- EOB was in jeopardy of not happening this year because only five Black students stepped forward
- There was a mix of all different ages

### **Scholarship Committee**

- Faith met with Greg 3/18. They discussed a letter to Black Alums announcing the establishment of the Black Alumni Chapter and Named Annual Scholarship
- Postpone the letter at this time
- We will continue to build relationships with our Alums and explain why their financial support is important
- Build up students by making outreach calls

### **New Business**

#### **Black Graduation Celebration 5/20/10**

- Greg Young, Halima, Lloyd and Gail will be helping out at the graduation
- 33 Black seniors are eligible to participate
- Not all students know about the graduation
- Advertising has been passive
- Send invitations to parents so they can encourage students to participate
- History of the Rain Stick (from Joan Cube to Jamila)
- Rushell - call to parents is important. There were nice invitations at her graduation. How can we get invitations? Should we (BAC) pay for them?
- All graduates should be doing something
- Jamila – get a list of all juniors (Chris Carter)
- Why aren't students aware of the graduation?
- Brian Stanley – after he left SMC, the event was no longer a Black Student Program event but an Intercultural Center event
- Rain Stick history will be emailed from Brian Stanley
- Tanya volunteered to call all 33 Black students who will be graduating
- Greg suggested we have award winners
- Lloyd – why can't we include graduate students? Everyone agreed that we should

- Make sure every student is called and send invitations to students and parents
- How much is BAC willing to pay for invitations?
- Should we pay dues? The Alumni Office should take care of the invitations
- Do we want to talk about dues even if there are funds for the invitations
- Should Black Alums reach out to Alums who haven't been active?

### **Additional Discussion**

- We should have our own stationery
- Rushell – we should have our own funds so when we talk to the Provost, that would make an impact
- At this point Lloyd would rather we participate in student/Alum events rather than collect dues
- Jamila will be meeting with Beth Dobkin
- Welcome bar-b-que September 9 – informal
- Ask students what do they specifically need
- Sub-committee to meet with Corliss about mentoring
- Work that Alums have built over the years has been lost since there is no Office of Black Student Programs
- Allow the students a voice – the opportunity to speak to Alums

### **Meeting adjourned at 9:05**

4/26 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Diversity Career Conference 2010- Soda Center 5:00 – 8:30-

4/28 - BAC Conference Call –details to follow

4/28 – BSU Brothas & Sistas Appreciation Dinner – Hagerty Lounge 6:00

5/20 – Black Graduation

**Minutes prepared by Gail Garrett**