

October 15, 2009, SMC Black Alumni Chapter Meeting
7:00 p.m. – Galileo 113

Present (11): Jamila Buckner, Chris Carter, Ranelle Dunnam, Gail Garrett, Chris Major, Halima Marshall, Sammy Sanders, Lloyd Schine, Faith Taylor. Students present: Chez Harrigan, Eric Anderson

Phone: Vanessa Chandler, Rushell Gordon, Tamika Workmon

Meeting was called to order by President Lloyd Schine at 7:05 pm

Introductions

We had quick introductions with students telling us a little about themselves and why they are interested in BAC.

OLD BUSINESS:

Comments about the September 8, 2009 Meet & Greet event.

(Chris Major) great, beautiful start, would like to have a roster of faculty & staff on campus who work with students

Alums are willing to help students videotape and document each event

(Faith) great energy, many alums in attendance

(Chez) He really didn't get a lot of information, felt there should be more mingling instead of students & alums being separate

Ranelle to Chez – would an on-line survey help to determine what the students thought of the meet and greet? Would social network work better?

Chez – definitely, BSU has a Facebook page

Chris Carter –The meet and greet should have started earlier, but it was a good start for a first event. It was meaningful and purposeful.

Eric Anderson – The meet and greet was good

Faith Taylor – Scholarship

With almost \$5000.00 raised, we are in the final stages of a named annual scholarship being established. Rushell Gordon, Chris Majors, Greg Young, and Jamilio McClain are on the fundraising committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Institute survey monkey with 5-10 questions
Monkey Survey committee, Ranelle & Jamila 11/1/09
- Have alum Bios available for students
- Facebook has polls – that may be a way to connect with alums and students
- Tamika & Lloyd will be working on a Facebook page for the BAC, SMC Community Page, BSU Facebook
- BAC web page will come from Alumni Office
- Student Eric Anderson – the BSU is trying to institute a mentoring program for inner-city kids to target students who don't think they will go to college – get them interested. Students and mentors would meet twice a month. Have a seminar type gathering to get students to speak, pose questions and see what everyone has to say. Identify the existing students and what kind of mentoring they are looking for, their majors and points of interest. Students definitely want to create and keep an open dialog with alums. Everyone has strengths – modeling a forum for younger students
- Proposed date for mentoring program?
Form a committee
- Open house, panel discussion
Round table might be better
- Future events – What would we like to see?
- BSU event 'Groan & Sexy Soiree' 11/5 in Hagerty (semi-formal)
- Rushell & Halima on the committee to welcome Black grads into the Alumni chapter at the Black Graduates Celebration

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.