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 - 3rd 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