Black Student Experience Workgroup 2.0
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2021 | 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Minutes

Attendees:
Tri-Chairs
- La-Tonyette Buckley   Student, UCR
- Jamal Myrick, Ed.D.   Director, African Student Programs
- Shonte Thomas   Associate Dean of Students of the Ethnic and Gender Centers

Workgroup Members
- Dominique Beale   Admissions Recruiter, Community Engagement & Outreach, Undergraduate Admissions
- Allura Davis   Admissions Counselor, Community & Engagement Outreach, Undergraduate Admissions
- Alton Carswell   Case Manager, Health & Wellness - Case Management
- Demetrius Eulingbourgh   Student, UCR
- Keona Henderson   President, UCR Black Alumni Chapter
- Will Pines   Accessible Technology Specialist, SDRC
- Raquel Rall, Ph.D.   Faculty, Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Education
- Charles Woods   Student and Member National Society of Black Engineers, UCR

Administrative Support
- Andrea Patrick   Administrative Assistant, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

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- After workgroup members introduced themselves, Dr. Myrick reviewed the charge for the Black Student Experience Workgroup (BSEWG) 2.0.

- Dr. Myrick reviewed a brief history and outcomes of the original BSEWG; explained key areas of its report; and highlighted points of distinction from other campus workgroups that may have a similar name or composition.
  - With support from campus leadership, including Chancellor Wilcox, VCSA Brian Haynes, and Interim Provost Thomas Smith, the second iteration of the BSEWG was created.
  - BSEWG 2.0 members will work to implement approved recommendations and carry out other aspects of the group's charge.
  - **BSEWG 2.0 members are asked to review the report.**

- The structure and groundwork for BSEWG 2.0. were discussed and attendees received a brief overview of the shared drive.
  - Prior to this first 2.0 meeting, efforts were made to facilitate the work of the group, including:
    - Carrying out nominations
    - Obtaining input from campus/community leaders regarding implementation and collaboration
    - Prioritizing recommendations and determining a timeline
    - Creating a shared drive
    - Scheduling monthly BSEWG 2.0 meetings

- Shonte Thomas discussed subcommittees and presented an implementation timeline.
  - Recommendations are prioritized based on urgency and feasibility in light of factors such as COVID-19.
  - BSEWG will work with Undergraduate Admissions (UGA) to implement recommendations, as a number of the recommended actions relate to this area.
  - There is a possibility of adding an additional subcommittee or subcommittees as needed.

- There was a group discussion regarding matters related to BSEWG 2.0.
  - Shonte Thomas noted that the charge of the BSEWG 2.0 includes building inclusive and positive environments for Black student success and holistic well-being; the work of the Campus Safety Task Force (CSTF) is related to the BSEWG 2.0 in this aspect.
    - **It is suggested that BSEWG 2.0 members review the CSTF report and the group may provide feedback regarding the CSTF in the future.**
  - Members discussed accountability; obtaining resources and support within the campus community; and ways to ensure recommendations of the BSEWG are implemented in a timely manner.
  - It is noted that the University of California Undergraduate Experience Survey (UCUES) has student data that may be relevant to the work of the BSEWG 2.0.
  - **Tri-chairs will continue discussions regarding sending a declaration to the campus announcing the work of the BSEWG 2.0., its membership/leadership, and other relevant information. Plans are to send the declaration during the first week in March.** It is noted that tri-chairs sought to meet as a collective prior to sending the declaration.
  - Allura Davis noted that due to a significant number of approved recommendations for UGA, the department has discussed forming a committee for this matter. She asked if this is an agreeable approach in terms of the BSEWG 2.0. Shonte Thomas agreed with the approach.

Additional Actions Items
  - **Shonte Thomas will send an email to the BSEWG 2.0 that allows members to select a subcommittee.**
  - **The email will also include a question about accountability and what that would look like. Plans are to include some of this language in the declaration.**