

Meeting Minutes: IDEA Council

Date, Time: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 | 11:30pm

Location: Zoom



Attendees: Dan Cuffaro, Connie Gilbert, Jesse Grant, Delores Hall Scott Lax, Charise Reid, Jimmy Schlemmer

Not present: Davon Brantley, Alex Burrage, Michael C. Butz, Kevin Kautenberer, Elisaida Mendez, Dinara Mirtalipova, Kari Weaver

Approval of minutes: N/A

Agenda:

1. Student Engagement – BSG

- a. Students have asked for Black Student Graduation and LGBTQIA graduation. It has been under discussion, especially because it is a popular thing with other schools. We have investigated it. As a DEI initiative, we should discuss if this is something we should or shouldn't do. Jesse suggests that we should turn this into a tradition where we give students their kente and/or stole. Charise said that it could be a challenge because of our size. Many participants suggested a formal or nice dinner that could become tradition.
- b. **Next Steps:** We will continue in a similar fashion this year and plan early and be more intentional to make an event of some kind happen next year.

2. Student Engagement - BSA

- a. Discussed having a big weekend around SIE. This would include a Black Alumni Event, a parent weekend, alumni weekend. Almost like homecoming.
- b. Schedule BSA show now for next fall and tie it into those above events.
- c. **Next Steps:** Reach out to gallery to find a time in the Student + Alumni Gallery for BSA Gallery next year.

3. Pre-Orientation Program

- a. We would like to see more BIPOC individuals in the program. It was discussed how this could be connected to the SIE weekend of events, including the BSA exhibition. We would like to see a series of events that engage current and past participants throughout the year.
- b. **Next Steps:** We will spend next month's meeting to discuss the Pre-Orientation program more in depth.

New business (other key decisions and action items, reminders, other): N/A

Supplementary documents and materials (if applicable): N/A

Next meeting: TBD in May. The date will be moved to after graduation.

Agenda Items for next meeting: Pre-Orientation + Alumni/Parents Weekend

Adjournment: 12:25pm

