



## BIPOC Committee Meeting Notes

March 13, 2026

**Attending:** Jim Nguyen, Natalina Monteiro, German Arellano, Lily Xu, Isabel Siderakis, and Dr. Brian Weathersby

**Absent:** Lesley Meza, Eduardo Vasquez, Rachondra Woods, Rocio Diaz, Oranit Limmaneeprasert, Crystal Huckabee

**Staff:** Stephanie Goldman

### 1. A&P Conference Reflections

- The committee had strong representation at the A&P conference, with approximately **10–11 of the 13 BIPOC committee members in attendance**. This level of participation contributed to a strong committee presence throughout the event.
- Secretary of State **Dr. Shirley Weber** delivered the keynote for the committee's workshop. Her remarks were generally well received and appreciated by participants.
- Overall feedback regarding the conference was positive. Participants highlighted: strong organization of the event, high level of attendance, appreciation for the keynote speaker and programming.

### 2. March in March

- Approximately **30 students from De Anza and 15–20 students from Foothill**
- This level of student engagement helped reinforce the importance of student advocacy and participation in statewide efforts.

### 3. Future BIPOC Committee Activities

#### 1. Know Your Rights Workshop

The committee previously discussed organizing a **Know Your Rights workshop** in collaboration with FACCC leadership. FACCC leadership has indicated that they are willing to support logistics when the committee is ready to move forward.

- If/When would be the best time to hold this workshop?
- What format would be most effective (panel, training, discussion)?
- Are there potential speakers or community partners we should invite?

## 2. Heritage and Recognition Events

Natalina proposed organizing **monthly heritage or recognition events** that highlight different communities and histories. Possible months mentioned include:

- Black History Month
- Juneteenth
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- LGBTQ Pride Month

Previous committee workshops have been successful and may serve as a strong format for these types of events.

The committee may want to consider:

- Which events to prioritize
- Whether to focus on one or two events per year rather than every month
- Opportunities for collaboration with campuses or student groups

## 3. Discussion Circles on Current Events

Another idea discussed was organizing **discussion circles focused on current events affecting BIPOC communities**.

Recent campus discussion circles have reportedly been well attended and could serve as a useful model.

These discussions could create space for:

- Reflection and dialogue
- Education and awareness
- Engagement between faculty and students

Topics could vary depending on current events. One example raised during discussion was the **situation in Iran**, though the format could apply to many issues.

## 4. Black Student Success Week

The committee may also wish to explore opportunities to engage with or contribute to **Black Student Success Week** programming.

## 4. Organizational Updates

- **AB 2019 Advocacy**

- Advocacy efforts continue around **AB 2019**, which focuses on protecting faculty employment in cases involving detention or deportation.
- Members may want to monitor developments and consider how the committee can support ongoing advocacy efforts.

**Next BIPOC Committee Meeting**

**April 17 | 3:00 – 4:30 PM**