

Order of The Golden Bear

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Temporary Meeting Location, April 2nd, 2019

Items for the good of the Order:

The Conversation began with the implementation of new technologies within how the Order functions. Many concerns were brought up ranging from student-associate imbalances, dynamics of discussion, and smaller attendances. Some pros of the discussion were stronger alumni and associate participation. The conversation then turned to different ways we can engage associates across the country, ranging from social media presence and connections to forming an associate committee.

If anyone is inquiring about other Fellows in the Order, consult the Alumni Secretary.

Items for the good of the University: Sustainability and Green Infrastructure

The conversation was opened up by the Warden on the topic of Green Infrastructure and sustainability, talking not about the merit of the goal, but to gauge where fellows think we are going environmentally.

A fellow brought up better advancements have happened at UC Merced, and that Berkeley has made larger advancements in energy rather than waste, as compared to the famous slogan of “Zero Waste by 2020.”

A fellow did bring up that Merced does have the advantage of being a very new campus, and that new buildings at Berkeley, namely Chou Hall is now the “Greenest Building in the Country.”

A fellow brought up that there is confusing and oftentimes inconsistent signage on where to put certain waste, as well as reports that people throw away all of the waste regardless of the signage. A fellow emphasized education on some of the nuances of waste as well as normalizing new green individual practices emphasized by local government.

A fellow then moved the conversation to food waste and individual and lifestyle changes.

A fellow brought up the efforts that Berkeley encourages the community and beyond.

A fellow brought up that even at California Memorial Stadium there is plenty of plastic that can easily be changed. Compost-ability is also different locally and following local moves is incredibly important.

A fellow then brought up that leadership not only in administration but also departments and labs.

A fellow brought up that within the classroom, there needs to be a larger movement towards sustainability classroom classes.

A fellow brought up in the Haas School of Business there have been active efforts to rid ourselves of course readers, that other departments should follow.

