

Order of The Golden Bear

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ESTABLISHED 1900

Temporary Meeting Location, September 25th,

Items for the good of the Order:

The Warden reminded the fellowship of the Arleigh Williams Forum on Friday, October 12th.

A fellow then reminded everyone that the behavior of a specific fellow was intolerable. The fellow then reminded everyone of the protocols and standards of the Order, and the next steps the Order must take to stop such intolerable behavior.

Items for the good of the University:

A fellow brought up that Professor Robert Reich is speaking on October 12th on the theme of, "The Common good, how we lost it, and how we can get it back." It will be a great event that is open to the public.

Perception and Ranking of the University:

A fellow started off the conversation detailing the perspective of ranking by detailing their job at a High school with most students wearing Stanford sweatshirts without truly understanding the difference between the different Universities in the Bay Area, saying that these rankings do impact what students believe to be good universities.

A fellow brought up that the methodologies these rankings use are very haphazard and varied.

A fellow then asked to hear the opinions of the students regarding why they chose to attend this university, and how perception and rankings may have gone into play.

A fellow brought up that many people feel either pulled towards or pushed away from Berkeley because of its unique culture, as Berkeley is different from most other environments and culture.

A fellow brought up that Cal objectively is a "good school." The rankings didn't really matter, unless those came in from the rankings. The fellow brought up that their perspective was very important and has changed.

A fellow brought up that there are many perceptions going into college admissions because the fellow was raised. One of the perspectives was the low cost, however, it was recently put as the highest expense college town in the country. The cost of living is an awful perception that is hard to overcome.

A fellow then turned the conversation to parents influence on prospective students. The conversation moved towards parents wanting their children to attend the best schools due to social stigma.

The conversation then moved towards selectivity and GRE scores being improper ways to measure universities. A fellow then brought up that the media wants to make rankings exciting to sell the paper. The perception of the university does impact how much money legislatures give to this university.

A fellow brought up with experience regarding working with new student services and how the perception like the Milo riots affected parents allowing students applying to our campus.

A fellow brought up that they grew up far away from the university and didn't know about the perception or ranking, but became acclimated to the university via looking up academic papers in chemistry.

A fellow brought up that the history and heritage of the university is a huge reason for why students apply and stay in the area. The fellow brought up that many students have the grit, but not the means to survive in the university.

Another fellow brought up their decision between a public and private school and saying that human happiness is a major reason why they chose to go there.

A fellow brought up that USC has a mentality that they hire USC grads and that is a really great perspective, and Cal should attempt to create such perspectives.

A fellow brought up that the major ranking that is important is the AAU. A fellow brought up that students here have agency and act on importance. The scope and perception of Berkeley extends all over the world, and we should be proud of that.

A fellow brought up that there are negative internal perceptions of different departments on campus, of Berkeley Haas and Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

A fellow brought up our meme page as a public and very important to our perception.

A fellow brought up that being here meant getting one of the best educations that you could get. There are things that we can and cannot control. The fellow brought up that

Cal goes up and down in perception but we are always leading the public good. The students are always active form civil rights, because Berkeley always questions the status quo. So we need to focus on the education, the greatness of the professors and faculty.

