BSU Representative Goals

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- Effective & Community-Based. Like I said before, our participation was lower than what is ideal, but I think we were still able to provide a communal space where we enjoyed ourselves and felt supported. This semester I wasn't able to work with a senator on an event, but I will make an effort to directly reach out next semester, perhaps during Black History Month.

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• Transparent. I was able to report back to the membership about relevant things we discussed in the ASLC meetings that week. That said, given that participation was low, I think that I will start to briefly write up a summary and include it in our weekly newsletters to reach more people if participation remains low next semester. This will ensure that the information is not exclusive to those who are most active in the union.

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