

**Academic Choice Advisory Council (ACAC) Meeting
November 1, 2013, 7:30 – 8:35 AM BHS room C317
Minutes**

Debriefing from the AC fall meeting

The group discussed whether to have students there versus parents only, and how to improve it for next year.

Fundraising update

We have raised \$7,560 since our recent appeal, which is in the usual range of our fall fundraising. Our total as of November ACAC meeting is \$11,400. This is less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of what we need, so we need to think about fundraising for the rest of the year. Maybe we can plan an event in the spring.

Constructed Response Initiative

Matt Laurel talked about the Constructed Response Initiative: all faculty are standardizing and norm-scoring essays. The curriculum is shifting towards analytical essays and away from personal narratives in the ninth grade.

Study group leader / community grant update

Ben Sanoff discussed the Study Group Leader: Cal students “embed” themselves into AP courses; offer drop-in tutoring for the course. So far, he and the AC lead teachers have hired three people and will be training them soon, for AP US History, AP Gov, and AP Lang and Lit. This is part of the effort to encourage more students to take AP classes, as well as part of an effort to get a UC Berkeley Chancellors grant. AC will write the grant proposal together with the IB program.

AP Government guest speaker Tom Bates

On Dec. 17 Mayor Tom Bates will talk to AP Gov classes.

Next ACAC Meeting

Friday December 6, 2013, 7:30 – 8:35 a.m. in BHS room C317.