

Remarks by Graduate Student Association Chair Brian Riley, given at the Black Graduate and Professional Student Association (BGPSA) fall banquet, UC Davis, October 28, 2010.

Topic of speech: How to improve retention of students from underrepresented groups.

Summary points:

- The best way to improve retention is to make UC Davis an overall more attractive place for students to be.
- We students, along with other constituents, need to unite in a broad front in order to effect political change. This political front should not include the neoliberals, since their goals are antithetical to ours.
- Free enterprise can be a beautiful thing, but only in its proper place.

In attendance: BGPSA students and guests, various staff members, Dean of Graduate Studies.