



Welcome to San Bernardino Valley College

From Dontae Dewike Calloway, Student Trustee

My name is Dontae Dewike Calloway and I am proud to serve as your ASB Student Trustee this year. As our campus builds and changes, we all benefit. We are setting the foundation for a better future for ourselves. I encourage you to take advantage of all this college offers, including the many student services available for our success; as well as student activities, athletics, and campus clubs.

California's community college system provides for students to have a say in the decisions made that affect them. Your ASB Executive Board is the group that represents you at these campus committees. You are welcome to let us know your concerns, so that we may best represent you. Feel free to leave me a message at (909) 708-0084 or at (909) 384-8658, let any of our ASB board members know your concerns or stop by our office in the Campus Center. Also, pay close attention to our suggestion box located on the side of the door of the Campus Center.

If you are interested in making a personal impact at San Bernardino Valley College, I invite you to join student government. Again, do not hesitate to contact the student life office or the student activities office if you have any questions or concerns.

Q. What is the Student Trustee's role and responsibilities?

A. As your student trustee, my role is clearly defined as providing the student perspective to the Board of Trustees.

State law (Education Code 72023.5) requires the board of trustees of each community college district to have at least one non-voting student member to be chosen by the students. I am your elected choice this year; however, our district does allow the student trustee to have an advisory vote. This advisory vote allows me, as your student trustee, to give a student perspective on policies and issues brought before the board.

As your student trustee, I have the same responsibility as all board trustees – to make board decisions that benefit the community as a whole and students, both current and those of the future.

As your student trustee, my responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Becoming acquainted with the issues, successfully performing the duties of the position, and being a contributing member of the board of trustees.
- Becoming and staying aware of current issues that affect the student population of the college.
- Becoming educated about board and district issues by attending:
 - o Board meetings
 - o College and state conferences
 - o Campus committee meetings
 - o Meetings of the Student Association (ASB)
 - o Meetings of community groups
- Carefully reading:
 - o All board agendas
 - o The board policy manual
 - o Important district materials, such as the most recent accreditation report and long-range planning documents.
 - o Material on trusteeship and the role of the board, including the League's Trustee Handbook.
- Periodically Meet with:
 - o Chancellor of the district
 - o Board President and other board members
 - o The advisor to the position
 - o The Associated Student President and/or Council
- Study the role and responsibilities of being a member of the board.

To summarize the role of the student trustee, understand that student trustees provide a student perspective and can contribute a great deal in their role as representatives of those who are central to the mission of the college.

I would like to thank each student who selected me to serve as your student trustee for the 2005-2006 school year. I will do my best to provide a perspective that best represents all students defined by our college's mission statement.

If you would like to receive periodic mailings regarding newly implemented board policies or information from the board meetings, please feel free to contact me at (909) 708-0084 or send me an email: lovejc2much@hotmail.com