

CABE Board Item 3.4
BESO—Bilingual Education Student Organization

CABE has met with Dr. Margarita Machado Casas of San Diego State University to learn about and discuss the BESO program which was started in Texas and has over 1000 bilingual teacher education students enrolled in 8 states. Dr. Machado-Casas expressed the desire to start a California chapter of BESO and has approached CABE to be part of this exciting program to engage university bilingual teacher candidates throughout California.

The outcomes of BESO are:

- Increase bilingual education teacher pipeline
- Work with teacher education programs on the development of bilingual teachers
- Institutionalize BESO as a university organization
- Engage BESO members in community service and social justice
- Increase national and international visibility through the formation of future bilingual teachers

It is proposed that CABE do the following:

- Coordinate with SDSU BESO to provide guidance and support to California universities to develop BESO chapters on their campuses.
- Become a BESO hub for different university programs to connect to support and nurture BESO chapters and connect them to CABTE affiliate.
- Provide opportunities for BESO chapters/members to volunteer at CABE annual conference.
- Hold a BESO institute on the Saturday of the conference from 9-12