

AAOI/BFSA Minutes
Tuesday, April 27, 2010
LACCD Board Room

Present: Leticia Royal-Burnett (LATTC); Debra Campbell (LATTC); Gary Colombo (LACCD); Leige Doffoney (LAHC); Adrienne Foster (WLAC); Keidra Morris (LAVC); Tammy Robinson (LACC); Kyle Skinner (LATTC); Young, Helen (WLAC)

Our meeting began 1:35 p.m.

The committee members reviewed the previous month's minutes.

Announcements: Dr. Tammy Robinson is now a board member on the Western Regional Council of Black American Affairs. Our district has not had a board member in some time. She reported that a mini conference is being planned in the near future and she will keep us updated. Congratulations Dr. Robinson, also

Dr. Amanuel Gebru was hired as an Associate Dean at Mt. San Antonio College. Congratulations to Dr. Gebru.

Update of AAOI/BFSA Budget for 2010-2011

Budget for last year was tentative. The AAOI/BFSA Committee received a firm budget of \$15,000 for the next year. The committee applauded the support of the chancellor in continuing to support the future of the committee mission and goals. The funds are to be distributed as listed in the previous minutes.

In addition, Dr. Robinson distributed the enhanced version of the February 26th LACCD Black History Month event. The enhanced programs will be sent to those who attended the program as a thank you and include a list of our planned activities and a payroll deduction fund request. It is hoped that recipients will contribute a minimum of \$20.00/month as a contribution to scholarships to students for our future activities. Programs will also be sent to LACCD Board Members and other LACCD staff members. The programs were beautiful and Dr. Robinson was thanked for her work in creating the marketing piece.

Our committee agreed that to accomplish our mission it is also necessary for us to pursue additional grant funding. Possible avenues are:

- Achieving the Dream Grants (Only 2 CA college participating)
- U.S. Dept of Education Predominant Minority Institution Funds (e.g. Merritt College)
- Gates Basic Skills Funds (\$110 million committed at AACC over a 2 year period)
- STEM Grants

The committee would like to pursue these efforts with support from within the district. We are developing partnerships with SCE (Southern California Edison) and meeting with Mr. David Ford. Our subcommittee will meet with Mr. Ford and participants from USC May 14th.

2010 Black Graduation Event Planning:

Ms. Doffoney shared the Planning Grid with the committee. Those involved gave reports. At this time the \$1500 facility fee for the California African American Museum can only be partially supported. Our timeline is short and although Ms. Doffoney reported that several campus BSU's have met and agreed to provide support the event, the committee feels that it's best to push the event to next year. Ms. Foster and Ms. Young are the primary event planners for next year and will provide direction for the event next year, including participant criteria. Although the chancellor agreed that we could move \$1500 from next year's budget for this event the group agreed to hold off and feels that funds could be used more effectively for next year.

Ms. Campbell from LATTC joined the conversation and shared that on April 29th, the faculty and staff of LATTC are meeting to discuss having a Kente Draping Ceremony where staff remove kente from their shoulders and give to the students. We were offered an opportunity to join and support the activity as a option. There was also the discuss of our committee doing a smaller event. The committee agreed that some activity would be a proper outcome of demonstrating to our students and others the graduate completion and success of African American students. It would also provide a venue for our students to give thanks to family and friends. After a thorough discussion on the event the group decided to wait until Thursday, April 29th to determine if LATTC was going to go through with the event. Our options to consider werer:

Option 1: Join LATTC if they have the draping event and any campus that wanted to participate would contribute funds of between \$200-\$500 to join based on the number of students.

Option 2: Each campus could decide to do their own individual campus event for this year.

Note: (Ms. Campbell reported on May 3 that LATTC is going forward with their event);

HBCU Articulation Update:

Dr. Delahoussaye and Ms. Doffoney are meeting with the LACCD Articulation Officers on Friday, May 7th, Four of the officers have agreed to help us complete and update the agreements. Previous agreements will end in 2011. Our goal is to have 5 new agreements completed by next year.

Future Plans:

- The committee has agreed to students request to have a member or members on the committee next year
- The committee agreed that we need a president as a member and /or liaison for next year
- Enhance marketing efforts of our UMOJA Programs and seek for additional financial assistance for UMOJA as Basic Skills funds are reportedly lacking this year.
- Publicize outcomes of UMOJA Programs
- Continue outreach with our Community Ambassadors Programs.
- Get support for new AAOI/BFSA marketing materials as current supply has been depleted and needs to be updated.
- Meet with new chancellor and share mission
- Continue practice next year of giving update to LACCD Board of Trustees
- Discuss further committee expansion plans.
- Create a link on the AAOI website to BSU Advisors and AAOI/BFSA Membership
- Re-evaluate support of A2MEND. Awaiting report on support for 2010.
- Discussion of Summer AAOI/BFSA Picnic
- Create Calendar of 2010-2011 Events in concert with budget.
- Develop line item for budget.
- Get an update on use of campus Basic Skills Funds and update on categorical funded programs.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 25, 2010
LACCD Board Room @ 1:30 p.m.