

Los Angeles Community College District

**African American Outreach Initiative (AAOI) Committee
Minutes/Notes**

February 3, 2010

Present (CCC Confer Meeting): A. Gebru; L. Doffoney; M. Henderson; P. Braxton; H. Young; T. Robinson; Y. Delahoussaye.

I. District Black History Month Event: February 26, 2010

The group has confirmed that the acclaimed actor Mr. William Allen Young will be our guest speaker/performer at the event scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at West Los Angeles College. Dr. Tammy Robinson has secured permission for beautiful art work, from artist Kenneth Gatewood to be used on our invites. Invitations will go out next week. Ms. Doffoney will speak with Mr. Colombo re: an honorium for our speaker. Mr. Young has agreed to forego his regular costs due to our budget deficit.

The group has agreed that we will invite the ASO executive members and BSU club members (up to 25 students) from each campus. Ms. Doffoney will email on this Friday all VP's of Student Services to get assistance in inviting these students.

Some students will also receive BFSA scholarships at the event. WLAC will receive an award for their work with UMOJA. Ms. Helen Young from WLAC will notify Ms. Bandy. There will be other honorees from the faculty and staff group as well. Electronic "Save the Date" invites have already gone out along with encouragement for district faculty and staff to fill out payroll deduction forms for BFSA.

After reviewing the invite it was agreed to include "LACCD" language on the invite to clarify it is a district event along with the chancellor and board members information. Dr. Robinson will address this action.

II. AAOI and District BFSA are joining ranks

The AAOI group agreed to join ranks with the District BFSA in an effort minimize duplication of efforts and conserve members time and energy. Dr. Delahoussaye shared that she received a list of members from Dr. Robinson. She expanded on the list and is securing additional membership for BFSA by distributing payroll deduction cards. Thanks Dr. Delahoussaye. Payroll deductions are largely responsible for BFSA student scholarships. A minimum donation of \$10.00 is currently requested with consideration for increasing the amount to \$20.00 a month.

III. **Review and Evaluation of Black College Expo Event**

The student honoree efforts were much appreciated at the reception held the evening prior to the Black College Expo on Jan. 22nd. 11 honorees were presented certificates and gifts. Next year AAOI will attempt to also provide cash gifts as well to assist honoree's with educational costs.

Our group also gave suggestions to organize ourselves the schedule for the workshops. Although the last workshop had over 50 attendees the first had only 12 due to misprints in the information to participants. AAOI was pleased to have representatives at the booth from most of our campuses. Special thanks to East LA College with volunteered over 6 recruitment representatives and LACC with 4 volunteers. There were thousands of college and high school students at the event at the LA Convention center. All of our materials were handed out and we also had workshop presenters and booth support from PV Jobs/LACCD Internship Program.

AAOI agreed to participate in the program again next year if funds are available.

IV. **Spring A2MEND Conference:**

This spring, the A2MEND conference will not be held in Southern California. Instead the event will be held at Merritt College in Oakland. AAOI has traditionally supported this event and will again this year. \$2,000 is left in our account for this activity to support student and staff attendance. Mr. Gebru will follow up on this request. Ms. Doffoney has already spoken Dean Jefferson at LA Southwest College. The event is to be held in March.

Notes:

- ❖ Ms. Doffoney agreed to send out the AAOI link as it updates its website to all counselors so they can assist in our effort to transfer students to HBCU's. (Since the meeting 3 of the LACCD Articulation Officers have agreed to help secure additional articulation agreements)
- ❖ The CCC Confer Group likes the idea of meeting by phone and computers. Ms. Doffoney will canvas our group to see if our next meeting can be CCC Confer.
- ❖ Ms. Doffoney will also canvas the group to see if we can do CCC Confer on February 18th at 2:00 p.m. so that we can finalize our efforts for the Feb. 26th event.
- ❖ Agenda item for our next meeting will also include update on our District Black Graduation being planned for May, 2010 and coordinated by Helen Young and Adrienne Foster with help from the group.

Respectfully Submitted
Leige Doffoney

