

**LACCD
AAOI/BFSA**

Minutes

January 25, 2011

Present: L. Doffoney (LAHC); Alaina Patterson (LAHC); Keidra Morris (LAVC); Helen Young (WLAC); Glenn Schenk (WLAC); Lawrence Bradford (LACC); Phyllis Braxton (LAPC); Calvin Madlock (LACCD)

The meeting was promptly called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the newly refurbished LACCD Board. The group agreed it was beautiful.

Agenda Item 1

Future Leadership Proposal for AAOI/BFSA

Ms. Doffoney presented a brief history of the two respective organizations and shared how during the last year the two groups moved to a common meeting schedule to minimize the number of meetings and to maximize and the number of participants at the meetings. As a result last year the two groups planned common activities however kept their mutual identification separate and well as financial activities.

The goal for 2011 was to make this informal arrangement formal by forwarding a motion to the BFSA. However there are some concerns by district BFSA members. Although the concerns have not been vetted, AAOI decided to move forward until a decision is made. Dr. Robinson will continue to lead that organization until the next meeting and the BFSA constitution is further discussed. She is considering giving another individual the opportunity to lead that organization however she will continue to co-chair the AAOI with Ms. Doffoney. Further information will come forward regarding the groups and leadership as information is presented.

Unrelated to the previous item was a request to identify which of the LACCD campuses had BSU organizations. We were further reminded that membership on AAOI includes classified, faculty, and administrators, and that we work collaboratively to move forward to identify support for student success.

BSU's were identified at the following campuses: LACC; LATTC; Pierce; WLAC; and a new group is developing at LAHC after being absent for a semester. Ms. Doffoney will canvas the other campuses to identify if there are any additional campuses with BSU organizations.

Agenda Item 2

A2MEND Conference March, 2011

The Annual A2MEND Conference will begin March 2, 2011 at the LAX Marriott. Our initial budget identified \$2,500 to assist students with registration fees for the conference. Dr. Shalamon Duke and Dr. Patrick Jefferson have been informed. Dr. Jefferson shared that funds from AAOI will not be needed to fund student registrations at LASC and that LASC is assisting in sponsoring the event. Kudos to LASC.

At this point, AAOI is prepared to sponsor 8 students to the first 6 campuses that express an interest to have students attend. Deadline to contact AAOI is February 16th.

Agenda Item 3

Membership Drive

The group would like to increase participating membership. A membership campaign will be contacted at each campus. Coordinator's at each of the following campuses are as follows.

LACC	Dr. Tammy Robinson	LAVC	Dr. Keidra Morris
LAHC	Ms. Leige Doffoney	WLAC	Dr. Shalamon Duke
LAPC	Dr. Mark Henderson		

Agenda Item 4

New Interim Vice Chancellor Report

Dr. Delahoussaye will prepare a report and send out to the membership prior to our next meeting.

Agenda Item 5

AAOI SLO/Blueprint Update

Ms. Doffoney passed out the revised AAOI Blueprint listed on our website and asked the group for input. Our goal is to connect our blue print to student learning outcomes. Examples were discussed and members are to review and email SLO suggestions and/or bring to our next meeting.

Agenda Item 6

African Heritage Graduation

Dr. Shalomon Duke has taken the leadership for planning the African Heritage Graduation. He is discussing the possibilities with West Los Angeles College staff. It is hoped that the event can be held at WLAC but this still needs to be determined. Dr. Duke has performed substantial planning for the event and an initial meeting for this event/committee will be held the second week in February. It is anticipated that students would also be on the planning committee and that BSU's would participate and contribute. The AAOI group committed \$5,000 for the event. Any additional funds would need to be obtained via fund raising activities. The event focus/theme will be African American Student Success. It is anticipated that an accumulation of data will be needed and support from each campuses/district Data Research, Admissions and Graduation offices.

Included in planning should be date of event in consideration of regular campus graduations; purchase of kente, cap and gowns; surveying campuses for student participation and how students will be contacted. Goal would be to attract 50 students from each campus. Discussion was to

also include a component to acknowledge transfer students receiving admissions notices.

We will contact Dr. Robinson to determine if she can assist with a poster for the event which will be used as a SAVE THE DATE notice as well.

Agenda Item 6

New Meeting Time/Location

The AAOI group decided by consensus to keep the same district location if possible. Ms. Doffoney will check with district office staff to see if the LACCD Board Room or Hearing Room is available for future meetings if we decide to change the time.

The group decided to keep the same dates however juggle each meeting to a morning or afternoon meeting time every month. (e.g. Jan. 25 was @ 10 a.m. so Feb 22 would be at 1:30 p.m.) Once confirmation of times is made a notice will be sent out prior to the next meeting. The group is also considering CCC Confer for those unable to meet as well.

Items from the floor

- ✓ **UMOJA** is still operating at WLAC via a small PBI Grant. The director is Ms. Patty Bandy
- ✓ **Dr. Lawrence Bradford** shared information about the successful Black Collegian Program at Santa Monica Community College. His wife Ms. Sheri Bradford is the director. We would like to collaborate with Ms. Bradford and hopefully share ideas and efforts. She participates in a number of fund raising efforts.
- ✓ It was suggested that we should leverage our efforts via a consortium.
- ✓ Ms. Helen Young will work with CSU's to determine common efforts.
- ✓ The following campuses are planning Black History Month activities; LACC; WLAC; LAVC is having a club day as LAHC is. We will also check with LAPC, LASC and LATTC. We should highlight each campuses programs on the AAOI website.

