

## LACCD AAOI/Black Faculty and Staff Association Meeting

LACCD Board Room  
Tuesday, March 23, 2010  
1:30 p.m.

**Present:** L. Doffoney; T. Robinson; G. Colombo; H. Young; K. Skinner; C. Madlock; L. Royal, Keidra Moore, Yvette Moss (Visit by Chancellor Wieder)

**Approved Absence:** Y. Delahoussaye; P. Braxton; T. Douglass; G. Schenk; A. Foster

Meeting began at 1:40 p.m. and was called to order by L. Doffoney.

### **Minute Approval:**

There was no review of the meeting minutes as the last CCC Confer meeting was held to simply review the tasks necessary to address the February 26<sup>th</sup> District Wide Black History Month event to be held at West Los Angeles College. That meeting was held on Feb. 18, 2010.

We would like to thank all of those who helped and made the event a success.

### **AGENDA ITEMS ADDRESSED:**

#### **1. Review of Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> Black History Month Event**

The event was acknowledged as a success by Chancellor Wieder and Vice Chancellor Gary Colombo. Acknowledged as a special contribution to the program were the remarks by Dr. William Allen Young. We were all proud that we had equal participation of students and faculty and staff. Dr. Robinson and Ms. Doffoney thanked all present and those not present who contributed to the programs' success. Over \$400.00 will be collected for BFSA Scholarships from a percentage of the profits from Synthia St. James picture sales. Another guest simply contributed \$100.00 for scholarships at the event.

We would like to increase the number of scholarships and encourage other staff and faculty to fill out payroll deduction cards. We should also encourage campus faculty and staff to contribute to the scholarship fund. Next year we would like to have more than 3 scholarships to give out. We were grateful this year to have 3 scholarships from the Moons/Collins Scholarships Fund. Also in your contacts with outside agencies let them know that we have a fund and perhaps they would like to contribute.

Students from West, Harbor, City, and Trade have all expressed an interest, after attending the program, to assist our team with future events...more specifically our possible Black Graduation/Reception Event to be held in June, 2010.

Vice Chancellor Colombo shared that recent district data reveals that we have had an increase of 14% in the number of African American males enrolled. We hope our efforts are contributing to this increase.

Vice Chancellor Colombo also suggested that we focus our events on recruitment and retention of African American students which is within the mission of our organization. We shared that we make every attempt to address these issues and encourage student participation. Our goals are to provide support and information to students to support their success. Out of this discussion came the idea of identifying specific mentors/representatives on each of our campus to connect them with necessary resources. This directory of members of AAOI/BFSA and identified supporters/mentors, can be a link on the AAOI website. The group really embraced this idea as something we should work on soon. (Perhaps we can place this on the next agenda for further discussion)

Another idea supported from Vice Chancellor Colombo was to have AAOI/BFSA provide a workshop at the annual LACCD District Academic Summit.

## **2. Revisit Idea of Leadership Library**

We previously discussed an idea brought to us by our chancellor about having a leadership library. Rosalind Goodard, LACC Librarian, earlier expressed interest in assisting in this effort. Comments at the meeting today surrounded getting assistance from IT to develop this as a FACE BOOK page perhaps there can be regular discussion about leadership as it effects African Americans and with a link to a list of recommended books, articles, etc. We can place this also on the next agenda and get members to work on this effort.

## **3. HBCU Articulation Update**

Nothing has changed. We have 4 LACCD Articulation Officers who have agreed to work on the agreements with Ms. Doffoney and Dr. Delahoussaye. Ms. Doffoney will meet with these Articulation Officers on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Our current agreements will end as of 2011. Yasmin will be working on contacts at each of the colleges during the HBCU Black College Tours she is guiding during our Spring Break.

## **4. UMOJA Update**

Kyle Skinner spoke about the UMOJA Program which just started at LATTC and a visit to LATTC Elaine Moore. It was a follow-up to the prior visit. They are working on their annual report. They have about 100 students signed up for the program.

One of the reports during the meeting was that some UMOJA projects are not being supported and faculty are not being paid. Some program staff are coming out of pocket for the expenses and need the support from the top if programs are going to flourish or survive. At some campuses it was reported that the administration is not supporting UMOJA efforts.

**5. A2MEND Conference Update**

AAOI/BFSA with the LACCD Foundation’s assistance supported and sponsored the A2MEND conference at Merritt College this year with an amount of \$2,000. Dean Patrick Jefferson and Dr. Amanuel attended the conference. We are waiting for an update from those who attended and hope to have information by our next meeting.

**6. LACCD Black Student Graduation/Reception Discussion for June 2010**

AAOI/BFSA Coordinators for this event are Adrienne Foster, Helen Young, and Yvette Moss has joined the subcommittee. Dr. Robinson and I will also support their efforts along with the rest of our group. The group decided to review the dates of all the campus graduations. Ms. Doffoney will obtain and distribute this information so we can secure a date. Dr. Robinson is working on a facility with SCE. Ms. Moss is checking on the possibility of students wearing their graduation gowns. We would like to also have kente cloth scarves and/or ties. We like the idea of a reception and discussed having invites to attend on a sign up basis with a first come basis. We would target 300 district wide. Vice Chancellor Colombo is requesting more information if support is going to be requested. We will work on getting him this info asap.

**7. Request for AAOI Budget Next Year**

First recommendation is for:

- Black College Expo      \$3,000
- A2MEND/WRCBAA      \$5,000
- UMOJA      \$2,000
- Retention/Events      \$5,000

Total    \$15,000

The group discussed applying for grants; working with Marvin Martinez on stimulus pkg w/focus on Hispanic and African American Pilot projects; STEM grants. A subcommittee of our group met last week with Mr. David Ford of SCE and will pursue additional opportunities as well.

**8. Update of Website**

Calvin Madlock agreed to meet with Dr. Robinson and Ms. Doffoney and review ideas for updating our site; creating FACE BOOK and mentor site; leadership library, etc. We are all so happy he is apart of our team. He is our district expert with IT.

**9. Other Items from the floor:**

- Dr. Robinson reported on the SCE meeting with David Ford

- The group discussed a good time to meet; afternoon vs. morning. We will stay afternoon for the rest of this semester.
- Vice Chancellor Colombo passed on information on Health Care Reform and how it impacts us.
- Consideration was given to having a picnic for the summer or a LACCD BFSA Family Reunion. More to come on this.

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM @ 1:30 P.M. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS**