

**LACCD
AAOI/BFSA Minutes**

Tuesday, May 25, 2010
LACCD Board Room – 1:30 p.m.

Present: G. Colombo (LACCD); L. Doffoney (LAHC); T. Robinson (LACC); R. Wells (LATTC); S. Rouzan-Thomas (WLAC)

The meeting began in the LACCD Board Room at 1:30 p.m. The agenda was distributed and previous minutes reviewed and accepted with no corrections.

Opening Remarks from LACCD:

Mr. Colombo began by giving AAOI an update on a report on the “Institutional Effectiveness of African American Males” being prepared for the LACCD Board of Trustees. It will be a district report and Mr. George Prather in the district research division is helping to prepare the report. AAOI expressed a desire to place a link to this report on our website once the report is completed and reviewed by the group. We were directed to Mr. Prather for this request. Mr. Colombo shared that there is already a district research link on the district website that has valuable information. AAOI requested more specifically information on success and retention rates for various groups. Mr. Colombo shared that this is being worked on currently by Mr. Prather’s staff. Included would be demographic information. The Student Success Initiative recommended that we look at demographics from perspectives of transfer and completion rates. Evening and day data would also be helpful. (Update: 8/17//10 Mr. Prather submitted a number of EXCEL charts to me with relevant student information for AAOI. He shared that at this point no BOT report is being prepared until the new staffing is secured for the district. We will review the information and discuss on that first fall 2010 AAOI meeting. Mr. Colombo shared earlier that the retention of African American males is part of the district strategic plan.)

Mr. Colombo was asked to clarify information heard by one of the AAOI members regarding 50% of the LACCD Physical Education classes being cancelled for fall 2010. Mr. Colombo indicated he knew nothing regarding this. The AAOI member indicated that this was being discussed at the state level as a possibility for all community colleges as a way to balance the budget. No valid information on this yet. This would affect a number of minority students in athletics. At this point there is no validity to this information.

Mr. Colombo shared information about the bill by Senator Carolyn Liu which is being supported by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. One perceived outcome of the bill is that our funding will be linked to student completion and success rates. The result

may be a reduction in funding from the state as much as 20%. More information to come.

Update: LATTTC Vice President of Academic Affairs (now President of LA Pierce College), Dr. Kathleen Burke-Kelley, followed up on the concern by AAOI re: LATTTC counselors not getting paid for UMOJA Personal Development classes. The concern has now been resolved and both faculty members affected are now either getting retroactive pay or agreed about release time for their work with UMOJA. Much thanks to Dr. Burke-Kelly.

Update: LATTTC eventually decided not to hold their Black Graduation event this year due to lack of adequate planning time and funding. We applaud them for trying. Adrienne Foster and Helen Young at West LA College previously agreed to organize an inaugural AAOI Black Graduation for June 2011. The intent is to have a district student presence.

AAOI Budget:

With the onset of the fall 2010 semester, AAOI will fall under the responsibility of Dr. Adriana Barrera. Dr. Barrera has facilitated placing our \$15,000/year budget in the SAP system based on our recommended allocation areas. Thank you Dr. Barrera.

WRCBAA: Western Regional Council on Black American Affairs

Our own Dr. Tammy Robinson is now a board member on the WRCBAA. As always, she has jumped in with both feet running. She is helping to coordinate their mini-conference this year at LA Pierce College. The main speaker is Dr. William Allen Young, who spoke at our LACCD Black History Month event at WLAC earlier this year. The conference is being held on October 29, 2010. Attendees will include chancellors, presidents, faculty, staff and students. More info to come. Congrats Dr. Robinson.

Meeting Times for 2010-2011:

The group agreed that we would have afternoon meetings beginning at 1:30 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of every month beginning with September, 2010. Spring 2011 we will have morning meetings on the 4th Tuesday of every month, beginning with February, beginning at 10 a.m. A list of dates is forthcoming and Calvin Madlock has agreed to place the meetings on our outlook system for us...Yeah!!!!

SCE Meeting Update:

Phyllis Braxton met with David Ford of Southern California Edison Black Engineering Group. Mr. Ford wants to build an educational round table to address lack of minority engineers and Math competencies. Discussion included Dr. Robinson, Chancellor Wieder and me. We are looking at grant writing opportunities. Also discussed were our UMOJA Math programs with the goal of getting students to upper level math. Dr. Blackiston at LACC has a proposal that may help us do this by breaking math up into modules. Professor staff development would be included with mentors and tutors. Mr.

Ford shared that there will be a conference discussing these issues in Pasadena Oct. 8th and 9th. He is to share more information with us on this as we get closer to the date. It is hoped that AAOI can sponsor some student attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Leige Doffoney
AAOI Co-Chair.*

UPDATE:

Dr. Yasmin Delahoussaye was recently appointed as the new Interim Vice Chancellor of Educational Services for our district. Kudos Dr. Delahoussaye!

UPDATE:

Over the summer Dr. Mark Henderson, Dr. Robinson and I presented a workshop at the AACCT (African American Community College Trustee) Conference in Compton, California on our AAOI Program. Dr. Henderson created a power point that will be placed on our website. The workshop was well received. Dr. Ned Doffoney presented a welcome; Dr. Robinson agreed to be the facilitator, and Dr. Henderson and I presented...I think we made a great contribution to the event. Several LACCD faculty and students attended, including 3 of our students from LACC and WLAC who spoke on a student panel.