

**Los Angeles Community College District
African American Outreach Initiative Committee
Minutes**

November 17, 2009

Present: P. Braxton (LAPC); E. Bugg (LASC); Y. Delahoussaye (LAVC); L. Doffoney (LAHC); D. Fallert (ELAC); A. Foster (WLAC) ; M. Henderson (LAPC) ; T. Robinson (LACC); J. Russell (LAVC) ; H. Young (WLAC)

I. College Black Expo – Saturday, January 23, 2009

AAOI is ready to participate in the College Black Expo. Ms. Doffoney will send out a sign up list next week list for each campus to confirm the names of a minimum of 2 participants to support the AAOI booth. In addition it was decided by the group to present 2 workshops.

Workshop #1 LACCD Internship and Career Programs:
Presenters – Dr. Elmer Bugg/LASC CTE Dean; Ms. Mary Taylor/LACCD Interns-PV Jobs.

Workshop #2 LACCD: The Stepping Stones to the HBCU's and the UMOJA Program
Presenters – Dr. Yasmin Delahoussaye; Dr. Mark Henderson; and Dr. Tammy Robinson. (There is also the possibility the James Russell will speak as an HBCU parent and have his daughter speak as a HBCU student/not confirmed yet)

To Do:
Dean Bugg promised to get CTE Program Data to Dr. Mark Henderson to assist in the Community Ambassadors Program. . In addition Dean Bugg states we can get CTE Program Assistant support to man booths at the College Black Expo.

There was also discussion by the group to continue to offer the workshops at all district campuses in the future.

Ms. Doffoney will send out publicity postcards and posters as soon as she receives them for College Black Expo staff to VPSS's'

II. HBCU's and Articulation Agreements and Scholarship Information

Dr. Delahoussaye and Ms. Doffoney are continuing to update the articulation agreements with the HBCU's. Thanks was given to Calvin Madlock at the district for updating the website and Mr. Schenk for providing scholarship information. WLAC Counselor Helen Young shared that she has a book in the WLAC Counseling Office

that documents work done by Ms. Crippens for other HBCU articulation agreements. She will send this to Dr. Delahoussaye. Most are outdated. AAOI will work to update the agreements and identify contact staff at the HBCU colleges to update agreements. Dr. Delahoussaye will identify equipment with Mr. James Russell's assistant to identify equipment to scan the booklet for the group.

Dr. Foster from WLAC will also work with some HBCU alumni to secure information on HBCU scholarships. AAOI will link that scholarship information to our website. In addition we can also link alumni contact person from the HBCU so that our students can have additional support from the alumni group.

Dr. Delahoussaye will send Ms. Doffoney an additional link to include on our website that will allow a student to apply to up to 35 HBCU with one application.

Ms. Doffoney will send the AAOI HBCU Update Grid to Ms. Young.

III. Future Fundraising Ideas and AAOI

District Jazz Concert on one of the district campuses or Convention Center. Discussion surrounded contacting Pat Prescott from Jazz Radio Station.

ASO Sponsorship of one event for AAOI via district ASO's, BSU's, etc. Dean Bugg will identify which CTE funds can be used to support AAOI activities. He indicates that there are currently 3 grants/activities available currently that can assist. These included outreach to high schools and the collaborative grants. Dr. Robinson and Ms. Doffoney will contact Mr. Martinez to discuss support possibilities as well.

AAOI will continue to develop a proposal for possible grant funding.

IV. UMOJA

November 7, 2009, Dr. Delahoussaye, Dr. Henderson, and Dr. Miller from LBCC presented a workshop on UMOJA on behalf of our district. The presentation included a power point which will be sent to Ms. Doffoney to include as a link our the AAOI website.

V. LACCD BFSA

Dr. Robinson will re-send the pledge cards to staff to join the BFSA electronically. A link will be placed on the AAOI website to allow desired staff to sign up for BFSA. There was some discussion on raising the monthly fees to \$25.00 per month. The BFSA leadership/group will decide.

Ms. Doffoney will check with Mr. Gene Little or Mr. George Prather to get an email list of all Black faculty and staff emails to develop a listserv for the organization. We continue to support each others efforts.

VI. LACCD BFSA/AAOI Convocation February 26th.

Discussion surrounded having the event at the California African American Museum or on one of our campuses. The CAAM may be to small. Dr. Robinson will check to see if the venue can accommodate more than 50.

If contributions come through from the district ASO's, students will not be charged to attend the event.

Mr. William Allen Young will be asked to be the motivational speaker for this event. Ms. Helen Young will make the request. He will be offered a stipend. In addition Ms. Mahogany Brown, a poetess, has agree to perform. (\$500.00 stipend requested) The event will be to honor LACCD BFSA Scholarship recipients as recipients and exists as a networking event as well. Consider having the event catered.

Danielle Fallert will contact ASO Liaison Sonia Lopez to follow up on ASO group to determine if they are still coming forward with funding requested by Dr. Henderson on our behalf to the district ASO group back in October.

The event will also be developed as a networking event for BFSA. It will be promoted as a district conclusion to Black History Month. (Note: A Save the Date email should be sent out soon.) Faculty and staff should be asked to pay for the event as a fundraiser. There was discussion to move the event to March. Our target date will remain, February 26th.

VII. LACCD Black Graduation Event

Ms. Young developed the idea of a LACCD Black Graduation event much as the 4 year schools have in addition to the regular graduation. ASO and BFSA would be heavily involved in this activity. Committee members for this event are Helen Young; Adrienne Foster; Tammy Robinson, James Russell, and Leige Doffoney. Helen Young and Adrienne Foster are Co-Chairs of this event embraced by AAOI.

The event would be a celebration and include drummers, dancers, cultural and scholastic activities. It may be at a community location like the Nate Holden Center or a campus. The co-chairs will call a sub- committee meeting to get this event on the road. BSU advisors should be involved in the graduation/celebration.

Mr. William Allen Young may also be contacted as a speaker for this event if he is not available for the convocation. Dr. Delahoussaye will contact Todd Holden for the event as well. He will also be asked by Dr. Delahoussaye to join us for the next meeting.

VIII. LACCD Black Leadership Library

Ms. Doffoney will ask members to submit literature books for a district library.

IX. AAOI Spring 2010 Meeting Dates

The group decided to meet in the afternoon for the spring semester in 2010 to allow more potential members to attend. In order to accommodate the request the group has decided to meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

Ms. Doffoney will contact Ms. Rocha in Mr. Colombo's office to see if this is possible and send new dates out in December if we can move forward in this direction.

Respectfully Submitted,
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