

Los Angeles Community College District
AAOI: African American Outreach Initiative Committee

Minutes/Notes
October 20, 2009
10:00 a.m.

Attendees: Gary Colombo (LACCD); Phyllis Braxton (LAPC); Yasmin Delahoussaye (LAVC); Leige Doffoney (LAHC); Mark E. Henderson (LAPC); Yvette Moss (LAHC); Tammy Robinson (LACC)

The meeting began at 10:15 a.m.

Ms. Doffoney shared that she will work on the following African American outreach initiatives with Mr. Gary Colombo to support our committee; Umoja; Black Expo; Conference Attendance; other AAOI missions.

BLACK COLLEGE EXPO – January 23, 2010

Ms. Doffoney made contact with Executive Director Theresa Price. We have withdrawn from our \$10,000 budget the \$2,500 participation fee for the Black College Expo. Advertising materials were requested to be sent asap as some of our campuses will not have a Winter Intersession and we need to get word out immediately. (Note: Since our meeting Ms. Price has agree to provide 3 large posters and registration postcards for our students immediately). This year the expo will also focus on career and intern opportunities and Ms. Mary Taylor from the LACCD Interns program will be included. Our group will decide later on how we will participate in the workshop/panel format this year. The focus will be using the community colleges as stepping stones to the HBCU's.

Ms. Doffoney will request that the information also be sent electronically so it can be sent to the VPSS's so they can help with sharing appropriately information as well as the BSU Advisors and ASU/ASO Advisors. VPSS Delahoussaye stated that perhaps ASU/ASO Travel/Conference funds can be used for the activity for students.

GRANT/VISIONARY SESSIONS:

Our group has identified that additional funds are necessary to support the organization. As a result we will regularly on Fridays to identify funds; network; and collaborate to identify funding and maximize our resources.

The first meeting will be Friday, October 30, 10-noon, and we will meet in Dr. Tammy Robinson's office at LACC/Jefferson Hall Room 300. All AAOI members are welcome to attend. Mark Henderson will also set up IT operations so the meeting can be held with CCC confer.

Dr. Delahoussaye shared several grant opportunities that included:

- Bill and Melinda Gates 10 million dollar 10 year grant. Dr. Delahoussaye has a meeting on Nov. 2nd to evaluate the grant further and gain additional information. The goal is to apply as a district vs. campus grant. This grant focuses on activities with high schools and on 1) Outreach and Recruitment 2) Professional Development 3) Development of a College Going Culture 4) CTE 5) Tracking and monitoring system 6) Research and Best Practices
- Dr. Delahoussaye also shared information about the American Graduation Initiative that is being review by Marvin Martinez in our district office.
- Dr. Delahoussaye will also share with the group the website that identifies 5 million dollars in different scholarships. This website includes 6 or 7 databases for college dollars for African American students. The group discussed asking all Transfer Center Directors to include this information on their websites. Also contacting Calvin Madlock to place the information on the AAOI website.
- Later Gary Colombo mentioned that some of our goals might also be approachable in future Title V grants for some campuses.

Our group's goal in our grant/visionary sessions will be to identify what makes us unique for grants, what makes us different; development mini prep-proposals to be prepared for future grants. Included should be to:

1. Identify our measures of success accomplished already
2. Discuss and identify our SLO's for our group
3. Identify pilot programs
4. Develop a mentoring piece in grants
5. Connections with our community
6. Descriptions of where our students go and their successes; include independent college piece
7. Describe our partnerships

ARTICULATION UPDATES:

Dr. Delahoussaye will continue to work with Ms. Doffoney to complete the agreements. She has encountered some challenges with some of the HBCU's in completing agreements. We will also enlist our campus articulation officers to assist.

Ms. Doffoney and Dr. Delahoussaye will develop a grid of which campuses are complete and which ones still need to be done.

Gary Colombo was also asked about the proposal discussed earlier with former LAUSD Superintendant David Brewer to create a HBCU Center at one of our colleges. Mentioned were WLAC and LASC. The proposal included possibilities for dual

enrollment and distance education. Mr. Colombo requested that Mr. Brewer contact the college presidents to pursue the matter further as a possibility.

OUTREACH AND RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES:

Mark Henderson is continuing to represent us at outreach and recruitment activities. He has received some of our publicity materials. We need additional materials and we need to update our new email address on our current materials. Ms. Doffoney will pursue this effort.

WRCBAA/A2MEND CONFERENCE: November 6th and 7th

Ms. Doffoney reported that 26 participants at this time have confirmed intentions to attend. She will now recruit additional student participants. Some of those confirmed are students already. Former LACCD Student Trustee Eva Jackson will represent our district on the Student Leadership Panel.

SPRING CONVOCATION: FEBRUARY 26TH

The group is re-evaluating the costs of the conference and speaker costs. By October 30th we will need to make final decisions. Dr. Robinson is assisting in evaluating other options. We may combine this with the LACCD BFSA Scholarship Awards Ceremony which is currently scheduled for Feb. 26th. This is currently just a thought and not recommendation yet.

UMOJA CONFERENCE UPDATE:

Ms. Doffoney will support Dr. Delahoussaye or Dr. Mark Henderson's attendance at the UMOJA Conference to the amount of \$750.00. The conference this year is in San Jose. Mark and Yasmin, along with Dean Kaneesha Miller from LBCC, will present. The primary contact for UMOJA is Donna Colanders at Chaffey College.

CSUDH MOU W/SEASIDE COLLEGES:

Gary will contact CSUDH to give us an update.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leige Doffoney
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