

Black Faculty & Staff Association

Minutes from meeting on November General Meeting held on November 16, 2011 12:00 p.m.

Total number of members in attendance at meeting - 20

President Dr. Bobbie Decuir called meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Richelle Joseph reviewed Treasurer's Report, currently 23 paid members. Operating budget: \$4,124.20

Old Business:

- I. Holiday Social Discussion: Group discussed options for holiday social. As a group we decided to hold holiday social at Ruby's Restaurant on Dec. 9th at 11 a.m.
- II. Christiana Smith Proposal: Anthony Daniel presented a proposal to leverage our dollars in partnership with Christiana Smith Alumni Association. This partnership would allow us to accrue \$30,000 that will be put towards an endowment. Then by partnering with B. I. Moody College of Business, who will match our dollars, thereby giving us \$60,000. With \$60,000, we will then become eligible for Board of Regents funding at \$40,000, giving us a \$100,000 endowment. The members present we send out a vote to paid members-Gail Bonhomme moved, Phebe Hayes seconded.
- III. Research Seminar: Date of Symposium TBD. Denise Linton, Toni Muhammad, Kathleen Handy and Constance Broussard will work with Phebe Hayes on details.
- IV. Status of Fundraising Proposal: Gail Bonhomme discussed 501(3)c Status and possible collaborating with the 100 Black Men and the Kiwanis Club and other organizations for fundraising
- V. Black Student Awards Program: Black Student Achievement Program and Awards will be held March 20, 2012 at 6 pm. in the Student Union Ballroom. Patricia Cottonham reported the guest speaker will be Byron Starks. She also reminded us that the union will not be available next year, so we will need to find another venue soon.
- VI. Graduate School: We will continue our mentoring program with the MD Fellows, waiting on Dr. Breaux in Graduate School to coordinate activities.

Adjournment: There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted, Melissa Lewis, Secretary