

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF BLACKS
January 9, 2023

Members Present

Krystal Akehinmi
Charria Campbell
Keisha Claybrooks
Daniel Allen

Holly Mills
Harry Ingle
Joshua Gordon
Margo Dirkson

Arthur Banton
Sayota Knight
Rosemarie Black
Troy Smith

Members Absent

Gregory Holt
Wes Bridges

Dr. Polk-Johnson
Na'Quaja Gaines

Robert Owens
Edward Driggers

Quorum was not met so a discussion took place. The discussion began at 1:48pm.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was tabled due to quorum was not met.

Approval of the Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2022, meeting were tabled due to quorum not being met.

Meeting

Good News

Margo shared that the long weekend ahead was good news.

Krystal shared that the memorial service of a friend who passed on Christmas Days made her "ever more grateful for life".

National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity Institutional Membership

TTU is now an institutional member of this organization. Encourage faculty to participate in this organization. This can be a support to keep those on track for tenure.

Subcommittee Meetings

Committees were sent to breakout rooms for 10 minutes to discuss progress on upcoming events.

Subcommittee Reports

Social Engagement

Margo Dirkson will be sending out information in February. Krystal Akehinmi suggested "Show Some Love" events where members send words of Encouragement to each other. Also, a lunch time together in February will be scheduled.

Scholars Awards Luncheon

Arthur Banton shared the luncheon has been confirmed for Tuesday, April 4, 2023. The luncheon will be held from 11am to 12 noon in the MPR. The room will be open until 2pm. Refreshments will be served. The menu is being discussed. Please send Arthur your RSVP and list any dietary restrictions you may have. Charria Campbell is working on the program. Information regarding "The Outstanding Diversity Advocate" will be sent out by Arthur Banton and Ms. Johnson.

Black History Month

Krystal Akehinmi and Troy Smith are on this committee. Krystal stated there are lots of vendors, especially local vendors participating this year. Troy said the events went well last year and this year's events are "bigger and better".

MLK Week of Service

Sayota Knight spoke especially about Sequana' Coats, a project started by Sequana Western that provides jackets and coats to those in need. Krystal said this should be placed on the agenda for the February meeting if it could not be added to MLK Week of Service for this year.

Other Such Matters

Krystal spoke about changing the quorum for CSB meetings. Presently 10 members must be present to have quorum. Charria Campbell, Dr. Robert Owens, and Ms. Johnson are not included to reach quorum. Holly Mills stated that members can send a proxy in their place so quorum could be reached.

Arthur Banton shared that this is the 50th anniversary of Hip Hop, and was wondering if anyone was planning anything on campus.

Adjournment

This meeting was a discussion due to not meeting quorum. CSB Chair Krystal Akehinmi adjourned the discussion at 2:30pm. The next meeting will be virtual on February 6, 2023 using Microsoft teams.