

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF BLACKS
November 2, 2022

Members Present

Robert Owens	Charria Campbell	Arthur Banton
Lakeisha Claybrooks	Joshua Gordon	Margo Dirkson
Rosemarie Black	Daniel Allen	Holly Mills
Troy Smith	Krystal Akehinmi	Wes Bridges
Na'Quaja Gaines		

Members Absent

Harry Ingle

Proceedings

The Commission on the Status of Blacks met on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 using a hybrid format. The meeting was called to order by Robert Owens at 2:02pm.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved. Holly Mills made the motion. Troy Smith seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2022 meeting with corrections was made by Troy Smith. It was _____

Proceedings

Selection of 2022-2023 Chair

Krystal Akehinmi was nominated by Troy Smith. It was seconded by Holly Mills. The motion carried unanimously. Krystal Akehinmi accepted by acclamation.

Selection of Vice Chair

Krystal Akehinmi nominated Daniel Allen for position of Vice Chair. Rosemarie Black seconded the nomination. The motion carried unanimously. Daniel Allen accepted by acclamation.

Set meeting dates for remainder off the 2022-2023 academic year

It was decided by the group that meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month beginning at 1:45pm. An additional meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 1:45pm to allow committees to begin planning events. Also, a meeting will be held on January 9, 2023 before Spring 2023 classes begin.

Select Committees

MLK

Holly Mills, Sayota Knight, and Wes Bridges volunteered to serve on this committee.

Black History Month

Troy Smith, Allen Driggers, Na'Quaja Gaines will serve on this committee.

Social Engagement

Margo Dirkson and Krystal Akehinmi will serve on this committee.

Awards Luncheon

Margo Dirkson, Rose Black, Arthur Banton and Josh Gordon will serve on this committee.

Other Such Matters

Arthur Banton stated that a hybrid type of meeting may be best to accommodate those who can meet in person as well as those who may be traveling or away from their offices. Also recording of the meeting minutes would be most helpful.

November 7th, 2022 at 1:45pm is the next meeting. The BCC should be reserved to accommodate future meetings. Charria Campbell stated there could be a change in meeting location when renovations begin in the BCC area.

RACE to TECH event begins Friday, November 4th. Twenty-four students and their families have registered.

It's home coming weekend and some Alumni and members of MAAAC (Multicultural Affairs Alumni Advisory Commission) will be on campus.

Hispanic Heritage Month was celebrated with 2 events. Live on the Plaza was held Sept 22nd with Latinx artist Rose Rodriguez from Nashville. Campus Conversations was held on October 4, 2022. This was an informal dialogue between TTU students, and faculty and students of Hispanic Heritage.

Native American Heritage Month began in November. On November 1st and 2nd an exhibition of handmade Native American utensils, crafts, and wares was held in the Tech Pride Room. This event was sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs. It was well attended.

On Thursday, November 10th at 6pm in Memorial Gym, Center Stage is sponsoring: First Nations Circle of Music. This event is free and open to the public.

New members joining CBS were welcomed. Introductions of former and new members were made.

Adjournment

A motion was made to end the meeting by Holly Mills. Rosemarie Black seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 2:49pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, November 7th, 2022 at 1:45pm. It will be a virtual meeting.