

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF BLACKS
September 14, 2020

Members Present

Holly Mills	Charria Campbell	Simone McKelvey
Margo Dirkson	Thomas Heard	Nathaniel Coleman
Harry Ingle	Nicole Williams	Katrina Ibezim
Krystal Akehinmi	Arthur Banton	Rosemarie Black
Joshua Egwuatu	Gregory Holt	Holly Mills

Members Absent

Ted Pelton	Troy Smith	Daniel Badoe
Robert Owens		

Proceedings

The Commission on the Status of Blacks met on Monday, September 14, 2020 using the Teams Meet format. The meeting was called to order by Margo Dirkson at 2:05pm.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved. Krystal Akehinmi made the motion. Harry Ingle seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from April 6, 2020 was made by Holly Mills. It was seconded by Rose Black. The motion carried unanimously.

Proceedings

Clarification of Role of CSB

Charria Campbell clarified the Role of CSB on campus here at TTU. A copy of the CSB policies and procedures are attached. She stated that TTU President Oldham had met with the students of RACE, RACE Plus, and other student Minority groups on Thursday, September 3, 2020 during dead hour to discuss the racial climate on campus. The Dean of Students also met with students on September 11, 2020.

Introductions of all CSB members present were made. It was suggested that each CSB member from last year who is still serving be given a name of newly hired Minority faculty, staff or Administrator to welcome them to the campus and to inform them about CSB. Those members who don't feel comfortable doing this may email Margo Dirkson stating their request not to be included on the contact list.

Dr. Robert Owens has a previous obligation that would not allow him to attend the 2pm, CSB meetings and asked that the meetings be held at 3pm. Margo Dirkson will send out a "Doodle Poll" to each member and ask what time is best to have the meeting. Based upon those results, the meeting may be changed.

Other Such Matters

Presentation to Rose Black, "Outstanding Diversity Advocate 2020". It was suggested that Margo, Holly, Charria, and Dr. Robert Owens present the plaque and a bouquet of flowers to Rose Black. Pictures will be taken and sent to Tech Times for publication.

Adjournment

A motion was made to end the meeting by Krystal Akehinmi. It was seconded by Arthur Banton. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 2:41pm. The next meeting will be on October 5, 2020. The time will be announced. The meeting will be held through Team Meets.