

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF BLACKS  
May 2, 2022

Members Present

Arthur Banton	Jimmy Jones	Sayota Knight
Simone McKelvey	Margo Dirkson	Edward Driggers
Rosemarie Black	Holly Mills	Rufaro Chitiyo
Mason Martin	Krystal Akehinmi	Troy Smith

Members Absent

Gregory Holt	Daniel Allen	Robert Owens
Charria Campbell	Harry Ingle	Jamaal Thompson
Dr. Polk-Johnson		

Proceedings

The Commission on the Status of Blacks met on Monday, May 2, 2022. A discussion took place until quorum was met. The meeting was called to order at 2:55pm when quorum was met.

Approval of Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda was made by Holly Mills. The motion was second by Simone McKelvey.

Approval of the Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes from the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by Holly Mills. It was second by Krystal Akehinmi. The motion to approve the discussion notes from the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by Simone McKelvey. It was second by Holly Mills.

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Committee Reports

The Spring Scholarship Banquet was held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 11am in the MPR. Simone McKelvey spoke about the event being well attended. The menu from Grade A Catering was well received and also allowed CBS to remain within the budget limitations. Spring and summer 2022 graduates, and student achievers were honored. The 2022 Outstanding Diversity Advocate, Michael Birdwell PhD, was honored posthumously. Several of the History department colleagues of the late Dr.

Michael Birdwell were elated Dr. Birdwell was honored as the CSB Outstanding Diversity Advocate of 2022. Students received their awards and gifts, encouraged with well wishes and expressions of success in the future.

### Budget Matters

CSB has approximately \$1,162.14 left over in the budget. It must be used by June 30, 2022. Suggestions for use were:

- have another gathering of the CSB

- purchasing supplies for students such as jump drives, etc. with CSB logo

- purchase swag materials for future banquets and CSB outreach

- printing of pamphlets regarding CSB service

- Stress relief items for students, books, tactile items

It was suggested by Margo Dirkson that Charria Campbell be notified regarding student needs and purchases made that fulfilled those needs.

A motion was made to use remaining funds to purchase supplies and fulfill student needs was made by Simone. It was second by Krystal Akehinmi.

### Nominate CSB Vice Chair for 2022-2023

#### The Position of Chair of CSB

Dr. Arthur Banton will complete his term as Chair of CSB in June, 2022. It is customary that the Vice Chair assumes the position of Chair for the upcoming academic year. Simone McKelvey will assume the position as CSB Chair 2022 – 2023. Nominations for Vice Chair are needed.

In nominating a Vice Chair, CSB members are asked to speak to the CSB members first to get confirmation that the nominee is willing to serve in the Vice Chair position. An email requesting those who are rolling off this year was supplied. Also, please let Arthur Banton know of any members who have served their term but would like to remain on the Commission.

Due to terms of service expiring, there are a number of member positions needing to be filled. Krystal added that to ensure quorum is met at the meetings, those members who cannot attend may send someone in their place to attend.

### Other Matters

Krystal has reserved Bartoo Hall, room 307 on Thursday, May 5 for CSB to gather, grab a snack, eat lunch, relax and socialize before this academic year ends.

Krystal also mentioned that CSB members can also socialize by meeting in the Caf for lunch. Each member would pay for their own meal.

Juneteenth is coming up. Krystal suggested all CSB participate in a public event already planned, or plan something in celebration of the day.

CSB member Mason Martin asked a question regarding student membership. (Due to technical difficulties, that question was not fully understood).

### Adjournment

The May 2, 2022 meeting was adjourned by Arthur Banton at 3:32pm. The next meeting will be on August 8th, 2022. Simone McKelvey will chair. Look forward to receiving an agenda and invite to join the meeting.