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Minutes for Commission for Blacks Meeting February 2, 2010

Call to Order: Dr. Camille Hall called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

In Attendance Camille Hall (Chair), Annazette Houston (Office of Disability Services), Rosa Thomas (Student Health), Lynn Sacco (Commission for LGBT Persons), Mariah Benimon (Undergraduate Student Representative)

Additional Guests: Melissa Shivers (Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs), Tanisha Jenkins (Office of Minority Student Affairs), Ron Treway (HR), Sherry Sims (HR), Ernest Brothers (Graduate School), Kynita Stringer-Stanback (Library), Joann Jeter (Career Services), Jamia Stokes (Education, Health, and Human Services), Dawn Duke (Modern Foreign Languages), Sekeenia Haynes (Biochemistry and Cellular and Molecular Biology), Rosa Thomas (Student Health Service), Kevin Seymore (Undergraduate Student), Lauren Hill (Graduate Student), Steven Stothard (Graduate Student), Jonathan Kinndard (Undergraduate Student)

1. Review of October minutes: After review, the December minutes were approved.

2. Report from the Chair: Dr. Camille Hall reported that the Commission for Blacks, the Commission for Women, and the Commission for LGBT Persons would be meeting collectively with the Chancellor in order to present concerns as a united group.
Dr. Hall also asked all commission members to invite their fellow faculty, staff, or community members to join the CFB listserv, which will be used to notify individuals about events and opportunities.
Dr. Hall reminded CFB that the newsletter would begin Spring 2011. The title for the newsletter will be BLACK@UT. BLACK@UT will be written by staff and faculty members and chronicle the achievements of UTK Black faculty, staff and students and Knoxville community. Lynn Sacco and Mary Papke have already been invited to write articles highlighting Black Women and Black LGBT People. Members are invited to email Sekeenia Haynes (shaynes6@utk.edu) if they would like to write an article or if they have ideas for articles.
A Diverse Mentoring Program workshop will take place on September 30, 2011. Dr. Hall is currently working on the planning and development of this event.
An email was read from Ms. Joan Heminway about a need for faculty involvement in the Faculty Senate. There are currently vacancies within the Senate.
An email was also read from the Student Panel on Civility Task Force. This panel is made up of students in order to develop an implementation plan for the tasks. There was a question of why no students from CFB or any other commissions were invited to the event.

3. Black Issues Conference: The 6th Annual Black Issues Conference will take place this Saturday, February 5, 2011 from 8:00am- 4:00pm in the University Center. There are speakers and seminars scheduled for this event and all students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to attend.

4. Awards Committee: The Awards Committee is still looking for award nominations. They will be accepting applications for the Gene Mitchell Gray Pioneer Award and the Hardy Liston, Jr. Symbol of Hope Award through February 11, 2011.

5. Community Outreach Committee: The Spring Community Forum will take place at 6:30pm on March 3, 2011 in the Toyota Auditorium of the Howard Baker Center. This forum will offer as an opportunity for community members to voice their concerns and for the CFB to find ways to meet these needs.

6. Student Concerns: LGBT Black Students do not feel like they can come out to any Black faculty, staff, or administration. Several members of CFB notified Lynn Sacco that they are willing to meet with any students and she took names of individuals who she could direct students to in the future.
Kevin Seymore announced that students are working on developing ideas for Black History Month. They have decided to move forward with the theme developed with CFB, "Did You Know…" He invited all members to present any information they may have about Blacks in and around UTK to highlight during the months celebration. They have decided to focus the week of February 15 as Black History Week, reserving display space in the University Center.

7. 50 years of African American Achievement: The kickoff for this event was yesterday. All CFB members should look forward to continued events throughout the year for this celebration. The Spring Community Forum will be one of the events for this celebration.

8. Announcements: A job fair is scheduled to take place on March 1, 2011. We should all look for emails regarding the event.
The Urban League is currently having a membership drive and looking for students, faculty, and staff to get involved with their efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06pm