Commission for Blacks May Meeting Minutes

1. Review of April Minutes: April meeting minutes were approved by electronic vote.

2. Report from the Chair: The recipients of the Hardy G. Liston (Charles and Annazette Houston), Gene Mitchell Gray (Jayanni Webster) and African American Hall of Fame (Jane Redmond) awards were presented on April 9th at the Chancellor's Honors Banquet. Avery Howard, CFB, student representative and chair of the Student Concerns Committee was also recognized for his accomplishments.

The CFB, CFW and LGBT People met with Provost Martin on Friday, April 20, 2012, the job description for the Vice Chancellor and Chief Diversity Officer has been finalized.

The executive committee met on April 25, 2012, the following items were discussed:

Election Results: Chair-Camille Hall, Chair Elect-pending. At this point, I don't see this as an emergency, but, I will keep you posted.

Chancellor Cheek has appointed a Search Committee for the Vice Chancellor and Chief Diversity Officer Position, Mary Papke, Chair, Commission for Women and Avery Howard are committee members.

On September 26, 2012, Access & Diversity Fund Committee will host a workshop for staff and supervisors, email notifications will be distributed at the beginning of the fall semester.

Avery Howard will contact the SGA President and the chair of Diversity Affairs to set a day for the Student Forum that will take place Fall 2012.

We are currently accepting CFB membership applications, **if you are interested in continuing your service on the commission please complete the Email form located on the CFB website.**

2. Announcements: The BFSA is currently conducting online voting to elect 2012-13 officers. The spring edition of **BLACK@UT** is available online. Michell will hand deliver a $75 gift certificate to Denelle Niles-Brown on May 7, 2012 in recognition of her service to the CFB. Many thanks and congratulations to Michell Greenidge, she will receive a Master of Science in Social Work degree on May 11, 2012. The Year End Report will be posted on the CFB website on or before May 15, 2012. The May minutes will be based on the chair report. Please send comments and questions to cfb@utk.edu.

Finally, your service, along with the support of the CFW and LGBT chair and co-chairs has made the 2011-12 academic year a success for the CFB. Best wishes for a safe and fun-filled summer. I look forward to working with each of you this fall.