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## **Invitation to Commission on Women to Attend Commission on Blacks Meeting June 23, 1976**

Commission for Blacks

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Judith Kuipers, Chairperson  
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FROM: Betty J. Cleckley, Chairperson  
Commission on Blacks

DATE: June 15, 1976

At its June 9 meeting, the Commission on Blacks raised some concern about the fact that an institution the size of The University of Tennessee-Knoxville does not have a Black or a woman providing academic and administrative leadership in either the College of Education or Liberal Arts. During the discussion, members mentioned that this is likely to be a concern that the Commission on Women also shares; therefore, the Commission on Blacks agreed that we would be very interested in exploring the possibility and feasibility of the two Commissions working collaboratively to promote the need to have qualified women and Blacks considered for the Dean's position available in the College of Education and College of Liberal Arts. Moreover, it is my understanding that a Search Committee has been appointed to seek candidates for the Dean's position in the College of Liberal Arts. I have no information about a Search Committee's being appointed to seek a Dean for the College of Education.

Having given you this background information, I wish to invite you and the Commission on Women to attend the next meeting of the Commission on Blacks scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, at 3:30 to 5:00 in the Chancellor's Conference Room, 5th Floor, Andy Holt Tower. At that meeting, we wish to discuss our concern about the Dean's positions and the possibility of the two Commissions working together to have women and Blacks considered for these positions that have been traditionally filled by men.

Please let me know if it will be possible for the Commission on Women to meet with us. Also, feel free to contact me if you have questions or would like further clarification. I look forward to hearing from you.

BJC:jk