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MARVIN

Afro-American Special Awards Committee Meeting

Awards Committee Meeting

February 23, 1984 3:30 pm

Members Present:

Jennifer Friday
Marvin Peek
William Blake
Clifton Woods
John Hódges - Chairperson
Denise Harvey

ISSUES:

Eligibility of Committee Members: Committee members are eligible to receive nominations for awards but will not sit in on the decision making process; nominated committee members will be replaced during this time by another faculty member.

Nameing of Awards: Since no clear committee approval can be reached at this time it was decided that some awards would be named now and the remainder will not be named until an unspecified future date. The awards which will be named are: Outstanding teacher-Andre Hammond
Academic Achievement-Jimmy Baxter
Student Athlete-Lester McClean
Staff Service- the woman staff member who has worked at U.T for 30 years.

It has not yet been decided whether the persons who the awards will be named after should be national figures, U.T. affiliated, persons with significant contributions to the state of Tn. or a mixture of three groups. It has also not been decided whether the awards should be named after living or deceased persons.

It was agreed that if awards are named after living persons these persons will be contacted for their approval (if local they should receive an invitation to attend.) If persons are deceased their families should also be contacted. Certificates can be mailed to persons living outside the local area.

Ballots: A ballot has been drawn up and will be adjusted to include address of Commission for Blacks (where they will be mailed).

Student Awards: Students eligible for the awards must be enrolled during the 1983-84 academic year (this will also be included on the ballots).

Certificate: Marvin Peek and William Blake will both contact persons to assist in the developing of a design and slogan. "Black Accomplishments" has been suggested as a tentative slogan for the certificates. A short quote (three or four lines) has also been suggested. If possible the logo will incorporate the same shape as the plaque.

Plaques: Marvin Peek will check on the number of plaques which will be available. At least three plaques will be presented to the three distinguished categories.