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**COMMISSION FOR BLACKS: MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 1998**

The Commission for Blacks met on October 21, 1998 in the fifth floor conference room of Andy Holt Tower. Members present included: Roberto Benson, Ricky McCurry, Rosa Thomas, Joann Jeter, Denise Jackson, and Marva Rudolph. A correction was made in the Minutes (September 30, 1998). Thereafter, the meeting followed the basic agenda presented by the chairperson.

OLD BUSINESS: The chairperson again discussed the charge of the CFB and passed out information on the focus of the three standing committees: Faculty, Staff, and Administrators Concerns; Student Concerns; and Community Outreach. The committee also discussed ways to get better student representation on the committee. No decisions were made; this issue still remains unsolved.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion centered around two basic issues: (1) improving relations with BFSa and (2) the need to track the progress of African American faculty and staff at UTK. All present agreed there is a need to strengthen on-going communication between the two groups since the goals/charges are compatible. This will be the point of further discussion at the next meeting.

The Chairperson provided information regarding the following job vacancies: Assistant director of the University Bookstore; Associate Director of the University Bookstore; and Assistant Professor of Audiology/Hearing Science.

The committee was reminded that we have reserved the 5th floor conference room for the upcoming meetings but the location can be changed based on the preference of committee members. It appears that, of those present, the consensus is to have future meetings at the DRES location. This issue will also be resolved at the next meeting: **November 18, 1998 at 1:00 p.m., the 5th floor conference room of Andy Holt Tower.**