

Minutes

Members Present: Alesia Smith (chair), Angie Carter (deputy chair), Adraine Jackson-Garner, Rosa Grayden, Earl Huff, Jerry Knighton, LaToya Maddox, Kellye Whitaker, and Curtis White (ex officio), Oliver Myers, Constancio Nakuma, Harrison Pinkney, Bruce Ransom, Kendra Stewart-Tillman and Rhondda Thomas

Members Absent: True-Allah-Liles, Jerry Knighton and Kesha Williams

Other: Karon Donald (CUCDI Program Manager)

Guest: Trish Robinson

Call to Order: Chair Alesia Smith called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes from April 26, 2021 Meeting:

Oliver made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Bruce. The motion passed and minutes approved.

Financial Update

Karon stated that the proposed CBE budget for FY22 is \$7,200 from E&G, \$3,750 of Foundation funds. The budget has gone through two reviews and should be finalized soon. LaToya if Karon had heard back from Lee about the regarding the unused funds for FY21. Karon stated that Lee nor Leslie has gotten back to her and Alesia said she had not heard back from them either. There was discussion as to whether foundation funds are automatically rolled over from year to year since they are discretionary funds. Alesia also indicated that funds left over from E&G accounts usually rolls over to the Central Budget center and can be disbursed to departments as performance credits. LaToya advised that we ask specifically about the spending fund balances. Karon and Alesia will follow up with Lee.

National Pan Hellenic Council (NPHC) Markers

Trish Robinson was invited by Kendra to present her proposal for NPHC markers being placed on campus to represent our Divine Nine fraternities and sororities. Trish shared her presentation and explained that there has been no movement on the proposal at this point. She would like the support of the Commission and assistance with getting senior leadership on board. Commissioners agreed that this was an excellent idea and would fully support the concept. Curtis agreed to schedule a meeting with Lee Gill, Alesia, himself and Trish so she could present this initiative to him and ask for his support.

Committee Reports

- A. Strategic Plan – The committee met to discuss the strategic plan and identified goals and objectives for the different committees to work on for the 2021-22 year. The strategic plan will be shared with the committee once it has been approved and ready for implementation.

Old Business:

- A. Student Welcome – The event is tabled for the Fall 2021 and Alesia requested that a planning committee be developed to start meeting during the summer, particular, June or July so that we could have an event in August.
- B. Tours of the Burial Sites – Rhondda shared with the Commission that she and her staff would be conducting tours this summer. She recommended that the Commission do the tour as a

group. CBE should submit 3-4 options and if the tour is completed in the summer, it should be done early in the morning between 7- 8 am.

- C. Proposed Staff Representative – non-voting member – Alesia explained that she spoke with CJ Smith and she wanted to ensure Staff Senate was aware of the issues facing members of our constituency in addition to being aware of the various programs CBE will be hosting. She felt this was a good way to stay connected. She did not have any other purpose in mind other than to ensure Staff Senate is considered a resource to CBE. This person would not have to take on any duties or serve on any committees. It was agreed that the staff representative could attend as a guest. Curtis recommended that CBE attend Staff Senate meetings as well so we are aware of what is occurring in other meetings. Angie recommended that members of the various CBE committees should make it part of the committees’ responsibilities to attend staff and faculty senate meetings.

2. **New Business:**

- A. Farewell Lunch for Constancio and Curtis– Commissioners agreed it was important to recognize the contributions that Constancio and Curtis made to the Commission and a great way to say thank you. Karon agreed to work with Constancio and Curtis to identify a date and location for the luncheon.
- B. Canvas Course for Sexual Assault Survivors – Alesia shared an email message with the Commissioners from Maggie Smith asking if CBE would allow them to list CBE as a resource in the course and serve as a sponsor. There were issues of concern that Commissioners were not trained effectively in this area to be an adequate resource. It was recommended that Maggie attend a meeting to explain in more detail the role they want CBE to play as a sponsor of the canvas course. Alesia agreed to contact Maggie and invite her to the first meeting in the Fall.
- C. Oconee County Law Enforcement and Community Leaders forum – Alesia informed the Commission that the forum was the third forum and invited members of the Commission to attend. It is scheduled for May 26, 2021 at noon. A link to register would be sent to those members who were interested in attending.
- D. Faculty Vacancy and Deputy Chair appointment- Alesia informed Commissioners that we would need to fill Constancio’ s seat and asked if we should go back to the faculty members that were nominated earlier this year or if there were others who may be interested but was not nominated. Also discussed the process for nominating a Deputy Chair. The Deputy Chair would have to be a staff member who is willing to serve an additional four years. Alesia will be reaching out to some of our staff members to determine their interest.

- 3. **Announcements** – Rhondda was promoted to full professor and awarded Researcher of the Year for Clemson University. This is an outstanding recognition and we are so happy for her. It is well-deserved and long overdue. There are two Juneteenth Celebrations in the area on June 19, 2021. The City of Clemson is hosting a Juneteenth Celebration at Littlejohn Community Center from 2-9 pm and the City of Seneca is hosting a Juneteenth Celebration from 11 am-8 pm in the Downtown area. The Clemson United for Racial Equity (CURE) is having a Community Engagement Dialogue on May 26, 2021 at 362 Chapman Hill Road, Central, SC at 6:30 pm.

- 4. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm