



Commissioner of Education's African American History Task Force

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2015 Semi-Annual Goal Chair Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 26, 2015

Carrie Meek-James N. Eaton, Sr.

Southeastern Regional Research Center

Black Archives Museum

445 Gamble Street

Tallahassee, Florida 32307

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Present: Dr. Mark Howse, Dr. Bernadette Kelley, Maggie Lewis Butler, Dr. Samuel Wright, and Dr. Patrick Moore (via telephone)

Excused: Marion Williams

2015 Semi-Annual Goal Chair meeting was called to order at 9:00 am on

I. Introductions-AAHTF members

II. Update Status

- Dr. Bernadette Kelly reviewed and explained the Quarterly reports. The Reports showed everything that the African History Task force have done thus 2014 -2015 grant.

III. Goal Reports:

- Each Goal was discuss as to who was in charge of each goal.
 - Goal #1 assigned to Dr. Gwendolyn Simmons (chair) and Marion Williams(co-chair)
 - Goal #2 assigned to Melissa Wright (chair) and Mark Howse (co-chair).
 - Goal #3 assigned to Dr. Patrick Moore(chair)
 - Goal #4 assigned Dr. Patrick Moore(chair) Maggie Lewis-Butler and Dr. Samuel Wright
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- Dr. Kelley suggested the Dr. Gwendolyn Simmons be replaced from Goal #1 due lack of participation.



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- Dr. Anthony Dixon has to be replaced on Goal #3 because he is no longer a Task Force member.
- Tony Hill requested the protocol for when member are not participating. Dr. Kelley encourage we look at the bylaws when members are inactive.
- Tony Hill suggested a Town Hall meeting for the next Annual Meeting set in Broward County for the community to let them know the Task Force is working to for the community.
- Dr. Kelley suggested that Melissa Wright(Clay County) needs to be replaced because of the nature of county but feels Clay County still need to be represented.
- Tony Hill the nature a being a member. Dr. Kelley explains the members can make the nominations and they have to provide a resume and letter of recommendation. Then it is sent the Commissioner. The Commissioner is the person who appoints members.
- Dr. Kelley mention a recommendation that Senator Geraldine Thompson made that this board should be made up of represents of each region. As well a representative from the Governor's office and the Legislative. So we can have a balance of people because this is an advisory committee not a work committee. We need a representative from the House with the help of Sen. Thompson. Tony Hill stated that he will connect with Dwight Bullard about getting someone from the House appointed because we already have someone from the Senate. And someone from the Education Preparation committee to watch what Task Force is trying to do.
- Tony Hill suggested that we reach out to the districts with Exemplary status asked for someone those groups. Tony Hill asked for the list of Exemplary Districts and the contact person. His plan is to speak with Bill Monford to find how he can get in touch with their supertindents. Dr. Kelley informed Tony Hill we already have each Exemplary contact person. Mr. Ranston Chandler was able to send Tony Hill the information that was needed.
- Dr. Kelley suggested that we should have someone from the district and someone the community with Exemplary Status so that everyone is looked out for on both ends. Because we must have a check and balance on both ends. Tony Hill inquired if there is enough money in the budget to cover that. Dr. Kelley explained that there is not enough money to cover that. More money is always needed.
- Dr. Howse again reiterated that we need to replace Dr. Dixon soon for #3
- Dr. S. Wright asked if we are keeping the same Goals. Everyone agreed to keep the same Goals and revisit them on the next Annual Meeting.



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- Invited guest Florida Historical Consultants (Dr. Ellis and Dr. Young). Dr. Ellis and Dr. Young introduced themselves and explained what they do. They are creators of module 5 for the Task Force Professional Development online. Dr. Kelly explained the modules are based on the Legislation. Modules 1&2 need to be revised and Modules 3&4 need to be created.

IV. **Next Steps for 2015-2016**

- Tony Hill asked to the legislation.
- Tony Hill suggests that the AAHTF needs more branding to let people know the task is available. Get the Black Caucus involved as well to keep them aware of the actions that Task Force is doing. Suggest that task force should attend different Town Hall Meetings.
- Dr. Samuel Wright expressed his concerns with the follow ups of the action behind the Goals. He recommended that what each member need to do and put it a strategic plan for a year and visit it on a month to month bases to make sure all goal are put into action.

Tony suggest to reach out Madame President Adria Obinwze

- Although Dr. Patrick Moore was not present at the Annual Goal Chair meeting but he was available via teleconference. Dr. Moore was able to give us updates about the "Next Exit History" Application and African American History is being incorporated in the process.
- Dr. Kelley asked what the Task Force can do to help Dr. Moore with moving forward to the next steps. Dr. Kelley also asked that Dr. Moore provide something in writing to show we are moving, costs and need to be done for the new 2015-2016 Grant.
- Dr. Moore ask if a letter from Dr. Kelley or Tony Hill be draft saying that Task Force is in support Of the "Next Exit History" project and please return to us a period of options. So Dr. Moore can forward the information to Florida Research and then will be able to prepare a proposal.

LUNCH 12:30 pm



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Resume meeting: 1:30 pm

V. Websites

- A. Curriculum Site- Dr. Kelley discussed the analytics report from afroamcurriculum.org site. She was able to show the number of new users, returning users, number sessions and how many times the page has been viewed. Also analytic report showed the different country that has used the curriculum site as well. Dr. Kelley explained that once the individual sign and the courses online they will receive a certificate. Tony Hill asked that a copy of the certificate and a list of the people who have taken the courses for all Task Force members.

- B. Main site Page Kelley discussed the analytics report from Afroamfl.org site. She was able to show the number of new users, returning users, number sessions and how many times the page has been viewed. Also analytic report showed the different countries that has used main page site as well. Dr. Kelley explains that it each month we try to feature a different theme for main site such Black History Month (February) and Women's Month (March). And for the April, May and June, we are focusing on Anniversary of Selma, Civil Rights Movement and the 2015 Summer Institute.
 - Dr. Kelley recommends that a search for a new website provider in needed. Suggest that we find minority businesses that can these services. Tony would like any suggestions submitted in May. Dr. Wright asked is there a specification of what we are looking for in a website provider.
 - Student page- Is Under Construction. Ronda Vangates and Marion Williams are responsible. Tony Hill wants a letter drawn up finding out why the Student Page is not up.

VI. Actions items and Summary

- Dr. Bernadette stated that the Task Force will have Florida Historical Consultants are to draft up a proposal for the revisions of Modules 1, 2, and 5 on the AAHTF website. This includes revising/developing the content, exams, lectures, images, and lectures, for those modules.
- Dr. Kelley nominated Dr. Will Guzman for membership with the African American History Task Force.



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- Dr. Bernadette stated the African History Task Force move back to the Black Archives where it originally started under the Leadership of Dr. Eaton.

VII. Meeting Adjournment

Motion for adjournment unanimously 4:00 pm