



Commissioner of Education's African American History Task Force

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AAHTF Annual Meeting
January 30 – 31, 2014

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Present: Dr. Mark Howse, Dr. Bernadette Kelley, Dr. Vincent Jackson, Dr. Patrick Moore, Maggie Lewis Butler, Tony Hill, Melissa Wright, Ronda Vangates, Dr. Samuel Wright, Ann Whitney, Dr. Gwendolyn Simmons

Excused: Dr. Anthony Dixon

- I. Welcome-Dr. Mark Howse
- II. Introductions-AAHTF members and guest
- III. New Task Force members
Anthony (Tony) Hill, Dr. Anthony Dixon, Dr. Gwendolyn Simmons, Attorney Ronda Vangates
- IV. Principal Investigator Report-Dr. Kristal Clemons.
Dr. Crystal shared the Principal Investigator's Report regarding the teacher training (PowerPoint presentation).
Dr. Kelley requested a lists of venues to be emailed to her regarding people who can make their districts aware of the work of the AAHTF.
 - Review of African American History Task Force 2012-2014 grant (project outcomes and deliverables)
 - New project staff-Dr. Kristal Clemons (Instructional Designer and Kimberly Rowe (Student assistant)
- V. Director for the Office of Humanities at Florida Department of Education, Mrs. Ann Whitney:
 - Ann Whitney presented news and updates from Florida Department of Education. A document was distributed outlining the deliverables for the AAHTF grant. Ann suggested, during her presentation, the curriculum framework be changed to instructional framework because the state does not work in curriculum but instruction.
- VI. Review and Alignment of Goals and Objectives to the African American History Task Force Award and Project Deliverables

Dr. Howse opened the floor for discussion on the task forces' mission and goals.



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- Read goals and highlighted goals wording of these two goals as to the reality of implementing them from the task force with the limited funds granted.
- Dr. Moore asked what part of goal two can realistically be completed. Is there a need to ask the commissioner/legislature for more funding to reach the goals as stated?

Dr. Howse stated that the grant is our driving force and it is recommended that we go back to the legislators to change the budget line item from a grant to an appropriation.

Tony Hill suggested that we narrow down the exact dollar amount by looking at the narrative section on page three focusing on caucus members at the next legislator's meeting. He suggested that a standing legislative committee is formed to look at goal four (Tony Hill and Ronda Vangates to serve on this committee).

Dr. Howse suggested that the goals remain as stated and pursue additional funding to get them accomplished.

Dr. Moore suggested that the language of the goals be re-worked to accomplish the deliverables if the funding source is there.

Ronda Vangates suggested that we make another goal five or one for pursuing additional funds instead of adding verbiage to existing goals two and three.

A motion was made (Butler) to keep the goals as written until further review can be completed:
Unanimous

Dr. Howse opened floor to discuss district exemplary status. He suggested that we add a five or ten year review in order to maintain status according to a given rubric.

It was moved by Maggie Lewis Butler and seconded by M. Wright that the task force establish a monitoring system for exemplary status. A rubric will be one document that will indicate how to achieve and maintain exemplary status.

Dr. Howse read a letter from the Commissioner regarding the 20th anniversary of the law of African American History mandate.

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Dr. Howse recommended that we review the membership sections I, B & C of the By-laws – reviewed and discussed by the members.

Dr. Howse asked to review the addition of Goal #5 (1).

Attorney Vangates read revision to Goal #1.

It was moved and second that the By Laws be accepted with corrections and additions as discussed.

Dr. Howse opened the floor for nominations for Chair:

- Maggie Butler-Lewis nominated Dr. Wright
- Dr. Wright deflected and nominated Tony Hill as Chair and Dr. Howse as Co-Chair
- Senator Thomas will be asked to chair goal #4 with M. Lewis Butler as co-Chair – Dr. Wright volunteered to work on this committee
- Dr. Kelley nominated Melissa Wright as Chair of goal #2 & Dr. Howse recommended Michelle Gales and Dr. Sherrilyn Scott as co-Chairs
- Dr. Wright nominated Dr. Moore as chair of goal #3 with Dr. Dixon as co-Chair
- Dr. Simmons was nominated for chair of goal #1 with Marion Williams as co-Chair

Next meeting: Committee Chairs will schedule; New Chair Tony Hill will schedule a meeting with the goal chairs once his nomination has been confirmed by the Commissioner of Education.



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Attendance

Task Force Members Present: Maggie Lewis-Butler, Dr. Samuel Wright, Dr. Mark Howse, Ronda Vangate, Tony Hill, Mellissa Wright,

Guest: Ann Whitney, Mike Whitney, Dr. Rose Campbell, Reggie Ellis, Patricia Gleen-Powell, Dawn Dennis, Geraldine Johnson, Yolanda Foutz-Settles, Peggy Auman, David Jackson, Darius Young, Dr. Kristal M. Clemons, M. Dawson

P. I. Dr. Bernadette Kelley

Welcome-Introductions

Dr. Mark Howe-gave the occasion which is the acknowledgement and celebration of twenty years of the required instruction legislation of African American History for the all of the people in the State of Florida, specially the students in our schools.

Words of welcome:

Dr. Patricia Green-Powell, Interim Dean, College of Education (FAMU)
Dr. Valencia Matthews, Dean, College of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities (FAMU)

Historical reflections: The African American History Mandate

- Dr. Elizabeth Dawson, FAMU Black Archives
- Dr. David Jackson, Chair History and Political Science (FAMU)
- Dr. Titus Brown, Professor History (FAMU)

Task Force members 2013-2014

New Members:

- Dr. Anthony Dixon
- Anthony (Tony) Hill
- Dr. Gwendolyn Simmons
- Attorney Ronda Vangates

Closing Remarks: Dr. Howse-Dr. Kelley