

May 9, 2016 @ 5pm

Black Faculty Staff Association Meeting & Retreat

Takeelia Garrett, Tara Bivens, Nykia Gaines, MarcQus Wright

Meeting called to order by MarcQus at 5:15pm

Black Graduation Review

- Venue
 - Bigger Venue (300 in attendance)
 - Church, Eberhard, College of Business – Email Kathleen Wright about venues
 - Discussion regarding Thursday, earlier Friday, or Saturday – will determine what new ceremony
 - D.J. and music were great.
- Dates
 - Friday preferred, Thursday potential, Sunday potential – Committee Survey
- Gifts
 - Stoles Good – Midwest Global Group Vendor
- Attendance of Graduates
 - Getting all of the December graduates – Registrar's Office or Messner (MarcQus & Nikki)
 - Run a report to see who else is graduating in December
- Food Feedback
 - More Fruit, more Chicken, Less Hummus, Less Spinach Avocado
 - Look at Waiver – Linc Up Soul Food Café
 - Dining Staff seemed scared
 - Samples in advance
- Suggestions
 - Speakers – allow students to choose both
 - More students involved the better
 - MC's should rehearse more
 - Moving along was cool
 - Length of songs was cool
 - Dance was great
 - Cut down time of performances

BFSA Involvement

- Everyone was invited to all meetings though executive board only showed up
- Once per semester lunch meeting

Upcoming dates

- August 29th first week of classes
- September – Minority and Friends
- Twice per month for Executive Board (one lunch and one non-lunch)

What does involvement in BFSA look like?

- Attend twice per semester
- More advocacy for students faculty & staff (first meeting in Sept. is networking), November
- Attend meetings of students when possible
- Student organization advisors should be asked to attend BFSA meetings
- More contact needed in the Winter to plan for Graduations

Needs

- We need a line item for gifts for new and current faculty/staff
- Women's Commission needs more HerStory participants

Adjustments made to charter adding the social committee chair. The Black Graduate Student Association.

MarcQus motioned to approve the new charter. Approved by Takeelia, Second by Tara.

Nikki motioned to adjourn the meeting. Approved by MarcQus, Second by Tara.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm