



January 18, 2012

Members Present:

Sonja Lanehart, Doug Washington, Cassandra Porter, Floyd Wormley, Natasha Burns, Lionel Mason, Tony Daniels, Alana McCullum, Elenora Kennedy, Deborah Thomas, Yolanda Williams, Vanessa Avant, Larry Williams, Michael Jennings, Joycelyn Moody, and Marcheta Evans (Skyped)

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 12:15pm by Dr. S. Lanehart; Ms. Porter took minutes.
2. **TREASURER REPORT:** Ms. D. Thomas stated that she will check with the bank on our current balance, as there may be a discrepancy. A discussion surfaced as to what are the different job duties of the Treasurer (elected) and Assistant Treasurer (position open). This will be looked at by the new EC. The final discussion on this was that the Treasurer would *write* checks, and the Secretary would *sign* them, until a new Assistant Treasurer is elected or the position deleted.
3. **New Business:**
 - a. **BFSA CONTINUATION:** The meeting was opened by. Dr. Lanehart with the comment that 18 months ago was the last official BFSA General Meeting, and asked the current attendee's to vote on whether BFSA should continue or not. The majority voted in favor of keeping the group alive, with emphasizing a change in direction, and with new leadership. **(Closed)**
 - b. **ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS:** Discussion: New Officers either were elected, or self-volunteered to be on the Executive Committee (EC). No one challenged positions, so the results were as follows:

Marcheta Evans (President)
Tony Daniels (V. President)
Deborah Thomas (Treasurer)
Cassandra Porter (Secretary)
Yolanda Williams (Asst Secretary)
Elnora Kennedy (Historian)
Douglas Washington (Membership Chair)

The new EC will schedule a changeover and first initial meeting within 2 weeks to get us back on track. Mr. A. Dillard (Past President) will be asked to join us for the changeover of documentation, notes, and any other supporting documentation needed for the new committee. **(Open)**

- c. **GENERAL MEETING DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS:** Mr. D. Washington asked if General Meetings could be set-up and sent out 30 days in advance to enable members on the ListServe to schedule their attendance. He also asked if we could set-up the 1st, 2nd, 3rd meeting times in advance. The EC will discuss meeting times, dates, a calendar and locations at their 1st meeting. **(Open)**
 - d. **BFSA REGISTRATION, LOGO, BY-LAWS:** Discussion arose concerning our current Faculty/Staff Organization status. Dr. Lanehart said she would coordinate with Mr. A. Dillard. Dr. M. Jennings stated that we should review our current Bylaws and take note of all duties/responsibilities of newly elected officers, and consider deleting other positions that were not filled i.e. Assistant Treasurer. **(Open)**
 - e. **MEMBERSHIP/LISTSERV:** Mr. Washington was asked to get with HR for a list of all African-American faculty/staff so that the ListServ could be updated. **(Open)**
 - f. **401C(3) STATUS:** Ms. C. Porter asked the status of our 401c(3) status, and it was determined that Mr. Dillard would have to brief the EC on his progress in establishing this with the IRS. **(Open)**
4. **PUBLICITY/ADVERTISING:** Ms. Y. Williams stated that we should consider establishing a website to post our events on and other publicity media communication avenues such as Face Book, Twitter and Skype; more discussion on this subject will transpire at the first EC meeting. Ms. Williams volunteered to take this on. **(Open).**
5. **BFSA LOGO:** Ms. Williams also stated that she was previously in contact with someone that could design us a Logo, and the past members stated that we already had one that was voted on a couple of years ago (see above)...Logo was sent to me by Ms. Thomas.
6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS:** There were numerous announcements. Dr. Lanehart sent an email out to the ListServ with all the following announcements (a few exceptions) and details.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: Dr. J. Moody is looking for a fulltime employee with full benefits for a Project Coordinator position for the African American

Literatures and Cultures Institute. The job runs February 1 – August 1, 2012. For more information contact her directly.

APPLICATION FOR MANHOOD BY Bryant Smith – Mr. T. Daniels pass around an application pamphlet, but I didn't get all the details. For more information contact him directly.

JANUARY 2012 "Welcome to the Show" (BSLC Meet & Greet) - January 29, 2012 (BSLC event). BSLC will be inviting faculty and staff out to a social to get to know us better. Hopefully we can do this with the other Black organizations.

FEBRUARY 2012 – Black History Month (BHM) (contact ICE
<<http://www.utsa.edu/ice/>> for additional information on BHM events)

Tribute to Bob Marley – February 1, 11:00-2:00, UC. Mr. T. Daniels said he will be doing a musical tribute to Bob Marley as a kick-off to BHM and asked if anyone had memorabilia for the event he could use it. He also asked members to attend if possible.

Black Heritage Play - February 11 (ICE event). Student productions, for more information contact the ICE Office.

Howard Ramsby II, book lecture, *The Black Arts Enterprise and the Production of African American Poetry* - February 23 (BHM Event). The first serious study to concentrate on the creative and critical role of Black poets, their poetry, their publishers and the cultural, economic, and political activity their work generated in the nation. ...

Black History Knowledge Bowl - February 28, 6:00PM, UC Denman Room – UC 2.01.28 (BHM event)

MARCH 2012 – Women's History Month (WHM)

TABPHE 39th Annual State Conference **<<http://tabphe.org/tabphe-38th-annual-state-conference/>>** **March 2-4, Omni Dallas Hotel at Park West.** The TABPHE-THECB Joint State Conference is specifically designed to address the educational and professional needs of Blacks in higher education. This joint conference will also be an excellent venue for local, state and national businesses to showcase their products and services. Registration Now Open for Our 2012 Conference In Dallas, TX

Outstanding Black Student Leader Award Presentation and Reception - March 4, 6:00PM, UC Denman Room – UC 2.01.28 (ICE event). Will honor outstanding Black student leaders and recognize the efforts of African American and Black student organizations.

Christina Sharpe, “Monstrous Intimacies: Making Post-Slavery Subjects” - March 6, 12:30PM, Main Campus, MB 1.122 (WHM event). Arguing that the fundamental, familiar, sexual violence of slavery and racialized subjugation have continued to shape black and white subjectivities into the present, Christina Sharpe interprets African Diasporic and Black Atlantic visual and literary texts that address those “monstrous intimacies” and their repetition as constitutive of post-slavery subjectivity.

"The Political Debacle" - March 7th (BSLC event). A political debate between the student body focusing on the upcoming election and issues that will affect college students

"Operation: Getting to Graduation" - Date TBD (BSLC event). A degree planning event open to all students, targeting underclassmen to help them not only declare a major but also put together a plan, possible minors and graduation dates.

Dorothy Roberts, “Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction, and the Meaning of Liberty - March 21, 2:00PM, Main Campus (WHM event)

Paula Groves Price, “Changing the Game: Black Feminist Educators from Slavery to Hip Hop” - March 22, Main Campus (WHM event)

APRIL 2012

5th Annual African American Studies Spring Symposium, “African American Masculinities: The Barack Obama Effect” (Denman & Brackenridge Chair event)
Thursday, April 28, 8:00AM-5:00PM, UC Denman Room – UC 2.01.28

BEP College Day April 28th (BSLC event). A day where we bring in inner-city students to UTSA for presentations and tours facilitated mostly by current students

MAY 2012

UJIMA May 2 (BSLC & ICE event). African American Achievement Ceremony- Celebration of our graduates and outstanding students

JUNE 2012

African American Literatures and Cultures Institute <http://utsa.edu/aalci/> **June 3-28 (Denman Chair event).** The University of Texas at San Antonio African American Literatures and Cultures Institute cultivates students to join the US professoriate by providing research stipends, rigorous mentoring, and innovative academic training. The program responds to the pressing need for diversifying all areas of US higher education — from graduate study to academic research through administrative leadership. Participants are selected through a competitive application process and will receive a \$2,000 stipend for participating in the program. Housing and course materials are covered by the program. For more information contact Ms. J. Moody.

- 7. The meeting ADJOURNED at 1:00PM.** Dr. Lanehart thanked II who came out for the BFSA meeting and said we're ready to move forward again.

Cassandra L. Porter
Secretary