BFSA General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

12:00 p.m.

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Members present: Michelle Skidmore, Brandon Skidmore, Yolanda Williams, Dr. Willie Hale, Dr. Brian Kelley, Wanda Guntz, Emmanuel Akwar, Karla Broadus

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 12:05 by Michelle Skidmore. The minutes from the March 20, 2019 meeting were approved.
2. Open Issues:
3. Yolanda Williams was thanked for designing the T-shirts.
4. The end-of-semester Social was discussed. The two options are South Chicken and Waffles and Taste of Home. The dates under consideration are May 16 or 17. A survey will be sent to our general membership.
5. Dr. Kelley reported BFSA has $747.50 in the bank account. Thus far, 10 members have paid their dues. There is sufficient funding to cover the cost of the T-shirts, which is $330. The next purchase will be a table banner.
6. The organization needs to engage in more programming. It was stated that BFSA at other universities host an orientation for Black freshman, or a meet and greet for graduate students. It was suggested we coordinate with other organizations. Yolanda will report back to the BFSA as to how UJIMA on our campus is organized.
7. Committees should be organized in our organization. The Knowledge Bowl is scheduled for February. Planning should begin at least a year out. The Denman Room should be secured. Through brainstorming, a few other recommendations were voiced such as, hosting a symposium that aligns with our mission/goals; recognizing a student of the month, instead of offering one scholarship per year, and to collaborate with Black student organizations.

With the need being so great on campus, discussion ensued as to where to direct our efforts, faculty, staff or students. This topic will be discussed further in our next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45.