

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF BLACKS
April 3, 2023

Members Present

Krystal Akehinmi	Holly Mills	Rosemarie Black
Charria Campbell	Harry Ingle	Sayota Knight
Robert Owens	Joshua Gordon	Troy Smith
Daniel Allen	Margo Dirkson	Edward Driggers
Arthur Banton		

Members Absent

Gregory Holt	Dr. Polk-Johnson	Keisha Claybrooks
Wes Bridges	Na'Quaja Gaines	

The meeting was called to order at 1:46pm.

Approval of Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda was made by Harry Ingle. Rosemarie Black seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

Approval of the Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2023, meeting was made by Holly Mills. It was seconded by Margo Dirkson.

Meeting

Good News

Sayota Knight mention the current news reports.

Krystal reported the celebration at school of her son's loss of his first tooth.

Updating CSB Procedures Committee Report

Holly Mills provided the updates on the CSB Procedures. Members are encouraged to send a proxy if they cannot make a meeting, and a few typing errors were corrected. This will be put on the agenda for May for review.

CSB Diversity Advocate Award

No nominations were received for this award. A committee will be formed to focus on this award in Fall.

Scholars Awards Luncheon, April 4, 2023

Charria Campbell stated that 50 RSVPs were received. Chartwells will cater the event. CSB members who volunteered to help set up for the event are asked to meet in the RUC Multipurpose Room at 9am-9:30am on Tuesday, April 4th.

A question of renting the "Step and Repeat" photo backdrop from Marketing and Communications was presented to the membership. There is a \$50 charge. The Commission decided not to use this service. Instead, Daniel Allen will bring one from the College of Education for photo opportunities.

Graduates will receive mugs, cards, treat bags, and other items. Tee shirts for graduates will arrive in the coming week so students can pick them up before the semester ends. Graduates, and other student honorees will receive certificates as well.

50th Anniversary of Hip Hop

The 50th Anniversary of Hip Hop is August 11th, 2023. Arthur Banton and Holly Mills will serve on this committee. Arthur Banton spoke of having a one - day symposium in the Fall. Hip Hop began in New York City where diverse rappers shared not only the music played by the DJs and singers of the times; Hip Hop is a form of expression of voices speaking about being oppressed, break dancing, confetti, etc. to bring more awareness of issues diverse communities share. Arthur mentioned the movie, "The Get Down" featured on Netflix. Holly states she had visited the National Museum of African American Music in Nashville, TN. recently and stated how an amazing, and interactive experience the exhibits provided.

Chair of CSB 2023 - 2024

Krystal Akehinmi's term as Chair of CSB ends in May, 2023. The present Vice Chair, Daniel Allen, will assume the position of Chair for the 2023-2024 academic year. A Vice Chair will need to be appointed for the upcoming year.

Subcommittee Meetings

There were none

Social Engagement

The May 1, 2023, meeting will be in person. It is proposed to be catered by Ms. Beverly, owner of "290 BBQ and Jerk" The location is TBD. CSB members are welcomed to bring a friend.

Other Matters

Charria Campbell shared information about an educational trip to Nashville, TN to visit the National Museum of African American Music. The trip is scheduled for Friday, April 14th, 2023. Robert Owens placed a link and QR code in the chat. Please respond quickly because reservations have to be made by Tuesday, April 4th at 3pm.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Holly Mills. It was seconded by Arthur Banton. The meeting ended at 2:42pm. The next meeting will be in person on May 1, 2023. Members will be notified of the location.