

Diversity Committee 20222023
Meeting 4 Minutes

Date: January 13, 2023 @ 1000 AM

Location: Virtual Meeting -Microsoft Teams

Chair: Larry Israel

Recorder: Simone Phipps

Present: Larry Israel, Simone Phipps, Andre Nicholson, Jonathan Calhoun, Lauren Gray, Ashley Thompson, Charla Baker, Sharon Mozley, Sandra

Absent: Keisha Fields, Kevin Lyon, Jenia Bacote, Rhonda Crombie, Rebekah Hakola, Kaitlin, Shannon Daly, Allen Chastain

Call to order: Larry Israel called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

1. Agenda Approval: Andre Nicholson moved to approve the agenda, Simone Phipps seconded, and the motion passed (All).
2. Minutes Approval: Andre Nicholson moved to approve the minutes, Charla Baker

reading (February 16), an art show (April 3 – April 14 to give faculty, staff and students sufficient time to attend) on the Macon and Cochran campuses, and a diversity variety show (April 11 on the Macon campus and April 12 on the Cochran campus). Ashley Thompson also stated that she is working with Rebekah Hazzard for the “Justice Series.” A guest speaker will be addressing “Racial Trauma” on February 23^d on the Macon campus. We were also reminded that a trip is planned to visit the Tubman Museum in Macon and the MLK Center in Atlanta.

Jonathan Cannon mentioned that Faculty from the School of Arts and Letters (SOAL) are also helping with organizing events.

Ashley Thompson noted that a flyer will be developed for MarComm to help share all the details.

4. New Business:

a. Diversity Award for this Spring:

Larry Israel mentioned he already sent out the email calling for nominations for the Diversity Award, and that he will send it repeatedly. He noted the need for committee members to network within their departments to get the word out and encourage nominations. Larry Israel will also email Deans asking them to encourage Chairs to request that their faculty nominate eligible individuals or self-nominate. Nominations are due to Larry Israel March 1st. The committee may meet March 8th or earlier according to availability to discuss nominations as a decision must be submitted March 1st. Larry Israel will send out a doodle poll (with Andre Nicholson’s assistance if necessary) to decide on the meeting date.