

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF BLACKS
January 10, 2022

Members Present

Arthur Banton	Charria Campbell	Arthur Banton
Krystal Akehinmi	Simone McKelvey	Margo Dirkson
Rosemarie Black	Holly Mills	Rufaro Chitiyo
Edward Driggers	Sayota Knight	Jimmy Jones

Members Absent

Harry Ingle	Gregory Holt	Daniel Allen
Jamaal Thompson	Troy Smith	Mason Martin
Robert Owens		

Proceedings

The Commission on the Status of Blacks met on Monday, January 10, 2022 using the Teams Meet format. The meeting was called to order by Arthur Banton at 2:43pm due to technical difficulties.

Approval of Agenda

Quorum was not met so a discussion took place.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were noted with one correction.

Proceedings

Committee Reports

Committee for MLK Week of Service

Tomorrow, January 10, 2022 at 11am, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc has scheduled a "MLK March to the Polls". This silent march is not in celebration of MLK; but to raise awareness for voter legislation to be passed by US elected officials. Everyone will gather on the lawn of TTU 's President at 10:45am and march to the steps of Derryberry Hall auditorium.

TTU Food Pantry Restocking

Charria Campbell is in contact with Michelle Huddleston of the TTU Food pantry regarding restocking next week. Charria will send out flyers for students to sign up. CSB wants to supply the food pantry with fresh meats and vegetables on a monthly basis. More information is forthcoming.

Book Drive

Books are available from the previous book drive for the area Headstart programs. A book drive to add to the remaining books may be considered.

Black History Month Trivia Bowl Committee

Edward Driggers, Troy Smith, Krystal Akehinmi and Arthur Banton serve on this committee. One question will be presented daily. Students will submit their answers. The daily winner(s) will receive a prize. At the conclusion of the trivia bowl, all winners will be eligible for the grand prize drawing.

It was suggested that perhaps faculty would offer extra credit to students participating in the MLK week events as an incentive to volunteer.

Engagement & Social Committees

Social activities for the CSB group will be discussed later.

Other Such Matters

The Spring Scholarship Banquet has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 11am in the MPR. Student achievers as well as the Outstanding Diversity Advocate will be recognized. CSB members are asked to nominate individuals to be considered for the honor of Outstanding Diversity Advocate. Margo Dirkson, Simone McKelvey and Charria Campbell will serve on the committee. CSB student members are encouraged to volunteer for the committee to participate in the planning and execution of such an event.

Future Meetings

Reserving a room for hybrid meetings was mentioned, and will be placed on the February 7th agenda.

Engagement and Wellness Survey

Arthur has collected the survey data and will share the report at the next meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made to end the meeting by Margo Dirkson. It was seconded by Simone McKelvey. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting ended at 3:20pm. The next meeting will be on February 7, 2021, at 2:30pm using the Teams meet format.