

## **Alumni Day General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**May 3, 2014**

A quorum exists the 2014 CUNNA Spring General Membership Meeting was called to order by President Stanton. Opening prayer was offered by Gerald Smith. Roll call of Board members all present except Ted Duncan (excused).

President Stanton opening statement included in the packet.

It was moved to recess the meeting receive expressions from President Vital and Provost Dr. Phyllis Dawkins, by Barbara Daniel-Cox, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alphonso Coleman, unanimous vote.

### **Dr. Vital remarks:**

- 14 steps to meet standards in order to maintain accreditation
- New facilities and up grading on the rise
- increasing enrollment
- Keystone Honors Program comprise (70% of our athletes, 40% other students), they have a 20% graduation rate.
- nine hundred thousand dollar raised to date, thanks to Greg Benjamin for his hard work and support.
- we looking for more Keystone Honor Students
- 49 million dollars set aside for a new Cope Hall, 2016 & 2017

### **Dr. Dawkins remarks:**

-Middle States: waiting for the final report, which includes our self study and should be returned within ten days?

-introduction of new programs beginning this semester with faculty input.

Questions: Prof Sonny Harris asked that the new programs be communicated in alignment with "Heeding Cheyney's Call", Kezilah Vaughter ask are we reconsidering Education Program/ Dr. Dawkins response, yes; Dr. Vital was also asked when is Greg Benjamin going to receive some needed assistance, Dr. Vital response we're on the same page he does a lot and need help.

-status on the 14 million dollar deficit / 2.5 million has been paid

-Governor budget cuts has hurt student financial aid, Cheryl Dyson inquired about Fannie Coppin Jackson Hall Bldg, Ozzie Hackett asked Provost Dawkins connection with University of Sciences / response: we signed an agreement to all students in programs, we're looking to signed

more agreements for students; Vermont Law School asked for Cheyney Students to be a part of their program?

-Yaseka asked about the cutting in the Technology Department

-Paul Turner inquired about our next required report due to PDE / Dr. Vital we will be reinstating "Call Me Mister Program" we are hoping to pass to be accredited.

-Oscar Hankinson expresses kudos to Dr. Dawkins

- Dr. George congratulated on the level of assessment and asked that a collaboration be done (students needs and support) in Warring Hall some of which the students not feeling comfortable in asking for help / response: Dr. Vital recommendations we gave, we are serious in 2015 – 2-16 we will include broad base conversation surveying student and we share results

-Oscar: Stem Program / response we continue to move forward

-West Chester is giving us 8 slots in Post Baccalaureate Programs

- Ronald Swann stated that Cheyney is not represented at College Fairs, we need to do a better job in promoting Cheyney / response: Dr. Dawkins stated that we new admissions staff. Dr. Deborah Bowles will be doing training for those who are interested to assist with recruitment.

-Ozzie Hackett stated that we must share good news about Cheyney with others

- Gary Stovall inquired about forensic classes / response: Dr. Dawkins we are investigating the need improving our Stem Program.

-Karen Shanks stated the waiting time on the phone for assistance in paying a student's bill, / response: Dr. Dawkins stated she has receive these types of comments before and is addressing them.

- Oscar Hankinson asks" have there been contact with Philadelphia School System "/ response: Dr. Dawkins we must do a follow up.

- Betty Berry-Holmes asked alums to be in attendance for meetings and that we give Dr. Dawkins standing ovation.

### **Resumption of Meeting:**

It was moved to approve agenda by Barbara Daniel-Cox, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Turner; one unreadiness to add Past Presidents Council, unanimous vote.

### **No Correspondence**

Approval of minutes: it was moved by Paul Turner to receive the minutes from November General Membership Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ronald Swann, "unreadiness, it was recommended by Barbara Daniel-Cox to include attendance sheet, unanimous vote on accepting the minutes and recommendation".

Treasure's Report: moved to receive Treasure's Report by Barbara Daniel-Cox, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosalind Jones-Johnson, unanimous vote.

Financial Secretary's Report: moved by Barbara Daniel-Cox to receive Financial Secretary's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Oscar Hankinson with subject to audit, unanimous vote.

**Reports:** Vice President Marion Haliburton Presiding

**Director of Alumni Relation:** Greg Benjamin, oral report

**National Committees:**

**-Audit:** no report

**-Alumni Day:** oral report. / comments

**- Homecoming:** written moved by Paul Turner to accept Homecoming Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Washington.

**-IT:** no written report

**-Membership:** written / oral asked chapter presidents when sending in dues PLEASE INCLUDE NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS, moved by Barbara Daniel-Cox to receive membership report with the edit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Washington, unanimous vote.

**-Nominations:** Chairpersons: Betty Berry-Holmes and Kezirah Vaughters

June 7, 2014 nominations for Class B Board Members are due. From the floor the following were nominated: Ronald Swann nominated to Board by Barbara Daniel-Cox, he declined, Yassir Roundtree nominated to Board by Karen Shanks, he accepted, Trudy Wilkins-Rose nominated to Board by Barbara Daniel-Cox, she declined, Karen Shanks nominated to Board by Paul Turner, she decline. It was moved by Paul Turner to accept Nominations Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Daniel-Cox.

It is being recommended by Betty Berry-Holmes: the need to amend our Constitution regarding voting on New Board Members; as of now we need a quorum for voting; following discussion it was recommended this to the Constitution Committee.

**-PR:** written it was moved to accept PR report by Yassir Roundtree, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ozzie Hackett to also include volunteers to help, unanimous vote.

**-Scholarship:** written, moved by Barbara Daniel-Cox to accept Scholarship Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Oscar Hankinson, unanimous vote

**-Past President's Council:** written report, it was moved by Yassir Roundtree to accept Past President's Council report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara Daniel-Cox, unanimous vote

President Stanton resumes presiding over meeting

**Local Chapters:** President Stanton stated that most chapter reports are located in the back of your packet. Clarence Williams of Delaware stated that one must belong to a local chapter; Barbara Daniel-Cox volunteer to send out letters and pins; chapters need to support each other's fundraising efforts.

**-DC:** didn't submit a report but was permitted by President Stanton to give it orally.

**-Correction:** Greater Chester County: Corey Fields email: [CF1911@yahoo.com](mailto:CF1911@yahoo.com)

**-Philadelphia:** meeting place changed to ImoTech High School

**-Harrisburg;** revitalizing chapter

**-Campus:** Mike Carroll new President / requesting advice

**-Detroit:** no response

- California: no follow up
- Baltimore: shown interest by attending D.C. meetings.

**-Unfinished Business:**

-Update on Heeding Cheyney's Call: Prof. Sonny Harris stated that the Steering Committee needs the total support of CUNNA! Alums are being asked to send emails to the Chancellor stating supporting Heeding Cheyney's email address is [Chancellor@Pashe.Edu](mailto:Chancellor@Pashe.Edu) Frank Brogan. We are demanding Priority Funding, Academic Progress, and New Facilities and up grading current facilities.

- New Business:

-Senior Breakfast May 8, 2014 need volunteers to help serve at Ada's George's Dining Hall.

-Commencement: next sat May 11, 2014

- Quality of our newsletter deserves a round of applause.

-Following a discussion with D.C. representatives explaining why they can't be considered chapter of year, you must have 501c3 status; / understanding was reached.

Adjournment: motion was made by Barbara Daniel-Cox to adjournment the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim McKelvey, unanimous vote.

Submitted by George Walker