

Provost Council on African American Affairs Report
9/19/2023

Present: James Hall, Bobbie Green, Cecil Rose, Jamie Bronstein
The meeting began at 1pm.

This was the first meeting of the semester to provide update, start strategically planning for the semester and discuss upcoming events and effort.

Formal introductions were made between Jamie and Cecil (new Black Programs Director) as they had not met.

Cecil Provided updates on Black Programs efforts:

- Building Campus partnerships
- Increasing program assessment
- Maximizing space utilization
- Increasing engagement of alumni and Athletes
- Homecoming efforts
- Hosting Cultural Fridays to engage more staff, students and faculty groups
- Group discussed hosting an official welcome event for Cecil during homecoming
- Discussed the status of Africana Minor
 - Possible stall in process and program updated is needed
 - Patrick will get an update from Dean Yoshi and Rick Marlatt

Jamie mentioned there is \$10,000 available in the History department to support BP efforts pertaining to possible history and legacy

- Suggestions made:
 - James's mentioned showcasing the first Black Athletes at NMSU
 - Supporting and showcasing the historical and archival efforts of Ms. Laretta who is chronicling the history of Black Programs (50years)
 - Possibly researching all the Black First at NMSU in various areas and disciplines

The updated copy of the By-Laws was provided to members to review for modifications and recommendations. The goal is to have them approved and uploaded to website sometime next week.

Since the council is moving forward as a permanent entity new members will be added (student, faculty and staff)

Suggestions made:

- Garrett Moseley (student)
- James will possibly find a student athlete
- Erica Hughley (Chief Diversity Officer at Burrell)

The decision was made to have Patrick continue to facilitate the group meetings.

Patrick Turner

