



**FOOTHILL COLLEGE**

African American Network  
Room 5212  
Wednesday, May 9, 2007

Present: MariaElena Apodaca, Don Dorsey, Melanie Hale, Ach'-sah Harris, Joyce McLeod, Stephen Mitchell  
Guest: Anika Dodds and Confidance Dukunde

Meeting called to order at 3:24pm

Approval of Agenda for May 9, 2007 – Dorsey asked to add the Ujima Award to the agenda and to change the Agenda item *Executive Board Goals* to *Executive Board Reports*. Executive Board approved of the amended Agenda.

Approval of Minutes from March 21, 2007 and April 11, 2007 – Minutes approved

**Reports**

Spring General Membership Meeting – Dorsey suggested that everyone do a follow-up with our contacts. He asked Dodds and Dukunde to talk to students and let them know what we are doing and what is going on with the faculty, staff and students on this campus. Kim Chief Elk has statistics on what opportunities have been taken advantage of and what we have missed. This is vital information to have to help with our goals, so when the new President, Judy Miner, arrives we can have a conversation with her about our goals. We need to get a count of those who have RSVP'd so please send your information to Harris.

Dukunde asked if students could come or do they need an invitation to the meeting.

Dorsey said that all students are welcome and no invitations are needed, however, we need to know how many students are attending so that we can provide enough refreshments.

**Executive Board Report** – Dorsey, Hale and McLeod are updating the AAN website. McLeod distributed the printed copies of the web pages for review and corrections. She is currently preparing possible logos for the site. This website will replace the old website.

McLeod suggested that we make contributions to other campus networks.

Dorsey said that the AAN contributed to Black History month in the past, but has not done so in a while, but we could easily change. Dorsey says the AAN has never received any money from any campus networks; however, OLA did buy a table at the King luncheon.

McLeod says that she thinks it will be a good idea if we contribute to other campus networks. The networks need to start supporting each other and we (AAN) should set the example by supporting the other campus networks.

### **Financial Report**

Apodaca reported that we have \$831.99 in the student account, minus the \$60.00 that was mistakenly contributed by Mitchell. Also, three expenses need to be deducted, which leave us with a balance close to \$300.00. We have \$4867 in the network account with \$400.00 set aside at the bookstore.

Dorsey asked if the Executive Board was willing to purchase a \$100.00 gift card from Target to help support Ouida Mathis who lost everything in a house fire. MOTION to purchase a \$100 gift card for Ouida Mathis; Second and passed.

### **UJIMA Award**

The Ujima Award was established in 2001 to recognize individuals whom have helped the college meet its goals. The award is determined by the Executive Board and presented at Haramabee. Dorsey asked Executive Board for nominations for the 2007 Ujima Award.

Apodaca nominated Robert Garcia. She says that he is always helping African American students at Foothill College and works with Pass the Torch.

Dorsey nominated Lorraine Dadney. She has helped Foothill College in getting donations and she is extremely instrumental in selling tickets for the Dallas Black Dancers.

Hale nominated Herlisa Hamp. She was really instrumental in getting students connected at Foothill College.

Dorsey proposed that the Executive Board award the Ujima Award to all of the nominees. MOTION to award Robert Garcia, Lorraine Dadney and Herlisa Hamp the 2007 Ujima Award; Second and passed.

### **AAN Project Budget for 2007-2008 Distributed**

Dorsey says the 2007-2008 AAN Budget is based on past history expenditures. The projected budget for 2007-2008 is \$2375.00. There is \$4867 in the district account with \$400 set aside for the bookstore. The \$2375 can be charged to that account. We need to save \$2000 to roll over to next year. In the coming year, we need to look forward to paying the speaker coming in Spring 2008. The Kente Cloth can be purchased for \$10.00 per cloth from Africa by the Bay. We are inviting the new president to the Fall meeting and Black History Month in the Winter. We also need to budget how much we are prepared to spend for cards and flowers.

Apodaca says that we have had many tragedies this past year, however, this will vary from year to year. Flower arrangements are between \$60 to \$80 per arrangement. This could easily cost around \$400-\$500. This will come out of the student account. MOTION to adopt a budget for Flower Arrangements for the 2007-2008 in the amount of \$500; Second and passed.

Committee proposed hiring an intern (one) for the 2007-2008 year to help run the Griot Newspaper. The committee agreed to 8-10 hour per quarter at \$10.00 per hour for a total of \$275 for the academic year. MOTION to adopt the budget for the Griot Newspaper in the amount of \$275 for the 2007-2008 academic year until we maximized 10 hours per quarter. In the mean time we will pursue grants to fund this program for the 2008-2009 academic year; Second and passed.

Committee agreed to support the 5 networks on campus with a monetary cap of no more than \$200 per academic year to be available pending the Executive Board approval. McLeod agreed to spread the word that the AAN will help other campus networks. MOTION to adopt a budget of \$200.00; Second and passed.

This will bring the grand total project budget for 2007-2008 to \$2850 with \$17.40 left in the account for the year.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.