

JMU Black Alumni Chapter General Body Meeting, 2/19/05

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:17pm in the Grissom Library, Newport News, VA. The following members were in attendance: Kristen Brown, Dawn Smith-Barnes, Vanessa Evans, Stephanie Dillard, Trey Lewis, Anna, Kelly Stefanko, Chad Smith

The minutes were read silently and approved as written.

OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT

Vanessa had a phone conversation with George Mason's president to discuss some collaborative fundraising ideas. She discussed "dues" as a way to help raise money for operational expenses. ODU is also interested in some joint venture activities and we will follow-up with VCU as well.

Vanessa will follow-up with Jackie Thomas-Suggs in the JMU Development Office about working with us on corporate sponsorships. We will also try and partner with the admissions office for high school recruitment.

Treasurer

We will focus on raising money for our operational budget. The operational budget is just over \$1000 in total funds.

- \$1200 was raised from homecoming with \$513 donated to the scholarship.
- \$5600 was donated from the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity to the BAC Scholarship fund. We discussed having a challenge for all alumni student organizations to try and match/exceed their donation for next year.
- We need to encourage anyone who has made a pledge to the BAC to fulfill it.

Fundraising Idea

- Restaurants that offer a percentage of the meal to your organization

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mentoring

- Reception went very well
- Idea to co-sponsor with the Centennial Scholars

Events

Homecoming Brainstorm

- Kareoke
- Game selections
- Alumni ministers for Sunday service

Perspective Weekend

- Attendance way down
- We will look to have admissions faculty at our meeting to discuss concerns
- We will work to build alliance with SMO

Upcoming Events

- Alumni office participation in Choices – we need alumni to participate in Spring event
- Baltimore chapter getting started – Monday, March 7
- Duke Club going on the Road (bringing coaches along)

Misc.

- We will update calendar with regional events
- Homecoming events are pending
- We will block off rooms for homecoming to help keep everyone closer together

Elections

President – Vanessa Evans

Appointments

Vice President	Michelle Johnson
Secretary	Stephanie Dillard
Treasurer	David Ellis
Historian	Kristan Brown
Mentoring	Melanie Hayden/Trey Lewis
Events	Dawn Smith-Barnes
Communications	Jennifer Johnson
Tidewater Rep.	TeCarla Moore