



## **African American Education Conference**

### **Planning Committee Minutes**

**October 28, 2016**

**MJC East Campus - Founders Hall 116**

**10:00am-11:30am**

**Present:** Alejandra Chacon, Lonita Cordova, Jackie Forte, Jennifer Hamilton, Eric Ivory, Megan Lee, Bryan Justin Marks, Al Smith, Glen Stovall, Johnny Whitmore

**1. Date**

The African American Education Conference will take place on Saturday, February 25, 2017. It was suggested that the conference be held annually on the last Saturday of February so that it becomes a campus and community expectation.

*The committee agreed with no objections.*

**2. Purpose**

The purpose of the African American Education Conference is to enrich and empower current and future Modesto Junior College students to be successful in pursuing higher education.

It is the hope that guest speakers and workshops will help facilitate and enrich the student experience in achieving that purpose.

*The committee agreed with no objections.*

**3. Theme**

A robust discussion over the different theme ideas occurred. The theme of inclusivity was mentioned several times. The following theme was put forward:

Creating Royalty: Engaging youth cultures: past, present, and future.

*The committee agreed with no objections.*

**4. Logistics**

The Campus Life and Student Learning staff will coordinate the check in process and the coordination of volunteers to assist with that process.

The MSR and ten classrooms have been reserved for Saturday, February 25, 2017.

A request for marketing materials has been submitted and, when a proof is available, it will be presented to the committee for approval.

We will need to discuss the details of the budget. The total budget is \$6,000 (\$3,000 from Office of Student Equity and \$3,000 from ASMJC). There will be facilities costs associated with the use of the building that is estimated at \$1,000.

**5. Keynote Speaker**

A variety of different speakers were suggested. It was recommended that Eric Ivory pursue the availability and willingness of Chris Chatmon from Kings of Oakland. No promises will be made until full cost is understood, approved, and budgeted for. Eric will follow up at next meeting.

*The committee agreed with no objections.*

**6. Presentation Topics**

The committee discussed several workshop presenters. Lonita Cordova indicated she may be able to secure Prop 63 funds. The committee asked her to move forward with doing so.

The committee suggested the following workshop presenters with the understanding that no promises will be made until full cost is understood, approved, and budgeted for:

Tyrone Gross (Johnny Whitmore)  
Erick Crocker (Johnny Whitmore)  
Eldwin Chappell (Johnny Whitmore)  
O' Stevens (Jennifer Hamilton)  
Brandie Spencer (Johnny Whitmore)  
James Knoll (Jennifer Hamilton)

*The committee agreed with no objections.*

Eric Ivory volunteered to be the master of ceremonies.

Jackie Forte agreed to speak during the closing the event.

Jackie will invite Brenda Thames to give a welcome address.

Jennifer Hamilton agreed to organize the community tables.

It was suggested to have African American faculty and staff discuss their disciplines and roles. It was also suggested they will promote the Multi-Cultural Center. Nobody officially took the lead on this area.

*The committee agreed with no objections.*

**7. Future Meetings**

The next meeting will be Friday, November 18, 2017 from 12:30-1:30pm in Founders Hall 116.

