



National Association of HBCU Title III Administrators, Inc

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CONFERENCE CALL

October 7, 2011

9:30 A.M. (CST)/ 10:30 A.M. (EST)

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MINUTES (Corrected as Approved Nov 8, 2011)

I. CALL TO ORDER –SYLVIA THOMAS, PRESIDENT

The teleconference was called to order by President Thomas at 9:30 a.m., Friday, October 7, 2011

II. ROLL CALL – KAREN HELTON, SECRETARY

Sylvia Thomas, Brenda Shaw, Demetria Weeks, Karen Helton, George Uzzle, Ronald Range, (Jarelle Berkeley attended for) Dayle Barry, Tendai Johnson. Sam Rhoades was excused, and Chris Lee (NAFEO) was an invited guest.

III. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

President Thomas indicated that because this is a transitional period, there are no reports. she indicated, however, that the Assessment committee met as recently as October 6, 2011 and that the Association's minutes from the last Executive Committee meeting and also the meeting held during HBCU Week were not ready.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Thomas advised that she received information on suggested Federal budget cuts which was forwarded to everyone. She also reported that she has been in communication with NAFEO (Dr. Baskerville) and UNCF (Edith Bartley) on the potential budget cuts and to solicit their advice on next steps. There was an inquiry by George Uzzle on the APR and President Thomas stated that she would contact Dr. Katie Blanding to find out when this information would be forthcoming.

President Thomas requested that Ronald Range give a report on the pending site visit to finalize logistics for the Association's Summer 2012 Conference in New Orleans. Ronald Range stated that the host hotel is the Marriott on Canal Street (at a rate of \$1.69 per night) and that the only dates the Executive Committee could visit are Feb 1-3, 2012. President Thomas asked everyone to check their calendars and lock in these dates. She also assigned Vice President Brenda Shaw to develop the workshop format and plan the agenda. Continuing, President Thomas indicated that Brenda Jackson, Lora Williams, Michelle Harper, Beverly Hill Hercules and Carolyn at Coppin State agreed to assist, and/or had been very helpful in the past and, therefore, would be excellent resource persons to work with Brenda Shaw.

In response to Tendai Johnsons's inquiry about involving the Title III Coordinators in New Orleans, President Thomas advised that they are prepared to work with the Executive Committee; specifically to orchestrate and host campus visits.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none at this time.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2013 Suggested Budget Cuts: Discussion with Invited Guest-Chris Lee NAFEO
- Dr. Bartley (UNCF) AND Meta Williams (NAFEO) were not available for this morning's meeting. However, Chris Lee provided an update, on behalf of NAFEO, on the work of the House Appropriations Subcommittee. He advised that the Labor, Health and Human Services (which has oversight of Education Related agencies) Subcommittee's Bill would reduce funding to HBCUs by 38% across the Board, cut funding also to HSIs and eliminate funding for the Tribal Colleges. Continuing, Chris Lee stated that the Bill was not released consistent with regular protocol, but released on the subcommittee's website and that the cuts are drastic. Since student mobilization initiatives was his area of responsibility, he gave an update on what is envisioned. These initiatives include use of Twitter, Facebook and other social network media resources. He stated that his goal is to collect 10,000 letters. In addition, he will be utilizing YouTube to get students to tell their personal stories, and also that Dr. Baskerville will be utilizing the Tom Joyner Morning Show. As another strategy, Chris Lee suggested that there is a need to work on, inform, and communicate with Republican Congresspersons who have HBCUs in their districts. He identified the membership of the LHHS Subcommittee.
- President Thomas advised that she did receive talking points and would get these out to the Association's Secretary to forward to Executive Committee Members. (President Thomas disseminated this during the conference call). She also advised that NAFEO will be hosting a Presidential Forum Platform at its March 26-28, 2012 meeting and that NAFEO will keep the Executive Committee informed about how Title III Administrators could share strategically with NAFEO. There also was discussion about bringing a coalition of MSIs together. President Thomas indicated that the NAHBCU membership needs to keep our Presidents and alumni informed.

Also, Chris Lee suggested that the Presidents need to reach out to Congresspersons in their states to educate them about the importance and viability of HBCUs. He also suggested that perhaps they could review letters that students sent to Secretary Duncan. **ACTION ITEM. Chris Lee is to provide a copy of that letter to President Thomas.**

ACTION ITEM. Chris Lee agreed to send a copy of the Bill to President Thomas to disseminate to the NAHBCU membership.

ACTION ITEM. Chris Lee advised that a "one pager" requesting that future funding (for the Title III Mandatory Program) be appropriated at the FY 2010 funding level has been developed. Tendai Johnson suggested that the Executive Committee obtain a copy to share with the membership. President Thomas agreed to speak with Edith Bartley to obtain this document.

Continuing with the general discussion, Tendai Johnson inquired about the information being used to describe funding impacts. Specifically, she mentioned an article in the October 7th issue of *Diverse Magazine* which asserted that only 20 HBCUs have the capacity to conduct online education.

In response, President Thomas stated that the "storybook" needs to be completed and put in the hands of the "Super Committee" (the Budget Reduction Committee) which meets in November. Tendai Johnson concurred and reported that the Assessment Committee had only received 17 stories. She stated that the Committee will continue to try to get this information from the membership and put together a rubric in response to three areas of Congressional interests--graduation rates, specialized accreditation and endowment).

ACTION COMPLETED. Kim Chavis (Shreveport, LA) is joining the Assessment Committee.

In concluding his update, Chris Lee encouraged NAHBCU to follow NAFEO in real time (at Twitter-NAFEO and also on Facebook at NAFEOnation).

ACTION ITEM. President Thomas is to consult with Dr. Baskerville to identify NAFEO/UNCF's priority strategies for NAHBCU to adopt as approved by the Executive Committee.

VII. **CLOSING REMARKS**

President Thomas reiterated that it is critical that we keep persons at our institutions informed; especially the Presidents and the alumni. There also was discussion on strategies to keep the NAHBCU membership informed and engaged.

There was discussion about Institutional Services Spring workshop. President Thomas advised that she had received no information about this.

VIII. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8th at 10:30 (EST) or 9:30 (CST).

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Helton". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned centrally below the text "Respectfully Submitted by:".

Karen Helton, Secretary
31 October 2011