

## **HBCU Task Force Notes from our Meeting of Friday, March 4, 2016**

**Present:** Martini Shaw, Jennifer Bell, James Callaway, Joel Cunningham, Anita George, Michele Hagans

**Absent:** Eugene Lowe, Robert Wright

- Expressions of thanks to Anita for presenting a status report to Executive Council last week, requesting more time for the Task Force work and more funding.

Anita reported the good news: The Task Force's charge has been extended through June 2017, with an additional \$20,000.00 allocated for our work.

- The additional dollars will be used to have another Face to Face meeting with the two Universities. This time on the campus of Voorhees College. The thought is that this would occur after the selection of their new President, which is hoped to happen sometimes in May. We are looking at a Fall meeting of the Task Force.

- Martini will inquire whether or not our teleconferences are deducted from our allocated funds.

-- We had some discussion about St. Augustine's being "on warning" with SACS.

- It is hoped that the Episcopal Church Communication Office would be encouraged to give more visibility and reporting about the two Episcopal HBCU's.

- Our report to the next Executive Council meeting would solicit a resolution affirming and expressing support for the two Episcopal Church HBCUs.

- Following the passing of the Resolution, the Task Force would work with the Development Office, hoping to get it's support to work with the two schools on finances. Some preliminary conversation should take place with Tara Holly (Director of Development) soon. Jamie will begin this conversation soon and report to us.

- St. Augustine's must report to SACS in the Fall. The Task Force would provide them with the following to include with their report: a.) Resolution from the Executive Council indicating strong support from the Episcopal Church; b.) Letter from Episcopal Church Treasurer indicating the amount of support from the E.C.; c.) Letter of support from the Presiding Bishop.

- Martini will communicate with both Presidents giving them the good news and status of our work, reassuring them of the strong enthusiastic support of the Church. And how excited we are to be continuing our work with them.

- Martini will confirm the date of the next HBCU Day, sponsored by the Office of Black Ministries (Angela Ifill)

- Our next meeting is **Thursday, April 14th, at 3PM (Eastern Time).**

Thanks to everyone for your participation in our meeting today.

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