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The Women’s Council for Leadership and Service

10/18/2018 10:00 AM| **Meeting called to order by** Dr. Josette Bradford

# **In Attendance: 23**

Chandra Adams Elma Gonzalez Kaysa Mayes Shirley Tatum Mollene Williams

Josette Bradford Yolanda Gross Princess Ojuolape Joy Thomas Jessie Yell

Lenice Brown Priscilla Johnson Kelley Redmon Dr. Thomas-Smith Chelsee Young

Azunae Castleberry Tammy Lane Kim Rice Kathleen VanDyke

Jamila Clayton Elizabeth Marion Shannon Smith Kenyatta Walker

# **Approval of Minutes**

There were no minutes to approve.

# **Report**

A **brief history** of the Women’s Leadership Council (WLC) was given by Dr. Thomas-Smith. The WLC had been in existence at PVAMU throughout the years but it was reestablished by Dr. Thomas-Smith, Dr. Wright, and Dr. Byars in 2007.

The **purpose** of the WLC is to serve as an advocacy and action body dedicated to developing female students into successful professionals by providing social and cultural development of female students at PV. We are going to continue with this purpose and expand it to include faculty and staff as well. *The new purpose statement for the WLC is to provide social and cultural develop of female students, faculty, and staff at Prairie View A&M University.*

Princess Ojuolape, Executive Vice President of Student Government Association & Chair of the Undergraduate Women’s Council spoke to the group about the UWC’s events, which includes:

* Hugs & Mugs (event to promote unity among undergraduate women on February 13th)
* Decades of Women (will include Miss 1876 young ladies, Pantherettes, and the Panther Dolls)
* Colorful Shades of Black Women (extravaganza to showcase the vibrant shades of Black Women)
* Hatitude (will participate in the planning and execution)
* Women’s conference (Last weekend of March)

Kelley Redmon suggested contacting outside sources like General Electric for funding. Princess Ojuolape will meet with Kelley to discuss the particulars of crafting a funding solicitation letter.

For further information on the Undergraduate Women’s Council’s events, please feel free to contact Princess Ojuolape at pojuolape@student.pvamu.edu.

The Women’s Leadership Council discussed the *Signature Events.*

**The Women’s History Month Kickoff** event is held during the first week of March and has evolved into a celebration of women trailblazers past and present. Please see the attached flyer for an example of the program.

**Hatitude Tea Party**

The *Hatitude Tea Party* is an elegant affair that offers students, faculty and staff the opportunity to wear fancy dresses (pants if preferred) and an elegant hat made by participants (see attached flyer). In years past, the ladies were escorted by guys in bowties in a processional walk made from AI Thomas to the Memorial Student Center. Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Gonzalez and Ms. Yell will organize the events of the *Hatitude Tea Party* and the date of the event is TBA.

Hat-making for the tea party is hosted by Mrs. Gonzalez, director of Multicultural Affairs. Her office is located in 125 May Hall. Multicultural Affairs provide students, faculty, and staff with all of the supplies need to make the hats for the event. The hat-making sessions will begin February 19th to February 23rd. The date for the second week of hat-making is TBA.

**Multicultural Women’s Project**

The *Multicultural Women’s Project* brings together the voices from multicultural women to engage in dialogue and highlight and discuss the intersections of race, gender, and culture in higher education.

**Women of PV Historical Project**

The *Women of PV Historical Project* was established by Dr. Lauretta Byars to showcase the contributions made by the women of PV.

**Book Review**

The *Book Review* is hosted by Dr. Clarisa Booker during Women’s History month. The selected book is shared with the Council to encourage group participation and the actual presentation includes students’ interpretations.

**WLC Committee Sign-up**

The Women’s Leadership Council has designated subcommittees to organize and execute the happenings of each *Signature Event* list above. We have also included a subcommittee for *Programs and Events*. This subcommittee will be responsible for identifying women focused programing and event ideas for the Council to host.

Members were asked to volunteer to chair the subcommittees of the Women’s Leadership Council. The following members volunteered:

**Event** **Chair(s)**

Women’s History Month Joy Thomas:

Kick-off Event Chair Chelsee Young:

Hatitude Tea Party Elma Gonzalez, Mrs. Williams & Jessie Yell:

Multicultural Women’s Project Elma Gonzalez

Programs & Events Kaysa Mayes, Kim Rice, Priscilla Johnson

All members of the Women’s Leadership Council are welcomed to join any subcommittee. Please contact the chair(s) to express your interests:

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Chelsee Young chyoung@pvamu.edu Elma Gonzalez edgonzalez@pvamu.edu

**Program & Events Brainstorming**

* Members present were asked to brainstorm programs and events ideas. The ideas are listed below.
* Hosting medical forums for women
* Offering coping Mechanisms for women (home & work)
* Collaborating with the Women’s Center
* Offering a seminar on human trafficking
* Starting a mentoring program for undergraduates, faculty and staff
* Starting a kid’s clothing swap/closet
* Chat & Chew (words of wisdom)
* Host an etiquette dinner for undergraduate ladies
* Creating a parent’s association
* Hosting an African American forum

# **Announcements**

1. The Undergraduate Women’s Council will host a women’s conference the last week of March, a unity event called Hugs and Mugs for undergrad ladies on Febraruary 13, 2019, and Decades of Women featuring the Pantherettes, Little Ms. PV participants, and the Panther Dolls.
2. The hat-making will begin February 19th to February 23rd. The date for the second week of hat-making is TBA.
3. The date for the Hatitude is TBA.
4. Yolanda Adams has been invited to speak at SPIT Knowledge during the spring semester. The date is TBA.
5. PV has established a food pantry, commuter room, Veterans Center, and a Women’s Center in May Hall.
6. For more information on the Women’s Center, please contact Dr. Duncan.
7. For more information on the Food Pantry and the Commuter Room, please contact Yolanda Gross and Steve Ransom.
8. The Food Pantry is in need of additional boxes. Please drop them off in May Hall room 125.
9. Multicultural Programs will hold fireside chats with multicultural women in the May Hall gathering space.
10. Athletics is hosting an event on October 31st from 12pm-2pm. Information is forthcoming.
11. October is American Archives month. John B. Coleman Library is hosting “Archives: Connecting the Past, Present, and Future” presented by Ms. Elizabeth Jean Brumfield on October 31st at 1pm in room 108. Please see the attached flyer for more information.
12. Multicultural Programs is hosting “Day of the Dead” on November 1st from 11:30am-1:30pm. There will be 30 minute presentation and lunch will be provided. Sigma Lambda Beta will host evening visual presentations.
13. Domestic Violence Shelter Care Package Drive is currently underway from October 1st -October 31st, Monday’s, Wednesday’s, and Friday’s. Dropoff times are 9am – 12pm and 2pm-5pm in the Women’s Center located in May Hall, suite 101A. Please see the attached flyer for more information.
14. Career Services is holding an Internship Bootcamp and a Career Fair on November 14th at 10am-12pm in the Memorial Student Center.
15. Ms. Brumfield emailed to share information about one of our former PV students, Kimberly Bloom. This is what Ms. Brumfield shared: “Attached is one of our former students, who is now doing some great things in the fashion industry.  She was one of our Pencil Skirt makers and following that I helped her with sewing and gave her fabric to get started.  Please share with others on the committee so that we can continue to do things like the Pencil Skirts you never know where it might lead.” Please see the attached picture of Ms. Kimberly Bloom in her pencil skirt.

# **Next Meeting** 11/15/2018 10:00 AM, A. I. Thomas, Becton Auditorium.