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MINUTES

Historically Black Colleges and Universities Advisory Council
Southern University and Agricultural & Mechanical College
November 14, 2018

The Historically Black Colleges and Universities Advisory Council met in session at 9:38 a.m., on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, in the J.S. Clark Administration Building at Southern University and Agricultural & Mechanical College, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Senator Wesley Bishop called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Tonnisha Ellis called the roll, and a quorum was established.

Present at the meeting were:

Dr. James Ammons
Senator Wesley Bishop
Senator Gerald Boudreaux
Kellie Taylor-White
Dr. Lisa Mims- Devezin
Ashley Mitchell
Dr. Walter Kimbrough
Mandi Mitchell
Dr. Bobby Phills
Chancellor John Pierre
Senator Edward Price
Dr. Kim Hunter Reed
Larissa Littleton-Steib
Dr. Toya Barnes-Teamer
Brianna Thomas
Stephanie Willis

Absent from the meeting were:

Dr. Rodney Ellis
Representative Randal Gaines
President Rick Gallot
Mayor Elect Jeffery Hall
Representative Patrick Jefferson
Dr. Lurie Thomason
Dr. Reynold Verret

STUDENT HACKATHON AND HBCU EXPERIENCE PRESENTATION

Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Commissioner of Higher Education, introduced the students and gave details on their Hackathon work. Chevel Powell, Dillard University, presented on The Black Identity at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Brianna Golden and Jimmie Herring, both Southern University Law Center students, presented their “Break the Vote” campaign and their research on voting statistics among African Americans. Cydney Stevenson, Xavier, informed the Council of her GIFT project and her HBCU experience. Senator Bishop, Vice Chair Reed and several other members praised the students for their work.

WORKGROUP REPORTS

Each workgroup reported on their purposes, targets, objectives and outcomes of their respective workgroups. The Public Relations and Outreach Workgroup plans to bring awareness to HBCUs through internal communication, educational/external communication and events. The Economic & Workforce Workgroup plans to strengthen the capacity of HBCUs to fully participate in Louisiana’s workforce & economic development by collaborating with the Department of Economic Development and Louisiana Workforce Commission. The State and Federal Programs Workgroup plans to foster partnerships among HBCUs, two-year campuses and industry engagement by using asset mapping. The Academic Workgroup plans to provide the highest quality education, promote centers of academic research, increase HBCUs contribution to educational and workforce goals, and assist in identifying educational programs to address workforce gaps.

FUTURE MEETINGS, REPORTING TIMELINE AND NEXT STEPS

The next meeting of the HBCU Advisory Council is scheduled to take place at Grambling State University on February 6, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Senator Bishop requested that the workgroups complete their reports by January 4, 2019. The reports will be considered at the February meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No written requests were received for public comments and the audience had no comments at the time.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the HBCU Advisory Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.