Cultural Awareness Team Minutes
February 8, 2023 @ 2:00pm
Founder's Room & Zoom

Co-Chairs: *Erin King & Brett Whitnel*
Roll Call:

	Stephanie Bigham	X	Felicia Rouse	X	Leslie Weldon
X	Erin King (co-chair)	X	Jackie Smith	X	Brett Whitnel (co-chair)
X	Lorena Hines	X	Amber Suggs	X	Brandy Woods
X	Kayde Pender	X	James Walton		Robbie Woolridge
				X	Dr Taylor

Agenda Items:

I. **Call to Order** *2:05pm*
II. **Approve Minutes** *Brandy motioned to approve as presented – Kayde seconded -MC*
III. **Additions to the Agenda** *Dr Taylor: Introduction of New HR Director: Felicia Rouse*
IV. **Items for Discussion**

- *Policies for review: N/A*
- *February Activity Ideas*
    a. *Decorate display in H Hallway: Black History Month – is up! Mr. Eason & Stephanie Fisher*
    b. *Video of an excerpt from "Letters from a Birmingham Prison" – Brandy will work with Kevin to create – present on Feb 15th or 17th*
    c. *Black History Trivia Kahoot! on social media – Go out on Feb 20th while we are out for holiday*
    d. *Non-Homecoming week activities*
        i. *Black sitcoms in Commons: James research & schedule – 13th-17th in Commons*
        ii. *Saints Read: Athletes read to grade-school kids – this is already happening!*
    e. *"Shawnee Speaks" – February 24th: Critical Race Theory: an explanation presentation – Robbie Woolridge - is scheduled!*
    f. *Healing Southern Illinois group & Montgomery Trip – Mike McNally – scheduled Feb 27th*
    g. *Black Owned Business to cater lunch for Faculty/Staff Appreciation – Brandy will work with Tina to see what she already has planned.*
    h. *For 2024:*
        i. *Black Greek Step Show – maybe incorporate with SCC Band/Choir performance*
        ii. *Black Artist(s) Art Display Expanded*
        iii. *Local Black Greek Chapters – James maybe include in Fall Transfer Fair?*
        iv. *"KennyFresh" Professional Speaker – James will connect with*
        v. *Anything we don't get accomplished in 2023!*
- *March Activity Ideas:*
    a. *Women's History Month – Door decorating contest!*
    b. *Wendy Harris & Cosmetology is planning movie event.*
    c. *Disability Awareness Month / Brain Injury Awareness Month*
        i. *"Shawnee Speaks" – March 20th: Ask Christian Bucher (also ask about Arrowleaf video)*
            1. *Wear color-for-awareness that day*
- *April Activity Ideas:*
    a. *Earth Month / Earth Day 22nd*
    b. *Autism Acceptance Day – April 2nd: Send awareness email*
        i. *Wear color-for-awareness that day*
    c. *National Counseling Awareness / Sexual Assault Awareness / Stress Awareness Month*
        i. *Info commercial on social media*
        ii. *"Shawnee Speaks" – April 17th: Ask Donna to present? (Or another counselor?)*
    d. *National Library Day – April 6th: is Cecilia planning something?*
- *Future Activity Ideas*
    a. *May Activity Ideas:*
        i. *Mental Health Awareness Month*
        ii. *Neurodiversity Celebration Week*
        iii. *National Teachers Day – 1st Tuesday*
        iv. *Mother's Day*
    b. *Future Activity Ideas*

i. *SIUC – COLA presenters: topics include: Black History Month, Women's History Month, Asian America & Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Latinx Heritage Month, LGBTQ+ History Month, & Native American Heritage Month… and others. (info available)*
ii. *Erika Gilchrist: From Homeless to Rockstar (info available)*
iii. *"KennyFresh": belonging, identity, affirmation, mental health, wellbeing & faith. (info available)*

v. **New Business**

VI. Adjournment

VII. The next meeting will be held March 8th, 2023 @ 2pm @ Founder's Room