Minority, Recruitment and Retention Task Force

Minutes

January 26, 2023

Members present: Pat Johnson, Shana Sartain Neal Harwell, Dane Dillion, Raul Blasini, Jason Smith; chairman, Alex Avery present to take minutes.

Meeting called to order at 3:00pm

Jason stated that efforts are being made to put information about the Task Force onto BRTC website. It has members information as well as past meeting minutes.

BRTC will be hosting a Black History Month event. Starry Road to Freedom will be performed by Darius Wallace as well as Live Rich, Die Poor preformed by Ann Wallace. These performances will take place on February 7th at 9:30 am in the Randolph County Development Center. First Horizon Bank as well as the Eddie Mae Herron Center/Museum will be sponsoring this event.

Pat stated that the Eddie Mae Herron Center will be hosting a community “Hog Butchering Demonstration” on February 18th. She also shared that they are in the process of having arranging a community movie night and discussion.

On Januarary 19th the Eddie Mae Herron Center hosted a community Martin Luther King Junior Walk where it ended in town square. Community members spoke at this event including Jason Smith, Vice President of Student Affairs. Raul Blasini was awarded the Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award.

On February 13th BRTC will be having its mock HLC site visit. Jason asked if Raul and Pat would be interested in attending a scheduled panel to discuss outreach efforts and community events BRTC is involved in.

Jason stated that Greycen Bigger with Intermodel will be hosting a Job Fair after commencement in May or June. More info to come with that event.

Shana will share the minority and retention report from Fall 2022 to this semester at the next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 16th.

Meeting adjourned at 3:38 pm