

NCSU AMERICAN INDIAN ALUMNI SOCIETY

MINUTES FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2001 MEETING

- I. Meeting was held at NCSU in the Talley Student Center Board Room. Meeting began at 1:30.
- II. Present: Robin Lowery, LaTonya Hammonds, Brett Locklear, Landon Moore, Jonathan Locklear, Dwight Harris, Jeff Pitman, Lawrence Locklear, Jim Lowry, Richard Jones, Alisa Hunt-Lowery, Wahnema Lowery, Harriet Southerland and Lisa Napalm.
- III. The meeting began with a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the September 11, 2001 attack on America. Prayer was then led by Brett Locklear.
- IV. Introductions
- V. Reading and explanation of minutes from July 7, 2001 meeting by President Robin Lowery. Motion to accept minutes as read. Passed.
- VI. Special Guest Speaker: Harriet Southerland, President of NCSU Black Alumni Society. Harriet spoke about various topics.
 - a. What it takes to establish an organization
 - b. Designation of general membership fees to go to AIAS
 - c. Benefits of membership in general alumni society - magazine, mailings and list of Native American alumni.
 - d. Black Alumni Society
 - i. Mission: resource for students
 - ii. Connection for students to NCSU
 - iii. Committees
 1. Program Committee: events and activities
 2. Scholarship Committee: give away 5 scholarships a year
 - iv. Focus next few years
 1. Work with students more
 2. Alumni – student tailgate
 3. Fundraisers
 - a. Homecoming dance at Brownstone
 - b. Sell tickets
 - e. AIAS needs to decide events for next year and ask NCSU Alumni Association for funds.
 - f. BAS has contacts in different regions of state. Each region has meetings.
 - g. BAS has 150 members.
 - h. AIAS needs to work with Park Scholarship to increase minority participation.
 - i. BAS meets with Chancellor about African American graduation rates
 - j. Minority students being accepted into colleges and schools at NCSU
 - k. Minority hiring. Qualified applicants apply but not get jobs.
 - l. Promote African American or Native American studies but get students involved.
 - m. “We paid taxes when we couldn’t go here.”
- VII. Special Guest Speaker: Lisa Napalm, IBM Experienced Recruiter
 - a. Lisa spoke of IBM’s desire to build diverse pipelines
 - b. She brought a list of current IBM job openings nationwide

- c. It was suggested to send job openings to AIAS via email or visit IBM web site at <http://www.ibm.com/> and search “jobs.”
- d. Have an IBM guest speaker at meetings
- e. IBM started “Network Nights” – a semiformal evening to network
- f. In the year 2000, 53 Native Americans were hired or about 0.5%

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Fiscal Committee (Jeff Pittman)
 - i. Talked with Brooklyn Winters of Alumni Association. Alumni Association could handle money and account for AIAS. AIAS however can set up its own account for discretionary funds.
 - ii. Funding Resources for AIAS
 - 1. Calendar of events to receive funding
 - a. Powwow, send student to AISES conference
 - 2. What is process for getting funds?
 - a. Submit proposal for money.
- b. Web Administrator (Lawrence Locklear)
 - i. If get Alumni Association list of officers, will post to alumni web site and next alumni magazine
 - ii. Logo is under development. Will also be posed to web site and alumni magazine.
- c. Pack Partners (Tim Locklear)
 - i. Coordinate program for incoming freshman
 - ii. Meeting in Robeson County with high school students
 - iii. Bridges gap between alumni and Admissions.
- d. Athletics and Social (Richard Jones reported for Reggie Oxendine, Jr.)
 - i. Richard Jones will check with Reggie Oxendine, Jr.
 - ii. Planning for Homecoming, November 17, 2001
- e. Membership and Philanthropy (Jonathan Locklear reported for Seneca Jacobs)
 - i. Has alumni list
 - ii. Jonathan Locklear to follow up

IX. Old Business

- a. Bylaws
 - i. Revisions made to bylaws
 - ii. Mission statement developed
 - “AIAS is formed to promote a closer association among the American Indian alumni, students and friends of NC State by enhancing the positive image and reputation of NC State. Thus, promoting NCSU among prospective students by enhancing NC State students' experience and their transition to the professional work environment.”
 - iii. Motion to accept bylaws upon approval of Alumni Association. Passed.
- b. Officers
 - i. Motion to accept interim officers as permanent officers for AIAS. Approved.
 - ii. President will contact officers not present to confirm willingness to serve.
 - iii. List of Officers
 - 1. President: Robin Lowery
 - 2. Vice President: Lawrence Locklear
 - 3. Secretary: Wahnema Lowery
 - 4. Treasurer: Jeff Pittman
 - 5. Athletics: Reggie Oxendine, Jr.
 - 6. Membership: Seneca Jacobs

7. Philanthropy: Seneca Jacobs
8. Web Administrator: Lawrence Locklear
9. Pack Partners: Tim Locklear

c. List of Alumni

- i. List to be emailed to all members present
- ii. Contact members on list
- iii. Notify Wahneema Lowery who contacted on list: wlowery@us.ibm.com

X. Opportunities for alumni to set on review boards through Pack Partners. Contact laura_lundsford@ncsu.edu for Park Scholarship.

XI. Next Meeting: Saturday, November 17, 2001 prior to homecoming game.

Minutes submitted by Lawrence Locklear
October 23, 2001