

African American Male Initiative

Standing Committee Minutes – 11/1/17

Attendance: Elizabeth Gilmer, Tre Drummer, Sylvia Rozier, Damon Andrews, Nick Kelch, and Warren Goosby.

The committee met via conference call at 4 pm on 11/1/17 with the following agenda topics and outcomes:

- 1) Confirm standing committee members and names –
 - Chair, Vice President for Institutional Advancement – Elizabeth Gilmer
 - Vice President for Academic Affairs – Dr. Deborah Vess
 - 3 Faculty Members elected from faculty – Mary Waalkes, Damon Andrews, Dr. Sylvia Rozier
 - Assistant Director of Student Life – Warren Goosby
 - AAMI Program Directors from each campus – Tre Drummer, Nick Kelch, Damon Andrews
 - 1 AAMI participant – Frederick Lewis, Jonathan Crews, Elijah Davis
 - Representative from the Emanuel County BOE – Brandon Andrews
- 2) Review and revision of our purpose statement was deemed necessary: The current statement is:

The purpose of the AAMI Committee is to assure that the AAMI program is effective and follows the guidelines regarding the goals and objectives set forth by the USG AAMI Initiative. The committee functions will include maintaining participant and program data, recommending policies and procedures as necessary to accomplish its purpose, and providing representation, guidance, oversight and information dissemination to the College concerning the AAMI program.

Suggested revision for discussion by the full committee on 11/8/17

The purpose of the AAMI Committee is to assure that the AAMI program is effective and follows the guidelines regarding the goals and objectives set forth by the USG AAMI Initiative. The committee serves in an advisory capacity primarily to provide representation, guidance, oversight and information dissemination to the College concerning the AAMI program.

- 3) Updates on program from Andrews, Kelch and Drummer –

Andrews – Active participants from faculty and staff include Dr. Tori Kearns, Mike Moran, Tre Drummer, Damon Andrews and Tom Caiazzo. Meeting regularly, regular contact with mentees and mentors

Kelch – Nick Kelch and Mary Waalkes are active with the group. Nick states they are still weeding out the weak links and plan for more roundtable discussions.

Drummer – Active participants include Georgia Mathews, Dr. Rozier and Tre Drummer. This group is meeting every Thursday and the mentors and mentees are in contact.

- 4) How has the MDRC study affected the program? All 3 directors stated they had seen a more positive outcome in the structure of data capture but the random assignment protocol has put a damper on the effectiveness of reaching students. They do not like turning students away. Both MDRC and USG have recognized the issues and promise changes in protocol this spring.
- 5) What does the program need that it does not have?

Further program development and professional development opportunities. We will identify specifics in this area and discuss at our next meeting

- 6) Our next meeting will be November 8 at 9AM with President Boehmer.



Elizabeth Gilmer