

AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE INITIATIVE
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING DECEMBER 9, 2015

The East Georgia State College AAMI standing committee met December 9 at 3 PM in the President's conference room.

Attending were Elizabeth Gilmer, Jonathan McCollar, Heather Roberson, Tim Goodman, Connie Young-Johnson, Antre Drummer, Jessica Williamson, Damon Andrews and Nick Kelch.

Elizabeth Gilmer, Chair, called the meeting to order and reviewed the purpose of the committee and the make-up of the membership. Requests were made to add to the membership:

- Add one more faculty member to the roster
- Add Student Coordinator from Statesboro to the roster
- Add an AAMI participant each for Statesboro and Augusta

This proposal will come before the cabinet at their December meeting.

Each location director then updated the group on the activities from their area.

- Augusta – EGSC AAMI (17 members) is working together with Augusta University AAMI (11 members) to promote the initiative. Student Success classes have focused projects with AAMI - Nick is working with participants on time management and developing a calendar project.
- Statesboro – They are meeting as a group one or two times each month. Each participant is spending one hour per week with their mentor. They are required to log in hours in the ACE and to participate in Service Projects.
- Swainsboro – They are meeting as a group on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 4 PM. They just had an end of the semester luncheon with Wayne Williams as the speaker. The group is working on leadership development, meeting regularly with mentors and logging hours in the ACE.
- January 14 is scheduled for an MLK Day celebration featuring Dr. Francis Johnson
- February 9 is scheduled for a Black History Day program

There are 71 young men in the program. Individual progress files are kept on each participant for reporting and data purposes. A matrix is being kept and tracked.

Discussions followed regarding :

- Reporting
- Developing/structuring a mean GPA target
- What is the impact of events? – developing a process for evaluation
- Including AAMI in the semester orientation events
- AAMI brochure and website

A project update form has been completed and will be sent to USG on December 10.

We have submitted a proposal to obtain an MDRC (Minority Data Resource Center) grant to be part of a research project to be conducted in the following areas: Academic Skills Enrichment, Student Support Services, Adult and Peer mentoring, and Leadership Development. The proposal was reviewed during the meeting. This could have a major impact on the AAMI program at all campuses.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Elizabeth Gilmer