



Black Student Success Centre (PACAR)

June 19, 2024 | 3:00 – 4:00pm|Hybrid

Minutes

Attendees: M. Fogarty (Co-Chair), R. Upshaw (Co-Chair), M. McKinnon, A. Amankwah-Poku, M. Desmond, G. Gallimore, L. Reddick, O. Nzindukiyimana, T. Reddick, R. Leek

Regrets: S. Kemp, T. Powell, J. Desmond,

1. M. Fogarty and R. Upshaw called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 4:05 PM.
2. Discussion regarding space requirements:
 - a. Question: what is the capacity re: fire regulations
 - b. Proper sound proofing
 - c. Discussion re: pictures and cultural artifacts. Robert and Lorraine may have some connections to request donations. Discussion re: finding funding to support purchasing art etc.
 - d. Discussion re: possibility of communal art project similar to that at Health and Counselling
 - e. Make the 4 pillars of the centre visible in an art project
 - f. Sankofa bird
 - g. Possible request for donation from Black quilters
 - h. Post visible accountability guidelines
 - i. Post programming engagement calendar prominently.
 - j. Art with names of historical communities on the wall/history of Black presence
Historical last names of community members.
 - k. Displaying contextual history – stfx alumni/Black Scholars
 - l. Centralize resources for student research
 - m. Create dedicated study space
 - n. Ornella has access to archived photos from StFX (e.g. first black Graduates)
 - o. Centre signage
 - p. Cabinetry, shelving
 - q. TV
 - r. Printer access
 - s. Kitchen supplies
3. Centre Programming
 - a. Community connections- Students will be in the space to do a drumming activity
 - b. Social media posts to introduce students to the space



- c. Robert is planning drumming sessions. Interest in linking African drummers with African Nova Scotian drummers.
- d. Robert is in discussions re: Storytelling workshop with Afua Cooper and Chante Grant
- e. Robert is developing the theme “your health matters”- potential for Insta posts, social justice radio sessions.

4. Next Steps:

- a. Naming process
- b. Hiring for Manager
- c. Contact for artifacts

5. Meeting adjourned: 4:20pm

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