

General Chapter Meeting

June 5, 2021

Board Members Present: Jeremy Sanford, Yolanda Owens, Rose Austin, Mable Scott Austin, André Hite, Jr., and Darryl Pilate. There were 21 members present via video and phone.

Meeting was called to order by Darryl Pilate at 10:37 AM.

Prayer by Darryl Pilate.

Approval of the Agenda.

Motion was made by André Hite, Jr. to approve the agenda and second by Mable Scott Austin. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

President's Report by Darryl Pilate. The minutes will be caught up for the next administration and voted on at the next General Body meeting. Darryl acknowledged that we are at the end of the 2nd term. Darryl stated that as President he has had the opportunity to meet new alums and deepen his relationship with alums that he previously had a relationship with. Darryl acknowledged all the elected and appointed officers, and those that helped him during this administration. This Chapter does two major things, we help recruit students from this market and help raise funds for the University. Darryl requested that the Chapter give during the upcoming initiatives for fundraising such as the Day of Giving and the Presidential Inauguration. We are still trying to get Wendell Fountain to conduct the recruitment training. On June 25, 2021, President Thomas Hudson and Dr. Earlexia Norwood will be in Houston for a Town Hall Meet and Greet at Water's Edge Winery and Bistro. On our website, there is a document that gives a 15-year enrollment for the University. Going forward, our focus is to get our enrollment up to its peak of 9800 back in 2015.

Treasurer/Financial Secretary – Mitchell Harris/Thaddeus Reed. For the period of May 1 to May 31. Mitch submitted the Treasurer's report indicating a beginning balance of \$17,440.37 and an ending balance of \$17,201.52. All funds were earmarked for the following: Designated Student Activity Fund \$3,412.50; 2021 Gala: \$10,856.53. Treasurer's report is accepted for future audits.

Membership – Kimberly Blasingame. Not present. Darryl presented on Kim's behalf. Since April 15 collected dues have been applied to the next fiscal year. Darryl encourages everyone to pay their dues as soon as possible for the upcoming year.

Student Recruitment – Jeremy Sanford. Jeremy and Darryl are working together to get the student recruitment training. Jeremy also encouraged everyone to pay their dues, as he is the next administration's membership committee leader.

Community Service – LaKrystal Foster. Not present.

Athletics – Thaddeus Reed. Thaddeus presented that we broke ground this week on the new turf field for the football practice facility. We have never had turf on the field in over 30 years. There will be an official ceremony next week. By the first home game in September, there will be a big showing in the facility improvement. The track, baseball, and softball teams will be moving to the current football facility, which gives them access to showers now on campus. The football team will move to the Walter Payton Facility. All Chapter members are encouraged everyone to buy season tickets' parking is sold as a season pass as well. Supporting the football program supports all sporting programs at the University.

Director of Development – Dr. Rose Austin.

2021 Gala

Dr. Austin thanked everyone for the successful Gala. We raised \$95,487.32 at the Gala. \$73,93136 was directed to the University and \$21,555.96 was directed to the Chapter. All of the auction items were sold, and it was a success. Tanya Wilkerson won our membership raffle for the 2021-2022 year. We had great entertainment Anthony Rejiv, and our special guests were President Hudson and Dr. Norwood. We had a control center at Darryl's home like a studio. Dr. Austin thanked everyone who made that night possible. For those who have not given, it is not too late to donate to the Gala. Later there will be an annual report presented which highlights all the money given to the University. All members who have given money to the University are asked to send those amounts to Dr. Austin to be included in the annual report to the University. Also, donation summaries can be input at <https://jsuhouston.org/jsu-donation-summary>. It is estimated that about 40 alums participated in giving towards the Gala.

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business. None.

JSUNAA Officer Remarks.

Tarita Davis - JSUNAA First Vice President. Tarita gave an update on the PTI alumni directory. They have collected \$86,000 in two months and 20-30% of alums have been contacted. Our current alumni participation rate is at an all-time high, 9.05%. The goal is to get to 10% by end of fiscal year. About 153 individuals have paid their dues. We need about 400 people to give by the end of the month to get us to 10%. We will be among the highest among all HBCUs. Chapter members are asked to encourage alums whom they know have never given to give something, even if it is only \$1. Regarding the Orange Blossom Classic, there is a round-trip

bus from the host hotel to the stadium. We are at 4.5 million for the Millions of Eyes on Excellence initiative, towards the \$5 million goal by June 30, 2021. The SW region is the highest giving region. The “your membership tool” will be rolled out soon. More information is forthcoming.

Je’Juan Gray – JSUNAA Regional Vice President Je’Juan thanked the Houston Alumni for helping get the APR for the region over 10%. Je’Juan thanked the Darryl for his leadership as President and Dr. Austin for her leadership for the successful Gala. We have over 600 dues paid members for the region. The next goal is 750. 183 members in the region have not given. The JSU TX tag will be back online by August.

Good of the Order. Officer transition will take place this month or early July. June 25, 2021 is the Presidential Town Hall, information is forthcoming. We are now in the new fiscal year which started June 1. We will be off in July. The next meeting will be in August. We will have a student sendoff again similar to how we did last year. The focus for the next year we will be pushing for 200 paid members and filling the bus for the high school day.

Several group photos were taken.

Darryl asked for a motion to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned – 11:54 AM.