Purdue Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff

Mission

The Purdue University Black Caucus of Faculty and Staff (BCFS) is to be a visible and viable agency dedicated to promoting and enhancing identity, sense of community, professional welfare and development among Black faculty, staff and students of Purdue University. The Association will serve as an advocate for educational equity for African American faculty, staff, and students. The Caucus seeks to establish effective lines of communication with Purdue University's administration, working toward greater participation of African Americans in decision making.

PURPOSES OF BCFS

To identify and act upon those issues, which affect Black people at Purdue University and the greater Lafayette community, especially as they relate to the function of the University; To institute and maintain an effective and positive relationship between the University and its Black constituency both on and off campus;

To reinforce self-awareness among Black people by implementing programs and activities designed to achieve these aims; To gather and disseminate information about available talent, opportunities, and activities that will provide the University with a comprehensive understanding of the dynamics of the Black experience;

To carry out other activities of a charitable and educational nature to promote the welfare of Black faculty, staff, and students.

OFFICERS 2019-2020

Chair .......................... Sandra Sydnor
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Member at Large ................... David Rollock

BCFS YOUR FAMILY AT PURDUE

The Purdue Black Caucus also serves as a extended family unit. Many Black faculty and staff have moved great distances from their own family and close friends, and they may work in areas where they are the only African American or person of color.

As a member of the Caucus, you and your contributions will be valued and appreciated. You also have the opportunity to help, mentor, and support others at the university.

MONTHLY MEETING

Monthly meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month during the academic year from 12 noon until 1:00 pm. Meetings this year will be held at Krach Leadership Center room 138, 1198 3rd Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907

Meeting location subject to change and will be announced a week before meeting dates if needed

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership application and materials are available from the Caucus website and the Caucus Membership Chairman.

There are three categories of membership in the Caucus:

(a) Full Membership is open to all persons employed and/or associated with Purdue University, except undergraduate students. Those eligible for full membership include faculty, staff, graduate students and retirees of the University. Upon payment of prescribed dues, full members shall be entitled to vote, to hold elective office, and to participate fully in all Caucus functions and activities.

(b) Affiliate Membership is open to organizations, that share interest in the purposes and objectives of the Caucus, at the invitation of the Caucus, wish to establish a relationship by sending regular representatives. Affiliate members shall not be assessed dues, and may not hold elective office. Affiliate members shall be entitled to voice but not vote in business meetings, and may participate by invitation of the Caucus in its functions and activities.

(c) Honorary Membership may be granted to select individuals for significant contributions, outstanding leadership, or other contributions to the Caucus. Nominations for honorary membership must be endorsed by three full members of the Caucus, reviewed by the Executive Committee, and voted upon by the Caucus membership. Honorary members shall be recognized by appropriate resolution and certificates, shall not be assessed dues, may have voice but not vote in Caucus business meetings, may not hold elective office, and may participate in all Caucus functions and activities.

PURDUE BLACK CAUCUS OF FACULTY & STAFF 2019-2020

The Caucus is excited, invigorated, focused and determined to improve the overall quality of life on campus for all, especially African Americans.

AFFILIATES

African American Studies
Black Cultural Center
Black Graduate Association
Diversity Resource Office
Latino Cultural Center
Latino Association of Faculty and Staff (LaFASA)
Purdue Black Alumni Organization

Motto: To Leverage Our Many Strengths

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