**Tilford Group Minutes**

**Friday, September 13, 2019**

**Overman Student Center, Kansas 1**

**Attendance**

Nikhila Bashetty

Barbara Bonnekessen

Jessica Jorgenson Borchert

Susan Carlson

Browyn Conrad

Marc Daczewitz

Stacie Finley

Tatiana Goris

Kristen Humphrey

Ananda Jayawardhana

Jorge Leόn

Dory Quinn

Jason Reid

Deatrea Rose

**Treasurer’s Report**

Jorge Leόn stated that there was $2,565 in the expected budget for Fall 2019 to Spring 2020.

**Tilford Conference (October 3rd-4th, 2019)**

Ananda Jayawardhana announced that he still would like to have 15 PSU faculty and/or staff register to attend the Tilford Conference. Ananda said that Tilford would pay for fifteen people from PSU to attend the conference, and that first-time attendees would have their hotel stay paid for as well. Deatrea Rose added information about the upcoming Tilford Conference, including information on prospective speakers. Ananda asked that we share this information with our colleagues, so that PSU can meet its quota of fifteen conference participants.

**Tilford READ Group**

Jorge Leόn reported on the Tilford READ Group Project. He stated that Axe Library is currently holding the following books for the Project:

* 25 copies of *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. (Jorge suggested that we buy six more copies of this book.)
* 5 copies of *When They Call You a Terrorist* by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele
* 5 copies of *What If I Say the Wrong Thing?* By Verna A. Myers

A group of PSU students have been given a copy of the book, and will be reading and discussing the book throughout the year. They started in the Summer of 2019, and will end the academic year with a service, artistic or research project based on the book.

**New Business**

* Deatrea Rose gave an update on the Tilford sub-committee, whose purpose is to design PSU diversity awards for new faculty. The committee is made up of Mark Johnson, Deatrea Rose, and Howard Smith. The committee was looking at similar diversity awards at other universities and was currently working on a draft of a diversity award, along with a rubric.
* The group discussed how to most effectively spend the remaining budget for the 2018-2019 school year. Harold Wallace reported on the success of the Michael J. Tilford Student Leadership Award Banquet, and how the students were excited about receiving free copies of the book *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. (Tilford is funding a student reading group in which students will read the book and present projects on the book later in the year.) Partly because of the positive response from the students, the group decided to use the remaining fund to pay for more books for students, and to fund some videos that Kristen Humphrey had suggested for the Tilford on-line video library for faculty and students. This collection is supervised by Jorge Leon and is established as part of the Axe Library system.

**Election Results**

The group voted on positions for the Fall 2018-Spring 2019 school year. Here are the results:

* Dory Quinn, President
* Jorge Leon, Vice-President
* Susan Carlson, Secretary

\*The group agreed to ask Ananda Jayawardhana to be Treasurer for the Fall 2018 – Spring 2019 school year.