

**Executive Committee  
Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry  
Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church  
December 30, 2014**

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting conducted via conference call.

In attendance: Lyndol Loyd, Melissa Stump, Dick Scheaffer, Mike Crawford, Cynthia Sucher, Nathan Adams, Tim Smiley, Sharon Austin, David Fuquay. Absent: Jim Manuel, Mike Fordham.

Lyndol called the meeting to order at 10:32 am.

First item of business: FAMU Wesley.

Lyndol reviewed the recommendations before the executive committee:

1. Recommendation: We contract with Dr. Latricia Scriven to complete a study and assessment of the FAMU campus as required by the UM Discipline before launching a campus ministry.
2. Recommendation: Dr. Scriven will receive a \$1000 stipend per month to complete her work, not to exceed six months or \$6000.

Additional information was provided previously to the Executive Committee including:

- Dr. Scriven's resume
- The FAMU Planning document which includes required questions from the UM Discipline
- Parameters of Dr. Scriven's work:
  - Dr. Scriven would begin her work in January.
  - She would present her full report at our April BHECM meeting.
    - If we accept her report, then her work will be done at that point.
    - If we would like for her to gather additional information, she would have up to 2 months to complete that work.
  - \$1000 stipend per month is the same amount we paid to do the groundwork at FGCU in fall 2011 prior to that the Gulf Coast Wesley launch in 2012.
  - David Fuquay will meet at least once per month with Dr. Scriven to review her progress and to help shape the recommendations in the final report. Bob Gibbs will be invited to each of those meeting.

A brief discussion followed: Dr. Scriven is clear that she is being hired to conduct the study, not to serve as the FAMU campus minister. With Bishop Carter's encouragement, we are making the FAMU re-launch a priority for the spring so that we can celebrate our progress at the 2015 Florida Annual Conference.

**Both recommendations passed unanimously.**

### Second Order of Business: FAU/NOVA SE Campus Ministry Launch

Lyndol reviewed the recommendation before the Executive Committee: At our BHECM meeting in September, the executive committee was empowered to make decision about whether to move forward immediately at FAU/Nova SE or postpone.

- Recommendation: That we postpone the launch of the FAU/Nova SE. The following reasons were previously shared via email with the Executive Committee:
  - Our partnership with New Church Development is still emerging. This launch is the first cooperative attempt to begin new campus ministries and we need to take more time to experiment with a new process and partnership.
  - Additional assessments of the campuses need to be completed, and a preliminary vision developed. Beginning a search before that work is completed would be premature.
  - Bishop Carter has made the FAMU re-launch a priority, wishing to highlight our progress at the 2015 Annual Conference. More attention needs to be devoted to those efforts in 2015. Delaying the FAU/Nova SE launch will allow more time to develop FAMU. Then in 2015-2016, we will be able to devote similar care and resources to the FAU/Nova SE launch.

A brief discussion followed: A full report will be given at the January BHECM meeting which will include an update from a meeting with NCD at FUMC-Boca Raton in January. Additional recommendations may be considered by BHECM at that time. Postponement of launch does not mean postponement of effort - the Executive Director will continue to work actively towards establishing a new ministry on these campuses.

### **Recommendation passed unanimously.**

#### Other business:

Update was given on UM Wesley Search. The search will officially be launched today. We have had some conversations over the past year about making formal connections between UM Wesley and FIU-MDC Wesley. While there is openness to that kind of connection in the future, the issues involved are too complex to do it concurrently with a campus minister search. It will be made clear to the final candidates that a re-organization is on the table over the next couple years and that they will be expected to help develop and implement the plan. David Fuquay recommended appointing a BHECM task force to develop a strategic plan and recommendations for our two campus ministries in Miami-Dade County. That recommendation will be given further consideration at a future BHECM meeting.

Update was given on the Budget: The 2015 budget is set and allocations made to each ministry. Dick Scheaffer did his usual excellent work throughout that process. Every ministry got what they ask for and/or were expecting in terms of conference support.

The 2016 budget is due in January. Dick Scheaffer has prepared a draft and Sharon Austin has reviewed the preliminary work. BHECM will review and approve the 2016 Budget proposal in January.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.