**Tilford Group Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 8th, 2019**

**Overman Student Center, Kansas I**

**Attendance**

Harriet Bachner

Barbara Bonnekessen

Susan Carlson

Marc Daczewitz

John Franklin

Tatiana Goris

Kristen Humphrey

Pawan Kahol

Jorge Leon

Mary Mercer

Dory Quinn

Deatrea Rose

Harold Wallace III

**Treasurer’s Report**

Jorge Leon handed out the end-of year report and announced that there was about $450 left of the Fall 2018- Spring 2019 budget.

**Announcements**

* Deatrea Rose announced that the Michael J. Tilford Conference will be held this semester on October 3rd-4th at the University of Kansas.

**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.