

## AAFSA General Meeting Agenda & Minutes – 3/6/24, 12:00PM

- Update on Black Excellence Summit & C.R.O.W.N. Day – Josh
  - Helps Black students through multiple workshops, features student leaders, faculty and staff leaders
  - Over 100 students between 2-day event (Hartford and Storrs campuses)
  - Planning to do something specifically for staff/faculty/graduate students, looking for suggestions on topics/workshop themes
    - Possibly plan for a spaced-out Black Excellence program across the year, February was packed with BHM events, we don't want to overwhelm our communities
    - Looking for more departments to help support us, host more events, use different spaces on campus
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> annual C.R.O.W.N. Day – 60 free haircuts and hairstyling for students (braids, locs), collab with Heart of Moisture – looking to partner on vending machines with styling products
    - Work with students as an economic educational experience
- Update on Stamford Vendor Fair – ~~Phara~~ James
  - Successful event, looking to see if we can bring it to other campuses and encourage more staff/faculty from UConn to attend the Stamford event
- Update on Black History Month event on February 9 – James
  - Great turnout for events
  - James was the MC for closing event
  - AACC hosted 36 programs for the month
    - New director, Alicia McKenzie
  - BSOUL (Black Sisters Optimizing Unity & Leadership) – new Black women's student group at UConn (<https://lc.uconn.edu/>)
- AAFSA will advertise Women's History Month BIPOC programs
- Chair yoga announcement (save the date for March 13)
  - Pia Oliveri– owner and director of Wabi-Sabi Yoga and Wellness Center local to Connecticut (<https://www.wabi-sabiyoga.com/home/>)
  - Mindfulness
  - Chair yoga virtually
- Beats & Bingo
  - Planning for brunch on Saturday April 20 at Soul Baila
- End of Year Town Hall & BBQ on Storrs campus
  - Planning for May 8 or May 9
  - Looking for speakers to invite, topics to present
    - Affirmative action

- Future of BIPOC student/staff at UConn