

**African American Cultural Center Advisory Committee (AACCAC)****Chair : Dr Chinyere Ogbonna McGruder (Public Management)**

The advisory Committee was able to identify specific areas that needed fine-tuning as per the African American center. The Committee also recognized that the Center had provided an integral and positive environment for The Family's Program. The Center also saw an increase in utilization of the center by the students.

**The Findings and Recommendations of the African American Cultural Center Advisory Committee.**

There is still on ongoing consensus within the Committee as to the need for a more definite and specific clarification of the mission of the center. The new Director will hopefully have the opportunity to work with the administration towards this goal.

There is the need for more personnel that will help develop and implement formal and structured retention programs for African-American students. Currently the Family's Program (Pilot program for the 2005-2006 Academic year) is the only program that the staff of Cultural Center has been able to address. It is also indicated that the AACCAC assume a more collaborative effort with the cultural center. If it is feasible, there is the need for the Center to be open 12 months per year as opposed to just 9 months a year. This will better facilitate the development of contacts and relationships with incoming freshmen.

Overall the impression is that the Center has made some positive strides and with the permanent hiring of a New Director, the center will be better positioned to achieve the premise of its' mission statement.