



## **Meeting Minutes**

Friday, September 2, 2011

### Present:

**IU Northwest members** – Miracle Anokwute, Roy Lee Cast, Jr., DeJuan DeVoe, Chisonna Echeumuna, Brandon Hearne, Kenard Jackson, Joe Lopez, Jose Meza, DeAndre Nwannunu, Davonte Piggee, Henry Powell, Christopher Robinson, Gabriel Sotres, Christopher Watson

**Ivy Tech Community College/Gary Campus members** – Wayne Howard

**SAAB Faculty and Staff** – Alan Roger Currie (B2B Program Coordinator), Ashley Howard (B2B Undergraduate Assistant), Cory Thames (B2B Graduate Assistant), James Wallace (SAAB Mentor / NSSP Coordinator)

- I. The first meeting of the Fall 2011 Semester began at approximately 10:15 am. Mr. Currie opened up the meeting and James Wallace led the membership in prayer.
- II. New SAAB members and/or Guests in Attendance
  - A. New SAAB Member Joe Lopez introduced himself to the membership. He is a Freshman on the campus of IU Northwest, where he is majoring in Nursing.
- III. OLD BUSINESS

No business from the 2010-11 Academic Year has carried over into the 2011-12 Academic Year
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. None of the four SAAB / Brother2Brother Executive Board Members were present at the Meeting (President Kehinda Pryor; Co-Vice President Brandon Hill; Co-Vice President Leon Banks; and Keeper of the Meeting Minutes Edgar Mota)
  - B. Program Coordinator Alan Roger Currie passed out folders to each of the member present, which contained handouts related to academic achievement, proper attire, interpersonal communication habits, and upcoming SAAB / Brother2Brother meetings, activities and events.

Mr. Currie emphasized that communication between members is the #1 key to building a true “brotherhood” and organizational camaraderie. Mr. Currie also talked about how SAAB / Brother2Brother members must exhibit behavior that is a step above the average minority male on campus. Mr. Currie discussed how SAAB/B2B members not only represent themselves and their families on campus by their behavior, but they also represent the B2B organization.

Mr. Currie announced that SAAB/B2B Program Director Ken Coopwood, Sr., Ph.D. will be leaving IU Northwest. Dr. Coopwood’s last day on campus will be Friday, September 16, 2011. Also, Darrell Riddell is no longer the official SAAB/B2B faculty representative for Ivy Tech Community College.

Mr. Currie discussed the importance of time management and being ultra-focused on the achievement of one’s desired academic goals and career-related goals. Mr. Currie said that you

cannot allow activities such as flirting with women, pursuing women for romantic and sexual companionship, parties and other evening and weekend social events and personal challenges to distract you from concentrating on your academic priorities and long-term and short-term goals and objectives.

Finally, Mr. Currie reiterated his weekly and bi-weekly “One-on-One” meetings that he will conduct with each SAAB / B2B member to discuss their academic coursework, upcoming SAAB activities and events, and any personal challenges they may be having both academic-related and non-academic related. Each ‘One-on-One’ session will last up to fifteen (15) minutes for each member. The ‘One-on-One’ meetings will be held in Moraine Student Center, Room 113.

C. The “Core 16” needs to fill at least two positions:

- Co-Chairman of the Academic Committee
- Co-Chairman of the Spiritual Enrichment & Social Activities Committee

SAAB / B2B member DeJuan DeVoe was nominated for the position of Co-Chairman of the Academic Committee, and also Brandon Hearne was nominated. DeJuan won by a vote of 11-3.

Brandon Hearne and Christopher Watson were both nominated for the position of Co-Chairman of the Spiritual Enrichment & Social Activities Committee. Hearne won by a vote of 8-6.

Program Coordinator Alan Roger Currie said a few other positions may be open soon, including Co-Chairman of the Community Service / Service Learning Committee, Co-Chairman of the Financial Affairs & Money Management Committee, and Co-Vice President of IU Northwest.

Mr. Currie emphasized that all SAAB / B2B members need to be active on at least two (2) of the six committees.

D. Mr. Currie announced that the Brother2Brother organization will collaborate with Dr. Patricia Hicks, Pat Brown, and the Office of Student Support Services to provide weekly or bi-weekly tutoring for active members of SAAB / Brother2Brother. Interested members are to sign-up for tutoring in either Hawthorn Hall, Room 235 or Hawthorn Hall, Room 239. Tutors will participate in the Academic Committee’s Weekly Study Tables throughout the semester.

E. Mr. Currie encouraged the membership to vote that the alternative name, “Brother2Brother” be used either instead of “SAAB,” or in addition to the name Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB). Mr. Currie said that he and Dr. Coopwood feel that the name “Brother2Brother” will attract a more ethnically diverse membership during the 2011-12 Academic Year.

F. Mr. Currie said that all SAAB / B2B members should join the membership’s Facebook Group Page to be kept abreast of all upcoming meetings, activities and events. Mr. Currie also brought up the Men & Women of Color Leadership Conference that is taking place on Friday, November 4, 2011 and Saturday, November 5, 2011. Mr. Currie said he is looking to take 12-15 SAAB / B2B members down to Bloomington, Indiana for the Conference.

V. General / Open Discussion

- A. James Wallace and Roy Lee Cast, Jr. brought up the Embassies of Christ Food Drive, and the importance of SAAB's participation in this monthly event. The E.O.C. Food Drive is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at the church.
- B. Wayne Howard said we should start thinking now about a potential day, date, time and venue to have the annual SAAB / B2B Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner. Usually, this event ... which is sponsored by the Spiritual Enrichment & Social Activities Committee ... is held on the Sunday prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- C. DeJuan DeVoe invited other SAAB / B2B members to come to his home on Sunday afternoons to watch NFL football games with him. DeVoe said that social activities such as watching NFL football games together could help build stronger camaraderie among members.

VI. Next Meeting

- A. It was determined that the next SAAB meeting will be on Friday, September 9, 2011 at 10:00am CST at IU Northwest in Hawthorn Hall, Room 104. Most of the members said they want the meetings to remain on Friday, but the membership was divided in terms of agreeing on a consensus start time. Some members want the meeting to start at 9:00am, while others want the meeting to start as late as 11:00am. Mr. Currie said the majority of the membership would decide the ideal starting time and day for the General Membership meetings.

It was emphasized by Mr. Currie that the six individual committees should be scheduling their own meetings an average of 1-4 times per month.

VII. Adjournment

- A. SAAB / B2B member Wayne Howard closed out the meeting in prayer. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15pm CST.