



## **Meeting Minutes**

Friday, November 11, 2011

### Present:

**IU Northwest members** – Roy Lee Cast, Jr., DeJuan DeVoe, Chisonna Echeumuna, Triston Harris, Brandon Hearne, Donald Luckett, Sr., Edgar Mota, DeAndre Nwannunu, Davonte Piggee, Christopher Robinson, Gabriel Sotres, Christopher Watson, Kenneth Williams

**Ivy Tech Community College-Gary Campus members** – No Ivy Tech Community College members were present

**SAAB Faculty and Staff** – Alan Roger Currie (B2B Program Coordinator), Ashley Howard (B2B Undergraduate Assistant), Jeffery Moseley (Coordinator, Office of Diversity Programming), Cory Thames (B2B Graduate Assistant), James Wallace (Interim Director, Office of Diversity Programming)

- I. The tenth meeting of the Fall 2011 Semester began at approximately 8:16 am. Mr. Currie opened up the meeting and Triston Harris led the membership in prayer.
- II. New SAAB members and/or Guests in Attendance
  - A. Beth Tyler, Executive Director for the Office of Retention Initiatives, was an invited guest speaker. There were no new SAAB/Brother2Brother members introduced or present.
- III. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Mr. Currie asked the membership about the Fall 2011 Academic Progress forms that were supposed to be given to each of the members' respective professors by no later than Saturday, October 22, 2011. Many B2B members raised their hands and admitted that they did not submit a form to one or more of their professors.
  - B. Academic Committee Co-Chairman DeJuan DeVoe again mentioned that early registration for Spring 2012 courses began on Monday, October 31, 2011 online. DeVoe and Donald Luckett, Sr. (Academic Committee Chairman) were encouraged by Mr. Currie to pair up students to study together in preparation for Final Exams.

Mr. Wallace discussed tips and hints for more academic success, such as 1) paying attention to what is happening at all times, and checking Email messages from their professors and staying on top of each syllabus for each class, 2) getting involved with SAAB/B2B Committee activities, 3) emphasize balance in their lives between study time, community service, work and social enjoyment, and 4) always, always, always ask for help and assistance when you need it.
  - C. Mr. Currie told DeAndre Nwannunu, Chairman of the Personal & Professional Development Committee, and Christopher Anderson, Co-Chairman of the Personal & Professional Development Committee to get an official list of those Brother2Brother members who are going to volunteer to be ushers on November 17, 2011 for the play, "Our Black Men are Dying and Nobody Cares" to be held in the Bergland Auditorium

- D. Brandon Hearne, Co-Chairman of the Spiritual Enrichment & Social Activities Committee, said that the SAAB / Brother2Brother Thanksgiving get-together will be at Steel City Buffet & Grill on Fifth Avenue in Gary on Sunday, November 20, 2011 between 3:00pm and 6:00pm. The cost will be \$13.95 for each member. Mr. Wallace said if any member has challenges paying for their own meal, he would offer to assist them in any way he could.
- E. Mr. Wallace encouraged the members to start preparing a 30-45 minute presentation for when they visit Lew Wallace and speak to the middle school and high school students there. Possible dates for presentations right now are Monday, November 28, 2011 and Wednesday, January 4, 2012.
- F. Mr. Currie asked that members who attended the 2011 Men & Women of Color Leadership Conference offer their thoughts and reflections on the weekend. An article is to be featured in the IU Northwest RedHawk Review Newspaper about the Conference.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Beth Tyler, Executive Director for the Office of Retention Initiatives, spoke to the membership about what she does for the campus, and how she can provide assistance to each of the SAAB / B2B members regarding their academic progress, and how they are receiving their academic advising. Ms. Tyler mentioned that she is having a session about academic advising on Thursday, November 17, 2011 @ 10:00 AM in Library Conference Center 105 A/B/C
- B. Mr. Wallace is having a Brown Bag Lunch Session on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 12 Noon in Hawthorn Hall, Room 107 featuring Barbara Bullock. Mr. Wallace explained about the S.A.P. (Satisfactory Academic Progress) and how it affects financial aid for students. More information about S.A.P. can be found on the IU Northwest main website on the Financial Aid department's page.
- C. Mr. Wallace also encouraged as many SAAB / B2B members as possible to help out with the Embassies of Christ Food Drive on either Saturday, November 19, 2011 and/or Sunday, November 20, 2011. Mr. Wallace suggested that many members help out on Sunday, and then right afterward, go the SAAB / Brother2Brother Thanksgiving Get-Together at the Steel City Buffet & Grill at 3:00 PM.
- D. Mr. Wallace discussed the idea of the Financial Affairs and Money Management Committee inviting Credit Expert Ms. Darrolyn Sharp to speak to the membership about developing and maintaining a good credit score. Ideally, Mr. Wallace would like to have her come once before the end of the Fall 2011 semester ends, and then once more during the Spring 2012 semester. Henry Powell put forth a motion for the membership to use B2B funds to pay for her to come; The motion was seconded by Donald Lockett, Sr. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. Mr. Currie announced that SAAB / Brother2Brother President Kehinda Pryor had dropped out of school for the Fall 2011 semester, and no longer would be able to serve as President of the B2B Program. Vice-President Roy Lee Cast, Jr. will lead the meetings for the remainder of the Fall 2011 semester, and then a new President will be elected during the first or second meeting of the Spring 2012 semester.

V. General / Open Discussion

- A. Mr. Currie asked the membership about getting a table banner for the SAAB / Brother2Brother organization. The membership decided that the background color of the banner should be red. Mr. Currie is going to pass this information along to Ms. Phyllis Barlow.
- B. Brandon Hearne is going to be part of the Theatre Northwest play "Reckless" on Friday, November 11, 2011 @ 7:30pm, Saturday, November 12, 2011 @ 7:30pm, and Sunday, November 13, 2011 @ 2:30pm. The play will be on 36th Avenue and Grant Street.
- C. Henry Powell asked for volunteers for his church's food drive on Saturday, November 12, 2011 and/or Saturday, November 19, 2011.

VI. Next Meeting

- A. It was determined that the next SAAB meeting will be on Friday, November 18, 2011 at 8:00am CST at IU Northwest in Hawthorn Hall, Room 104. The membership decided that all general membership meetings for the remainder of the Fall 2011 semester would begin at 8:00 AM.

VII. Adjournment

- A. SAAB / Brother2Brother member Chisonna Echeumuna led the membership in a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:19 AM CST.