



## **Meeting Minutes**

Friday, September 9, 2011

### Present:

**IU Northwest members** – Jesse Allen, Armand Buslon, Roy Lee Cast, Jr., DeJuan DeVoe, Chisonna Echeumuna, Lawyer Fentress, Martrell Gill, Brandon Hearne, Donald Lockett, Sr., Jose Meza, DeAndre Nwannunu, Davonte Piggee, Henry Powell, 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), Cory Thames (B2B Graduate Assistant)

- I. The second meeting of the Fall 2011 Semester began at approximately 10:15 am. Mr. Currie opened up the meeting and Donald Lockett, Sr., led the membership in prayer.
- II. New SAAB members and/or Guests in Attendance
  - A. No new SAAB / B2B members were in attendance, and no guests were in attendance.
- III. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. The membership voted to use the alternative name, “Brother2Brother (B2B) College Success Program” in addition to, and in some instances, in place of, the former title of the organization which was “the Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB).” The vote was 14-3 in favor of the change.

Mr. Currie said that this change was encouraged to attract and recruit a more ethnic diverse membership among male college students on the campus of IU Northwest and Ivy Tech-Gary.
  - B. Departing SAAB / B2B Program Director Ken Coopwood, Sr., Ph.D. will be moving on to be the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion at Missouri State University. SAAB members suggested we present Dr. Coopwood with some sort of plaque for his dedication and loyalty to the SAAB program. Mr. Currie said he would look into the purchase of a plaque of some sort.
  - C. Mr. Currie said that eight spots have been confirmed for the 2011 Men & Women of Color Leadership Conference to be held in Bloomington, Indiana on Friday, November 4, 2011 and Saturday, November 5, 2011. There are approximately six more spots open to attend.
  - D. Mr. Currie said that the SAAB / B2B program has agreed to subsidize the financial compensation of those tutors hired by the Office of Student Support Services, led by Dr. Patricia Hicks and Pat Brown, in order to assist SAAB / B2B members with their academic success. Normally, tutors are paid \$7.50 per hour to help students, but those tutors who exclusively assist SAAB / B2B members will be paid \$10.00 per hour for their services. SAAB / B2B members are to sign up for tutoring in either Hawthorn Hall, Room 235 or Hawthorn Hall, Room 239.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. The "Core 16" needs to fill at least two positions:

- Co-Chairman of the Community Service / Service Learning Committee
- Co-Vice President of the Brother2Brother organization (IU Northwest campus)

SAAB / B2B member Christopher Robinson was nominated for the position of Co-Chairman of the Community Service / Service Learning Committee. No other member was nominated, so Christopher was approved to become the new Co-Chairman of the Community Service / Service Learning Committee.

Roy Lee Cast, Jr., and Henry Powell were both nominated for the position of Co-Vice President from the IU Northwest campus. Cast won by a vote of 9-8.

Given that Cast had to relinquish his position as the Chairman of the Community Service / Service Learning Committee, it was decided that Christopher Robinson be promoted to Chairman, and 2010-11 Co-Chairman of the Community Service / Service Learning Committee, Martrell Gill, volunteered to maintain his position for the 2011-12 Academic Year.

Mr. Currie said two more Core 16 positions could become open and available for nominations: Co-Chairman of the Financial Affairs & Money Management Committee (currently held by member Ronnie Murphy, Jr.) and Co-Chairman of the Personal & Professional Development Committee (currently held by Robert Harris).

Three of the four SAAB / Brother2Brother Executive Board Members were not present at the Meeting (President Kehinda Pryor; Co-Vice President Leon Banks; and Keeper of the Meeting Minutes Edgar Mota).

B. The newly elected Co-Vice President of IU Northwest, Roy Lee Cast, Jr., took over the meeting from member Henry Powell, who volunteered to lead the first portion of the meeting

Roy discussed a potential upcoming Community Service event on Saturday, October 1, 2011 that would take place in the Dorie Miller apartments and townhouses. Pat Brown, from the Office of Student Support Services, is leading the organization of this event along with members of the Gary (Indiana) Housing Authority.

The membership present said that we should think about getting some "Brother2Brother" Community Service T-Shirts for the upcoming event on October 1st and for future community service events. The Chairmen of the Community Service / Service Learning Committee were asked to collaborate with the Chairmen of the Membership & Public Relations Committee to determine the best design for the T-Shirt purchases.

C. Mr. Currie asked Christopher Robinson to get together with the Chairmen of the Personal & Professional Development Committee to execute a "How to properly tie a dress tie" workshop at an upcoming meeting.

D. Vice President Cast said he would like to invite IU Northwest Chancellor William J. Lowe to attend a SAAB / Brother2Brother General Membership meeting before the Fall 2011 semester ends.

V. General / Open Discussion

- A. Mr. Currie discussed the importance of building better camaraderie in the SAAB / B2B organization, and the importance of teamwork. Mr. Currie said that SAAB / B2B is at its weakest and most unproductive when the members are not communicating with one another on a regular basis, and conversely, Mr. Currie said SAAB / B2B is at its strongest when everyone is communication with one another regularly, and working on various activities, events and projects as a team. Mr. Currie said ideally, those students who are strong in a particular academic subject should be helping out those students who are experiencing challenges in that same subject.
- B. Mr. Currie said that the current state of the joint chapter arrangement between IU Northwest and Ivy Tech Community College is facing the threat of dissolving if the administrators of Ivy Tech do not contribute to the funding of the program.

VI. Next Meeting

- A. It was determined that the next SAAB meeting will be on Friday, September 16, 2011 at 8:00am CST at IU Northwest in Hawthorn Hall, Room 104. Mr. Currie said he was moving the time up from 10:00am to 8:00am to accommodate the work schedule of SAAB / B2B President, Kehinda Pryor. Mr. Currie said after having the meeting at 8:00am for three or four weeks, the membership would then decide which start time motivates the highest attendance between 8:00am, 9:00am, and 10:00am.

It was again 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 Davonte Piggee moved to adjourn the meeting, and member Henry Powell seconded the motion. There was no ending prayer prior to adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:06 PM CST.