



Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 23, 2011

Present:

IU Northwest members – Jesse Allen, Christopher Anderson, Roy Lee Cast, Jr., DeJuan DeVoe, Chisonna Echeumuna, Lawyer Fentress, Martrell Gill, Darnell Lenoir, Donald Lockett, Sr., Edgar Mota, Jose Meza, David Neal, Davonte Piggee, Henry Powell, Kehinda Pryor, Christopher Robinson, Howard Sweet, 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)

- I. The fourth meeting of the Fall 2011 Semester began at approximately 8:16 am. Mr. Currie opened up the meeting and Wayne Howard 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. Co-Vice President of IU Northwest, Roy Lee Cast, Jr., discussed finalizing the details of the 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 time frame of the clean-up effort is from 9:30 AM until approximately 2:00 PM. The (Gary) Post-Tribune newspaper is scheduled to do an interview and provide photo coverage of the clean-up effort.

Members confirmed to participate are to meet at IU Northwest on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at 8:00 AM. All volunteers will then leave IU Northwest at 8:30 AM to head toward Dorie Miller. Community Service Committee Chairman Christopher Robinson further discussed the idea of the membership getting some “Brother2Brother” Community Service T-Shirts for the upcoming event. SAAB/B2B member Henry Powell has suggested vests as an alternative. Mr. Currie emphasized that we need to order the T-Shirts or vests no later than Monday morning or afternoon, September 26, 2011.

The membership voted unanimously to purchase T-Shirts and/or vests for the clean-up event.
 - B. Mr. Currie announced that the following SAAB / B2B members are confirmed to attend the 2011 Men & Women of Color Leadership Conference to be held in Bloomington, Indiana on Friday, November 4, 2011 and Saturday, November 5, 2011: Jesse Allen, Christopher Anderson, Nick Campbell, Roy Lee Cast, Jr., Lawyer Fentress, Joe Lopez, Donald Lockett, Sr., Jose Meza, Edgar Mota, DeAndre Nwannunu, Henry Powell, Christopher Robinson, Gabriel Sotres, and Christopher Watson. There are no more spots available.

- C. Mr. Currie reiterated that the Membership & Public Relations Committee, led by Jose Meza and Lawyer Fentress, need to have members from their committee ready to man the table at the IU Northwest “Fall Preview Night” on Thursday, October 13, 2011 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Members must wear dress slacks and a shirt & tie or a suit. Lawyer said that he will not be available from 5:30 – 6:45pm on that day.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mr. Currie handed out Fall 2011 Academic Progress forms for each SAAB / B2B member to give to their professors on the IU Northwest campus. Members are to give one copy of the form to each of their professors by no later than Saturday, October 1, 2011. Each professor will then provide a midterm grade for each SAAB / B2B member, and an assessment of their class attendance.

Mr. Currie also handed out forms for SAAB / B2B members to provide a written consent to have their personal information entered into the SAAB National Database online.

- B. Mr. Currie spoke about the importance of taking college seriously, and preventing and avoiding a high degree of student loan debt in the future.
- C. Vice President Roy Lee Cast, Jr. emphasized to all of the members that they should be participating in the Weekly Academic Study Tables, and getting together to study together and go over notes for each of their classes. Donald Luckett, Sr., and DeJuan DeVoe are in charge of the Weekly Academic Study Tables.
- D. Vice President Cast asked that Christopher Robinson, the Chairman of the Community Service Committee, find out more details about the Embassies of Christ Food Drive that takes place on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Robinson said he would contact EOC next week.
- E. Vice President Cast asked the Jesse Allen, the Chairman of the Financial Affairs & Money Management Committee, for an update on who is thinking about having speak to the membership about the value of maintaining a personal checking account and/or savings account.
- F. Vice President Cast turned over the meeting to Brother2Brother President Kehinda Pryor. Pryor talked about the importance of maintaining a professional, business-oriented image on campus if you are a SAAB / Brother2Brother member. Pryor said that this would help the organization recruit new members, and it would help enhance the reputation of the Brother2Brother program on campus. Pryor said that if even one member is not adhering to the SAAB image, it hurts the entire group.
- G. President Pryor said that the Chairman of the Personal & Professional Development Committee, DeAndre Nwannunu, needs to contact Phyllis Barlow as soon as possible about the collaboration with the Office of Diversity Programming for the event in mid-November. The Personal & Professional Development Committee needs to secure a speaker from the Urban Prep Charter School in Chicago, Illinois. Then, President Pryor wants DeAndre to report to Vice President Cast, so Vice President Cast can report to President Pryor about the progress of this task.

- H. SAAB / Brother2Brother member Wayne Howard said he wants to start early planning for the Thanksgiving Potluck. Howard also mentioned that there is a clean-up going on near Ivy Tech on Friday, September 30, 2011.

President Pryor mentioned the idea of having a fundraiser so that Wayne Howard can possibly attend the Men & Women of Color Leadership Conference in Bloomington, Indiana.

V. General / Open Discussion

- A. President Pryor apologized for being late to the meeting, and for missing the first three general membership meetings, but conveyed that his work schedule is extremely busy. President Pryor said he is committed though to being the best president he can be, and that he would be willing to offer a 'reward' and surprise treat at the end of the semester for the SAAB / Brother2Brother member who proves himself to be the most active and dedicated to the organization.

VI. Next Meeting

- A. It was determined that the next SAAB meeting will be on Friday, September 30, 2011 at 8:00am CST at IU Northwest in Hawthorn Hall, Room 104. Mr. Currie has moved 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, and we could possibly move the time again to either 8:30am, 9:00am, 9:30am or back to 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 / Brother2Brother member Howard Sweet led the membership in a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:47 AM CST.