



## Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 30, 2011

### Present:

**IU Northwest members** – Christopher Anderson, Roy Lee Cast, Jr., DeJuan DeVoe, Chisonna Echeumuna, Lawyer Fentress, Martrell Gill, Triston Harris, Brandon Hearne, Oscar Hinton, Kenard Jackson, Joe Lopez, Edgar Mota, DeAndre Nwannunu, Davonte Piggee, Henry Powell, Kehinda Pryor, Christopher Robinson, Gabriel Sotres, Dameon Walker, 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), Gabriel Sotres (B2B Undergraduate Assistant), Cory Thames (B2B Graduate Assistant)

- I. The fifth meeting of the Fall 2011 Semester began at approximately 8:10 am. Mr. Currie opened up the meeting and Kenneth Williams led the membership in prayer.
- II. New SAAB members and/or Guests in Attendance
  - A. New SAAB / Brother2Brother member Triston Harris introduced himself to the membership. Triston is a Freshman on the campus of IU Northwest, where he is majoring in Graphic Design.
- III. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Co-Vice President of IU Northwest, Roy Lee Cast, Jr., and Mr. Currie acknowledged that they have not been able to contact Pat Brown, from the Office of Student Support Services, to finalize the plans for the Community Service Committee's Clean-Up Effort that is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 1, 2011 between 9:00 AM and 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. Both Cast and Currie said they would try to contact Ms. Brown by phone again sometime today. Community Service Committee Chairman Christopher Robinson said the t-shirts that were ordered should be delivered by this afternoon. Mr. Currie instructed Robinson to follow up with Dave Holok from Mike's Sporting Goods to make sure they would be ready and delivered today. Robinson said that the t-shirts could not be delivered, but could be picked up from Mike's Sporting Goods in Merrillville, Indiana.
  - 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., Triston Harris, Lawyer Fentress, Joe Lopez, Donald Lockett, Sr., Jose Meza, Edgar Mota, DeAndre Nwannunu, Henry Powell, Christopher Robinson, Gabriel Sotres, and Christopher Watson. Also going are James Wallace, Ashley Howard, Jeffery Moseley, Cory Thames, and an editor/reporter from the IU Northwest RedHawk Review Newspaper. There are no more spots available.

- C. Lawyer Fentress, Co-Chairman of the Membership & Public Relations Committee, reiterated that volunteers are needed 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, dress shoes, and a shirt & tie or a suit. Lawyer said that he will not be available from 5:30 – 6:45pm on that day because of his AFRO A-261 class.
- D. Mr. Currie reiterated that each and every SAAB / B2B members is to give their professors a copy of the Fall 2011 Academic Progress forms. Members are to give one copy of the form to each of their professors by no later than Saturday, October 1, 2011, and no later than Saturday, October 8, 2011 at the absolute latest. Each professor will then provide a midterm grade for each SAAB / B2B member and an assessment of their class attendance.
- Mr. Currie also once again handed out forms for SAAB / B2B members to provide a written consent to have their personal information entered into the SAAB National Database online.
- E. Academic Committee Co-Chairman DeJuan DeVoe expressed a desire to modify the current Academic Study Table schedule, and instead, have each SAAB / Brother2Brother complete a "study timesheet" that would have them list all of the hours in each day that they spent studying each subject they have. Mr. Currie asked DeJuan to move forward in creating the study timesheet. DeJuan expressed concern that not all SAAB / B2B members are making the best use of their time for studying. DeVoe encouraged all of the SAAB / B2B members who need tutoring to sign up for it A.S.A.P.
- F. Christopher Robinson, the Chairman of the Community Service Committee, said that all members of the Community Service Committee should meet at Embassies of Christ Church to participate in the Embassies of Christ Food Drive on Saturday, October 8, 2011.
- G. DeAndre Nwannunu, Chairman of the Personal & Professional Development Committee, indicated that he would contact Phyllis Barlow today to discuss the collaboration with the Office of Diversity Programming (ODP) 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.
- The event that we are collaborating with the ODP for is a play entitled "Our Young Black Men are Dying (and No One Seems to Care)" which will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2011. The ODP would like many SAAB / Brother2Brother members to act as greeters and ushers for the event.
- H. Brandon Hearne, Co-Chairman of the Spiritual Enrichment & Social Activities Committee, said he and Wayne Howard (Committee Chairman) are looking into potential venues to hold the Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner, which is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 20, 2011. Brother2Brother President Kehinda Pryor said he may know of a venue at a low rental rate, and he would get with the Chairmen of the Spiritual Enrichment & Social Activities committee to discuss further.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mr. Currie announced that we have four new SAAB / Brother2Brother members: Triston Harris, Eric Caudillo, John Nelson, and Justin Richmond, all from the IU Northwest campus.

- B. Mr. Currie re-emphasized the importance of his 'One-on-One' meetings where he is scheduled to meet weekly or bi-weekly with each and every SAAB / Brother2Brother member on either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Mr. Currie said it is not good to receive either an "F" or a "W" (for Withdrawal) on your report card, but between the two, it is better to have a "W" than an "F."

Mr. Currie also emphasized the importance of SAAB / B2B members studying together if they are enrolled in the same exact course with the same exact professor. Mr. Currie said it all members only study by themselves, that defeats the purpose of being a member of SAAB / B2B; Mr. Currie said that if a student is very strong in MATH M-007, he should be helping out those members who are weak in that same subject.

Mr. Currie said that when he was an undergraduate student on the Bloomington campus of Indiana University, he met and talked with members of Caucasian fraternities who highlighted the fact that they always studied together and shared notes from each class, and that they even maintained 'dossier' files of each professor's strengths and weaknesses, and personality quirks.

- C. Mr. Currie announced that from now on, the meeting minutes will be posted online, and SAAB / B2B members will have to read and review the meeting minutes online. Once members have read the meeting minutes online, we will vote to approve them at Friday's meeting.
- D. DeJuan DeVoe, Co-Chairman of the Academic Committee, highlighted the English book, "They Say / I Say: The Moves that Matter in Academic Writing" (by Gerald Graff and Cathy Birkenstein), and DeVoe recommended that anyone who is experiencing challenges with ENG W-130 and ENG W-131 should purchase the book.

It was also suggested by SAAB / B2B member Kenard Jackson that those members who are having problems with math go to [interactmath.com](http://interactmath.com)

- E. President Kehinda Pryor announced that the Fall 2011 semester would be his last as President, and as an Executive Officer, due to the fact that his schedule is too tight. President Pryor said that he will officially resign at the next-to-last or last meeting of the Fall 2011 semester.

Mr. Currie said that whoever replaces Kehinda should ideally have no less than a 3.000/4.000 cumulative grade point average.

#### V. General / Open Discussion

- A. No particular subject was discussed during the Open Discussion period.

#### VI. Next Meeting

- A. It was determined that the next SAAB meeting will be on Friday, October 7, 2011 at 8:00am CST at IU Northwest in Hawthorn Hall, Room 107. The membership decided that all general membership meetings for the remainder of the Fall 2011 semester would begin at 8:00 AM.

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 Christopher Anderson led the membership in a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:51 AM CST.