



## **Meeting Minutes**

Friday, October 7, 2011

### Present:

**IU Northwest members** – Jesse Allen, Christopher Anderson, Nicholas Campbell, Roy Lee Cast, Jr., DeJuan DeVoe, Lawyer Fentress, Martrell Gill, Oscar Hinton, Donald Lockett, Sr., John Nelson, DeAndre Nwannunu, Davonte Piggee, Henry Powell (via Skype), Kehinda Pryor, Christopher Robinson, Gabriel Sotres, Dameon Walker, Kenneth Williams

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

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

- I. The sixth meeting of the Fall 2011 Semester began at approximately 8:11 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. New SAAB / Brother2Brother member John Nelson introduced himself to the membership. John is a Freshman on the campus of IU Northwest, and he is undecided on his major.
  - B. Brother2Brother President Kehinda Pryor's fiancée, Candace Thornton, was in attendance
- III. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Co-Vice President of IU Northwest, Roy Lee Cast, Jr., expressed frustration that he did not find out until the last minute that the proposed Community Service Project, originally scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2011 had been canceled.

Community Service Committee Chairman Christopher Robinson said that he notified everyone on his list who put down a home or mobile number. VP Cast said that he does not check his Facebook often, so he would prefer that communication with him be over-the-phone and/or via normal Email. Mr. Currie stated that he uses three forms of communication: Facebook, normal Email, and the telephone. Mr. Currie said on occasion, he communicates by SMS/text via mobile phones. Pat Brown, formerly of the IU Northwest Student Support Services, officially canceled the proposed Dorie Miller Clean-Up effort late afternoon on Friday, September 30, 2011.
  - B. 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.

- C. 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 15, 2011, and no later than Saturday, October 22, 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.
- D. Mr. Currie also reiterated 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.
- E. Academic Committee Co-Chairman DeJuan DeVoe again emphasized the fact that students who have the same course should be studying together; Not only to help each other out in preparation for quizzes and tests, but also to build better camaraderie among the membership.
- New SAAB / B2B member John Nelson suggested that those members who have the same major and/or same career goals should ideally seek to register for the same courses during the Spring 2012 semester and beyond so that their class schedules are very similar to one another.
- DeVoe mentioned that early registration for Spring 2012 courses begins on Monday, October 31, 2011 online.
- F. James Wallace, Temporary Director of the Office of Diversity Programming, announced that the Embassies of Christ Food Drive that was scheduled for the second Saturday in each month now has been moved to the second Thursday of each month in the morning, with distribution happening on the third Sunday of each month.
- SAAB / Brother2Brother members who signed up to assist on Sunday, October 16, 2011 are: Roy Lee Cast, Jr., Lawyer Fentress, Martrell Gill, Oscar Hinton, Wayne Howard, Davonte Piggee, and Kenneth Williams; Signed up to assist on Sunday, November 20, 2011 are: Lawyer Fentress, Oscar Hinton, Wayne Howard, John Nelson, Davonte Piggee, and Kenneth Williams.
- G. DeAndre Nwannunu, Chairman of the Personal & Professional Development Committee, indicated that he has made contact with ODP Coordinator Phyllis Barlow, and that they should be meeting soon to discuss the collaboration with the Office of Diversity Programming (ODP) for the event in mid-November. The Personal & Professional Development Committee also 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. Wayne Howard, Chairman of the Spiritual Enrichment & Social Activities Committee, said he and Brandon Hearne (Committee Co-Chairman) are looking into potential venues to hold the Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner, which is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 20, 2011.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mr. Currie handed out questionnaires for the membership to complete and return to him. The questionnaire centered on academic progress for the Fall 2011 semester as well how to improve the effectiveness of the Brother2Brother organization.

IV. NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

- B. Mr. Wallace talked about an upcoming event on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 that highlights the Tuskegee Airmen. Mr. Wallace asked for volunteers to be ushers. Those B2B members who signed up to be ushers are DeJuan DeVoe, Lawyer Fentress, and Wayne Howard. They would need to dress in SAAB/B2B attire (i.e., shirt & tie, dress slacks, dress shoes).
- C. Jesse Allen said that he is looking to have someone from the IU Credit Union come and speak to the membership about stocks, bonds, Certificates of Deposit, and other investment instruments. Allen will let us know who and when someone from the IU Credit Union would present.

V. General / Open Discussion

- A. Mr. Wallace encouraged each and every SAAB/B2B member to be very active on the respective committees that they committed themselves to be a part of. Mr. Wallace emphasized that each of the six committees should have at least one "signature event" for both the Fall 2011 semester and the Spring 2012 semester. Mr. Wallace also encouraged the committees to open up many of their events for the entire university and surrounding community, as opposed to sponsoring events that only involve the SAAB/B2B membership exclusively.
- B. Brother2Brother President Pryor conducted a "camaraderie building exercise" where he had each of the SAAB / B2B members get to know at least one other B2B member who they were unfamiliar with. The pairings were as follows:
- Kehinda Pryor & Christopher Robinson
  - Roy Lee Cast, Jr. & Oscar Hinton
  - Donald Lockett, Sr. & Martrell Gill
  - DeJuan DeVoe & DeAndre Nwannunu
  - Lawyer Fentress & Wayne Howard
  - Jesse Allen & Kenneth Williams
  - Davonte Piggee & John Nelson
  - Christopher Anderson & Gabriel Sotres
  - Nick Campbell & Dameon Walker

President Pryor encouraged all of the B2B members to get to know a new and different B2B member each week or at least, every other week, until you eventually have rapport with everyone in the membership.

VI. Next Meeting

- A. It was determined that the next SAAB meeting will be on Friday, October 14, 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 Oscar Hinton led the membership in a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:42 AM CST.