



Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 14, 2011

Present:

IU Northwest members – Christopher Anderson, Miracle Anokwute, Nicholas Campbell, DeJuan DeVoe, Chisonna Echeumuna, Lawyer Fentress, Triston Harris, Brandon Hearne, Joe Lopez, Donald Lockett, Sr., Jose Meza, Edgar Mota, DeAndre Nwannunu, Henry Powell, Kehinda Pryor, Christopher Robinson, Gabriel Sotres, Howard Sweet, 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), Gabriel Sotres (B2B Undergraduate Assistant), James Wallace (Temporary Director, Office of Diversity Programming)

- I. The seventh meeting of the Fall 2011 Semester began at approximately 8:08 am. Mr. Currie opened up the meeting and Mr. Wallace 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. Jose Meza, Chairman of the Membership & Public Relations Committee, said that a number of volunteers showed up for the IU Northwest “Fall Preview Night” on Thursday, October 13, 2011, including Vice President Roy Lee Cast, Jr., DeJuan DeVoe, Chisonna Echeumuna, Triston Harris, Oscar Hinton, Joe Lopez, Edgar Mota, Christopher Robinson, and Christopher Watson. Meza and Lawyer Fentress, Co-Chairman of the Membership & Public Relations Committee, said that the Brother2Brother table had more volunteers than any other table during the Fall Preview Night.
 - B. Christopher Robinson, Chairman of the Community Service / Service Learning Committee, encouraged as many student members of SAAB / B2B to show up for the Embassies of Christ Food Drive on Sunday, October 16, 2011. Robinson also mentioned that he is in communication with Mary Lee about a possible community service event in the Glen Park neighborhood.
 - 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 mentioned that early registration for Spring 2012 courses begins on Monday, October 31, 2011 online. DeVoe gave a demonstration of how you can register for classes and put them in your inbox.
- F. 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.

Mr. Wallace inquired as to why are we seeking a speaker from the high school level instead of the college level. Mr. Moseley responded that Urban Prep Charter School has gained a lot of notoriety for working with all of their high school graduates to be accepted into college.

Mr. Wallace said that SAAB / B2B should look into the possibility of bringing another speaker who would have wider appeal to the community at large.

- G. Brandon Hearne, Co-Chairman of the Spiritual Enrichment & Social Activities Committee, said he and Wayne Howard (Committee Chairman) are still investigating possible venues to hold the Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner, which is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 20, 2011.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. SAAB / B2B member Miracle Anokwute led a presentation about the **Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Program**. Miracle said that the L.S.A.M.P. program is really helpful and beneficial for those majoring in computer science, engineering, math, social sciences, or any of the primary sciences (e.g., Biology, Chemistry, Physics, et al). Miracle said participants can earn money for conducting research. There is a conference that will be held at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN on Saturday, November 12, 2011. The deadline for registration is today (Friday, October 14, 2011). Mr. Wallace encouraged any student who may be interested to register with Ms. Cathy Hall.
- B. SAAB / B2B President Kehinda Pryor asked for a motion to remove the current Co-Chairman of the Personal & Professional Development Committee, Robert Harris, from his position. Henry Powell expressed a motion to do just that, and his motion was seconded by DeAndre Nwannunu, who is the Chairman of the Personal & Professional Development Committee.
- C. Christopher Anderson was elected as the new Co-Chairman of the Personal & Professional Development Committee. Christopher was nominated by SAAB / B2B member Gabriel Sotres, and that nomination was seconded by Christopher Robinson. No other SAAB / B2B members were nominated. Anderson was elected by a unanimous vote by the membership. Anderson briefly spoke about the attributes he possesses that he believes will contribute to his position as Co-Chair of the Personal & Professional Development Committee.

V. General / Open Discussion

- A. DeJuan DeVoe mentioned that the campus Health & Wellness Center provides health screenings for \$30.00 and dental exams for \$51.00. The Health & Wellness Center is located in the Dunes Medical Building in Room 1027.
- B. SAAB / B2B Office Assistant Ashley Howard encouraged each SAAB / B2B member to make full use of their departmental Academic Advisors, and make sure that these Advisors do not mislead them into enrolling into courses that they really do not need for graduation. Mr. Currie also emphatically expressed that SAAB / B2B members should all be in possession of a “bingo sheet,” which is an academic planning sheet that should receive from their advisors. Mr. Currie said that these sheets will help members plan out their entire Freshman year, Sophomore year, Junior year and Senior year.
- C. Brandon Hearne mentioned that he will be in a Theatre Northwest stage theatre production entitled “Reckless” on campus on Thursday, November 10th, Friday, November 11th, Saturday, November 12th, and Sunday, November 13th at the Theatre Northwest Building on Grant St.
- D. Brother2Brother President Pryor continued with 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:

- Brandon Hearne & Triston Harris
- Joe Lopez & Chisonna Echeumuna
- Howard Sweet & Christopher Watson
- Henry Powell & Edgar Mota
- Jose Meza will get to know Kehinda Pryor & Christopher Robinson better

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.

- E. President Pryor expressed that it is extremely rude for SAAB / B2B members to be actively texting on their mobile phones during a general membership meeting. He encouraged all members to show respect for those who are speaking.

VI. Next Meeting

- A. It was determined that the next SAAB meeting will be on Friday, October 21, 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 on a regular basis. At LEAST once per month. Mr. Currie said that if the committees are not fully active, then the organization as a whole cannot be fully active.

VII. Adjournment

- A. SAAB / Brother2Brother member Howard Sweet led the membership in a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:02 AM CST.