Minutes for Samuel M. Nabrit Black Graduate Student Association held on the 21st of September, 2007

Members present:
Andrea Owens-Jones – Coordinator  Ashley Weaver
Sam McNeal – Co-Coordinator  Tamako Garcia
Tania Nevers – Secretary  Orly Clerge
Racquel Sherwood – Treasurer  Ashley Johnson
Ravi Perry- Conference Committee Chair  Noelle Hutchins
Sarah Dawson – Historian  Monique Brown
Breann Brown  David Sylvester
Christopher J. Peete  Brandy Hinnant
Chloe Poston  Leroy Cooper

Meeting was called to order at 6:15pm. New incoming members were welcomed and formally introduced.

BGSA Website
Nabrit Members were asked to submit a photo of themselves in a professional setting to Sarah Dawson. These photos will be used to develop a slide show of Nabrit members so that viewers to the website can see its members in their active roles.

Graduate Student Conference
Sam McNeal spoke about the Graduate Student Conference which will be held on March 12, 2008. Samuel L Nabrit members will host the monthly Graduate Minority Student Dinner on that day. The invited speaker will be a Brown Alumni from the Psychology department, Dr. Issac Colbert. There will be a poster session before the talk so that we can see what Black graduate students are doing in their different fields.

Nabrit Shirts
A vote was taken on the preference of the kind of shirt preferred to represent the Nabrit Members. The results of the votes were:
T-Shirt – 8
Polo – 3

BGSA Constitution
Vote for the approval of the Nabrit BGSA’s Constitution was done. Motion for the constitution to be approved as is was done by Kim Sherwood and seconded by Sara Dawson. There was no opposition. Constitution was approved as is.

Confirmation of New Executive Board Members
The new executive board members were introduced to everybody and a vote was done for the approval of the board. Votes were as follows:
Motion was given by Sara Dawson
Seconded by Chloe Poston

The role of the historian was discussed and clarified.
**Conference Committee**
Members of the conference committee were introduced. They are: Andrea Owens, Ravi Perry and Courtney Frederick. Members were asked to volunteer to help the Conference Committee in organizing the upcoming conference.

**Social Committee**
The new social committee chair was chosen to be Christopher Peete. Voting was done to decide what the social activity for October should be. Votes were as follows:
Bowling and Karaoke 14, Game Night 1 Halloween Party 0
The Social Activity for October will be Bowling and Karaoke, on October 13th at East Providence Lanes

Everyone was urged to register Nabrit as one of their groups under MyGroups web page.

**Announcements**
- On the 5th Sunday of September, Ebenezer Baptist Church will be having a soul food dinner at the church.
- Selena Brown will be having a play at the Rights and Reason Theatre for her dissertation
- Orly Clerge will be starting a book club

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30pm

Minutes prepared by:
Tania Nevers
Secretary

Approved on September 24th, 2007
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