Notes from the Conference Proposal Committee

Preferably a Fall Conference (Friday-Sunday)

Conference Name:
Black Ivy Graduate Conference (The B.I.G. Conference)
*Inviting All Ivy League Graduate Students of the African Diaspora*

Theme 1: Contemporary Approaches, Crucial Solutions
Theme 2: Confronting Reality, Altering the Course

Details:

Friday
7-8am Breakfast and Registration
8:15-8:45 Welcome with President Ruth Simmons
8:45-9am Networking Break (Coffee/Tea Available)
9-10:45 Concurrent Sessions and Select Poster Presentations on Display

(This section will be organized by sub-themes based on the submissions and will be vaguely related to the broader theme; the Concurrent Sessions will include a discussant who keeps time, introduces panel members, and fields questions from the audience; There will be 3-4 participants per panel in rooms with media equipment and who are allotted 15-20 minutes for their presentation and the entire group is given 15-20 minutes for questions)

-- the poster sessions – primarily for the sciences people – will take place in a room like Sayles Auditorium where people can roam about and see different posters) “Posters on Display” designates the poster presentations being available to view without the presenter. “Concurrent Posters Presentations” designates poster presentations being available to view with the presenter available for questions.

10:45 – 11am Networking Break (Coffee/Tea Available)
11-12:45 Concurrent Panel Sessions and Concurrent Poster Presentations
12:45-2pm Luncheon (Featuring Musical Talent and the Recognition of Conference Supporters)
2:15-4pm Concurrent Panel Sessions and Concurrent Poster Presentations
4:15-5:15 Workshop I: Title: CV Development
5:30-6:30 Workshop II: Title: Research Grant Proposals
6:30 Dinner on your own
10 pm Social Activity

Saturday

8-9am Registration and Breakfast by Discipline (Meet in a specific room for continental breakfast with fellow colleagues in your related field)
9-10:45 Concurrent Panel Presentations and Poster Presentations on Display
10:45-11 Networking Break (Coffee/Tea)
11-12:45 Concurrent Panel Presentations and Concurrent Poster Presentations
1pm – 2pm Luncheon
2-3pm Workshop III: Title: Subgroups within the Black Diasporan Experience
3-4pm Workshop IV: Title: Getting Published
4-4:15 Networking Break (Coffee/Tea)
4:15-6:00 Roundtable Discussion: Topic: The Future of the Talented Tenth: Can America’s Black Intellectuals Lead the African American Community into the Future
6-8pm Dinner (Keynote Speaker - Recognition of Best Paper Awards for the Best ABD Paper “Ruth Simmons Award”; Best Pre-ABD Paper “Inman Page Award”; Best Overall Paper; “Samuel M. Nabrit Award”)

8-10pm Host Reception (on campus – beer/wine, conversation)
10pm Social Activity (off campus – Black Rep perhaps)

Sunday

12pm Gospel Brunch (Either Jazz Brunch at the Westin; or Gospel Brunch in Boston; or catered lunch on campus)

6pm – Imani Jubilee Worship Service

Other Items:

Keynote Speaker Ideas:
Cornel West, Ruth Simmons; Lani Guiner; Johnetta B. Cole; Johnella Butler; Beverly Tatum; Michael Eric Dyson; Ben Carson; Michael Dawson; Katherine Tate; Cathy Cohen; Toni Morrison; Nikki Giovanni; Marc Morial; Derrick Bell

Initially Invite (early) Harvard/Yale and see how submissions go and then see about other IL schools

Provide Conference Gifts with registration (shirts, folder, pens, bag, portfolio, mug, etc)

Seek Sponsorship with Local Hotels, Bookstores, Restaurants; Grocery Stores, etc

Give Out surveys with registration for feedback on conference

Think About a Tour of Places of Interest in Providence (RI Black Heritage Society; Black Rep, etc)

Registration Fee to be determined