

## **College Diversity Roundtable Minutes** **2/21/13**

**Norman Burnett:** Welcome to the first meeting of the semester

**Announcements** - Native American open mic night Douglass leadership house

**Christen Monahan-** Office of Alumni Relations

- multicultural students connect with multi alums over spring break in NYC March 12
- Free
- Worked with 7 alums over the past few months to come up with a program that they hope will be successful and be the first of future events
- red rooster in Harlem- cool restaurant with and award winning chef
- facebook page- NYC- Multicultural Student-Alumni Networking Night"- find it through Google
- co-sponsored by NESBE, OMSA, SALSA and BSU

**Michelle Thompson-Taylor-** Director of the Intercultural Center and Campus Climate

- led an activity to focus on the Intercultural Center- she led a brainstorming session where the **roundtable** is broken into 3 different groups to
- think about the idea of culture and what does that mean (come up with a definition of culture)
- brainstorm what the ICC could be
- ideas that were shared will be taken back to inform the development of the center
- key thing to remember is that culture is communication- communication is culture- sense of shared values, traditions, customs- through some form of communication so students will play a critical role in defining the center through communication
- sense of respect and trying to understand each other will get us further along the way

**Lydia Crews and Chantelle White-** MSAB CDR Leadership Conference

- staybridge on Saturday.
- RSVP from students has not been rigorous
- Anyone who represents the MCG groups please have 5 members from respective e-boards should rsvp to either Lydia or Erica Williams
- MSAB is the only group that meets with the president 2x year

-for the conference Dr Vivian Lewis, Dean Feldman, and Dean Burdick will attend, as well as the associate director of financial aid

-opportunity to speak with people about concerns you have

-free and there is a bus leaving IT center at 8:15 am

-reinforce your foundation and ignite your fire is the theme of the conference

**Thomas Crews** - MLK Address debrief

Melissa Harris Perry-

-fortunate to have wonderful speaker for the last two years

-start the subcommittee for the MLK address now- students interested in joining should contact him now so they can start gathering names for next years speaker

-so far we've gotten younger speakers but we're not limited to anyone- by the end of March will have a solid list of people they may want to bring out.

Spring meeting dates- 3/21 and 4/18 in the Gamble room 5-6:30