NIOT Subcommittee Meeting Summary
May 1, 2014
BG Council Chambers (2 – 4pm)

Attendance:
Vicky Kulicke  Mary Beth Zachary  Kristin Brewer  Dan Boyle
Ray Plaza  Tobias Spears  Sandy Wicks  Rev. Lynn Kerr
Vivienne Felix  Barbara Keller  Heather Sayler  Faith Yingling
Susana Peña  Arpan Yagnik  Casey Swick  Julie Snyder
Jeff Kegolis

Meeting call to Order – 2:00 pm

A. Welcome & Introductions

B. Review of Minutes from April 7, 2014 – approved

C. Updates from subcommittees
   1. Outreach Initiatives
      a. BGSU students - goal is to transition new student leaders
   2. Education and Programming
      a. iStand earned the annual Collaboration of the Year award through the Division
         of Student Affairs at BG
      b. Colors of the Falcon – multicultural Greek council
      c. DiversityFest – video (mosque)
      d. Not In Our Halls - #NIOHallsBGSU – students take pictures/selfies with parts of
         the pledge in front of white banner
      e. Dr. Hanasono – Wednesday nights at the Farmer’s Market, wants to try and
         engage the community
   3. Marketing and Public Relations
      a. Window clings have arrived (500 for BGSU, 500 for BG)! Two issues with first
         batch: 1) how it faces (okay on inside of window); 2) the white backing needs to
         be clear per Ohio state law – feel free to take one (or more!) for your offices. A
         new set of window clings (clear) have been ordered.
      b. NIOT Shirts – 103 sold already! Initial purchase was supported through private
         support
         i. Each shirt is $9.99 and can be picked up at the BGSU Bookstore or Stroh
            Center (email to be sent to town about sales now at Stroh Center)
c. If an organization is hosting an event and it relates to NIOT values, add the logo to the event!
   i. Pledge cards are available – 1000 for $200
   ii. Banners are available - $50 per banner

D. Follow-up issues
   1. Ad hoc committee from residence life statement for landlords on West Wooster- Signs on Wooster St.
      a. Dan Boyle: Had initial meeting and determined an educational approach (Good Neighbor Initiative/”how to be a good neighbor”) would be best approach versus changing the lease.
         i. Discussion re: changing lease or leaving it as is
            1. Ultimately decided not to change lease because committee members do not have the credentials
            2. Concern expressed by NIOT members that changing the lease will also give too much control to owners
         ii. How to be a good neighbor – ideas included having a NIOT banner available for people to sign
         iii. Discussion about involving the East Side Homeowners Association
      b. Hoping to collaborate with others (Faculty Senate, Dean of Students, residence halls, Wellness Connection) as discontentment over the signs has made it to the BG News and the Sentinel
      c. Anyone with expertise or interest is invited to attend the next meeting on Thursday, May 15th at 8:30 am at the Women’s Center at BGSU – a calendar invite will be sent by Dan Boyle, but feel free to invite others!

   2. Maumee Valley Unitarian Church again offered use of the electronic sign out front – keep the message short and let know in advance so they can try to accommodate

E. Campus Co Chair Update – Vicky
   1. De-Brief NIOT event 4/15 and 4/16
      a. Vicky brought the BGSU film to today’s meeting so we had a quick screening
      b. Goal: Modules on the NIOT website
   2. NIOT National visit and filming
      a. Filming by NIOT National group because of the unique town/university collaboration and its part of a grant
      b. NIOT National will return around premiere
   3. Breaking Down the Wall
      a. Very popular; people wrote “-isms” to tear down
      b. During the week of NIOT, committee members stood in circle by BTSU to invite students/staff to include a brick
      c. Engaged the audience at the NIOT event because everyone was invited to tear part of the wall down
4. NIOT National Event in Billings, Montana
   a. Coming up from June 20 – 22, 2014
   b. Number of individuals from BGSU and the City of Bowling Green will be attending
5. City Co-Chair Opportunity
   a. Important for town/gown relationships
   b. Goal for the community side: grow audience/support
   c. Commitment: monthly NIOT meetings (switch locations between BGSU and the community) and subcommittee meetings
6. NIOT Funding (report out)
   a. Proposal to do fund/account line through Foundation
   b. Julie Snyder (DOS) agreed to help
   c. “Six words to grab interest”

F. New Business
1. What’s Next for NIOT
   a. President’s Advisory meeting is coming up
   b. Suggestions for the future of NIOT:
      i. Take NIOT to the next level – time to do things (focus workshops, trainings, having those difficult conversations)
      ii. Consider spaces available in the community for events/meetings
      iii. Consider what religious/social justice groups at BGSU are doing and/or introduce NIOT to local churches
      iv. Bridge relationship between local schools and BGSU
      v. Set 3 or so goals that will be strategic and impactful
      vi. Create/update an annual events calendar of the things NIOT participates in (ex: NIOT anniversary, NIOT week walking in parades, etc.)
      vii. Understand balance – not a “programming” body
      viii. Consider what the goals of the community may be (community can be independent without always BGSU involved)
      ix. Discussion: “what’s our level of tolerance for intolerance?” – refer to response statement
      x. Look at ways that we can assess the impact of NIOT and all of the work

G. Good of the order
   a. Jeff Kegolis & Heather attending the International Town Gown Conference
   b. Ray Plaza – Black Graduation Ceremony on Sunday, May 4th
   c. Mary Beth Zachary – Return Library books
   d. Sandy Wicks – look at ways that we can outreach to the Junior/Senior High School students (consider the DARE model)
e. Barb Keller – Congrats to Casey Swick on her service to NIOT and on her upcoming graduation; Kudos as well to Arpan for his efforts. Reminder that BG has lots to offer, and ways to make an impact.

f. Vicky – The Office for Equity and Diversity will be coordinating Training Sessions by OFCCP and these will be taking place on May 14th.

Meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Summary compiled by Kristen Brewer & Ray Plaza

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

June 11, 2014    BGSU/ Bowen Thompson Student Union Room 316 2-4 p.m.

July 10, 2014    BGSU /Bowen Thompson Student Union Room 316 2-4 p.m.