NIOT Subcommittee Meeting Summary
July 10, 2014
316 Bowen-Thompson Student Union (2 – 4pm)
BGSU Campus

Attendance:
Seth Weber  Heather Sayler  Monica Moll  Vicky Kulicke
Leslie Potts  Erin Baker  Tobias Spears  Ana Brown
Arpan Yagnik  Mary Beth Zachary  Jan McKnight  Ray Plaza
Susana Peña  Cyndie Roberts  Mary Krueger  Dana Nemeth

I. Welcome & Review of Minutes from June 10, 2014 meeting

II. NIOT Leadership Review

a. Vicky provided an overview of the Leadership for the NIOT Working Groups, as she shared that this was her last meeting as the BGSU Co-Chair.

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Vicky also announced the new Co-Chairs for both BGSU and BG:

BGSU Co-Chair: Ray Plaza       BG Co-Chair: Rev. Gary Saunders

*In light of Ray’s appointment as BGSU Co-Chair, we will be looking for a BGSU individual to serve in the Marketing and Public Relations role

III. Updates from Working Groups

• Overall goal for each working group to have Co-Chairs, one from the University and one from the Community

a. Outreach Initiative
   i. No Report

b. Education and Programming
   i. Taking iStand to next level with training geared for faculty and staff, as well as students
ii. With SafeZone being revamped as well, there will be a focus on BG/BGSU specific issues under the NIOT lenses

iii. Exploring new initiative called “Out Falcons” and the hope that it will be a part of the NIOT efforts

iv. Conducting training for graduate staff in Residence Life and will also focus on NIOT

v. Exploring the possibility of developing a “Passport style” program where students and others get stamped for participating in NIOT related events/programs. Arose from discussions with students.

c. Marketing and Public Relations

i. NIOT website up and working on additional updates

ii. NIOT buttons/pledge cards are available as part of SOAR at the Office of Multicultural Affairs table

iii. Reminder of NIOT tag on University Calendar – opportunity to track programs that are NIOT related/sponsored

iv. Report that Sandy Wicks was able to go to local businesses and provide them with pledge cards and window clings

v. Window clings being posted on different buildings on campus – interior doors of Bowen-Thompson, Residence Halls and other areas.

IV. Follow-up issues

a. Ad hoc committee from residence life statement for landlords on West Wooster- Signs on Wooster St. Meeting information and updates.

i. Meeting scheduled for July 22, 2014 from 9-10 am in 242 Shatzel.

ii. Still working on meeting with Legal Counsel to discuss what can or can’t not be done in order to not infringe on first amendment rights

iii. Number of initiatives being discussed involving both campus and city

V. Campus Co Chair Update – Vicky

a. NIOT National Gathering: June 20-22--in Billings, Montana.

i. BG/BGSU had 11 delegates at the National Gathering and the largest contingent of students.

ii. Each member of the delegation was involved in some capacity in presenting programs and coordinating a discussion.

iii. 46 different communities were in attendance and shared their efforts

iv. Adriana Darris served as the Closing speaker – tremendous opportunity and also showcased BG/BGSU’s efforts

v. BG/BGSU folks made strong connections with the individuals from Oak Creek and they have agreed to come to BG for a showing of the “Waking in Oak Creek” film.

vi. Also exploring opportunities to collaborate and engage with surrounding NIOT communities (Bloomington, IN for example and others).

vii. Received information about the Gold Start City Criteria and this effort will be one of the Case Studies featured in a new grant – assessment work will be undertaken by NIOT

viii. Looking at ways to engage the School System – note sent to the Superintendent about the leadership changes. In addition, the Not In Our Schools (NIOS) effort
recently profiled on CNN – part of broader national effort. NIOS has lots of free materials and resources available.

b. Impressions from others that attended:
   i. Chief Moll:
      1. Gained a better appreciation and understanding of the movement/effort
      2. Examples of communities taking proactive efforts rather than reactive efforts
      3. Engaged with many of the law enforcement efforts
   ii. Heather:
      1. Emotional and powerful experiences hearing from the speakers and watching the different films
      2. Alarming number of hate crimes not being reported at all
   iii. Ray:
      1. Students engaged in different levels – three also participated in a Juneteenth celebration
      2. Now have video library of the different films – OED has a set and OMA has a set
      3. Reinforcing that the NIOT is a non-political effort
      4. Opportunity to re-watch the original Billings film and to see some of the participants on the 20th anniversary panel

c. NIOT at the Farmers Market and EVENT on 6/11/14
   i. Positive feelings about the effort from Lisa Hanasono’s students with the NIOT Banner at the Farmer’s Market as well as the video recordings at the United Way
   ii. Students from her class were actively engaged in interacting with community members, sharing NIOT information and getting individuals to sign the banner.

d. Community Collaboration opportunities with the Historical Society

Special Guest: Dana Nemeth, Director, Wood County Historical Center & Museum

- Dana introduced herself and also provide background information to the Wood County Historical Center and Museum. Web link: [http://www.woodcountyhistory.org/](http://www.woodcountyhistory.org/)
- Facility dates back to 1868 and was in use until 1971 and then reopened as a Museum in 1975.
- Desire to showcase how society’s ills continue over time and looking at ways to collaborate – examples such as domestic violence, race issues (KKK), etc.
- An example is their current exhibit – Asylum and looks at the facilities history but also how mental illness has treated and what is happening today
- Recently, local author – Michael Brooks has done a History of the KKK in Wood County. Initially thought about doing something with the book, but looking at expanding to other related social issues in the greater NW Ohio area (including Lucas County, etc.)
- They have a space that can be used, but very limited in size. Could host a screening of NIOT films, etc.
Shared that major construction project will be taking place in 2015, and that next set of major exhibits in 2016.

e. **City Co-Chair Opportunity** *
   i. Reiterated the new incoming leadership for NIOT with new BGSU and BG Co-Chairs – Ray Plaza (BGSU); Rev. Gary Saunders (BG)

f. NIOT T-shirts
   i. Still for sale, over 100 sold, limited sizes available, still $9.99
   ii. Looking at ordering additional sizes to have ready for Opening
   iii. Exploring options to have the shirts available for FREE so that they can be given away, etc.

g. Volunteers
   i. We will need volunteers for at least 3 different events: (a list was passed around at the meeting)
      1. Aug. 22--Friday night of opening weekend, after event at stadium, event at Field house, last year there was NIOT table, 11 p.m. – 1 a.m.
      2. Sept. 4, Campus fest, 11-3 (rain date: following Thursday), we will need coverage throughout the day
      3. Oct. 5--Homecoming parade, have a NIOT float/car and people walking in parade, 5 pm

VI. **New Business**
   a. Event ideas
      i. Discussion of future events/community collaborations
         1. Follow-up with Athletics about posting NIOT during different Athletic events, etc.

VII. **Additional Updates**
   a. PACODI Retreat
      i. Vicky will be providing a report at the PACODI Retreat scheduled for July 17, 2014. With the feedback from PACODI, goal is to generate top three things.
   b. Advocacy role
      i. Question was raised about ensuring that NIOT does not forget the importance of the advocacy role and how this needs to be integrated with the efforts.

VIII. **Good of the order**
   a. Ray – reminder of the Wine and Cheese fundraiser by La Conexion de Wood County
   b. Dana – Thanks for the opportunity to talk about the Historical Society – please come and visit
   c. Mary – spoke about the upcoming Silence Witness project. This year the effort will take place back on Campus. May asked for formal support from NIOT to be listed as a sponsor. She is also looking for volunteers to help sew the cloths used during the event.

   **Formal vote taken and members agreed to have NIOT be a sponsor of the Silent Witness Project.**

d. Ana – shared an update on the Not In Our Halls effort through Residence Life.
i. As part of the opening weekend activities, students will be participating in a Town Hall. During the Town Hall, students will learn more about NIOT and have the opportunity to take photos and tweet about the effort. Looking at banners as well.

ii. In addition, exploring ways to give the annual Tunnel of Oppression (held in November) a NIOT/NIOH theme.

IX. Special Thanks

Finally, the group wanted to express their appreciation and thanks to Vicky Kulicke for her service as the NIOT Co-Chair since its inception in Spring 2013. Her efforts have been instrumental in helping to guide this initiative.

UPCOMING MEETINGS
The schedule for the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 is being developed and more information will come out in August. The goal will be to continue the rotation between on-campus and off-campus meetings. Potential for first meeting to be in late August/early September.

*Minutes were compiled by Ray Plaza*