NIOT Subcommittee Meeting Summary  
June 11, 2014  
316 Bowen-Thompson Student Union (2 – 4pm)  
BGSU Campus

**Attendance:**  
Vicky Kulicke  Mary Beth Zachary  Dan Boyle  Ray Plaza  
Susana Peña  Tobias Spears  Michael Smith  Jim Litwin  
Jeff Kegolis  Nancy Down  Abby Priehs  Heather Sayler  
Cyndie Roberts

I. Welcome & Review of Minutes from May 1, 2014

II. 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. Leslie Potts will represent BGSU side, Vicky will be involved in this subcommittee. Heather Sayler will be the community liaison.

  b. Education and Programming  
     i. Tobias (BGSU) and new co-chair Pastor Lynn Kerr (Community)  
     ii. Expanding iStand training to also include training for faculty and staff

  c. Marketing and Public Relations  
     i. Ray (BGSU) and Sandy Wicks (Community)  
     ii. NIOT website moving as part of BGSU web move  
     iii. NIOT buttons available as part of SOAR at the Office of Multicultural Affairs table  
     iv. Abby shared details about Residence hall residents are required to attend one town hall, and Not In Our Hall will be part of that town hall. Every new resident will get info about NIOT and this also will be done with commuter students.

III. Follow-up issues  
- **Ad hoc committee** from residence life statement for landlords on West Wooster- Signs on Wooster St. Meeting information and updates.  
  i. Try to develop program a week before move in and make contact with residents (students and non-students). Working on drafting a few letters that would be shared possibly with President's and Mayor's offices.  
  ii. VP Carr is in process of gathering together key individuals (including university counsel) about what is appropriate and not appropriate communication to have with off campus students.
IV. **Campus Co Chair Update** – Vicky (Ray shared these on Vicky’s behalf as she was still in transit to the meeting from Columbus)

a. **NIOT National Gathering**: June 20-22--in Billings, Montana.
   i. A number of BGSU/BG individuals will be attending. Formal report at the next meeting.

b. **NIOT at the Farmers Market and EVENT on 6/11/14**
   i. Students from Lisa Hanasono’s class will be doing a NIOT project at the Farmer’s Market and during the same time, they will also be set up in the United Way offices to videotape testimonials and stories from the local community. The events run from 4 pm – 7pm.
   ii. In addition, Lisa has received a grant to continue this sharing the story effort in the upcoming year

c. **Community Collaboration opportunities with the Historical Society**
   i. The Historical Society approached NIOT about participating in book signing, BGSU faculty about KKK in Wood county, Dana Nemeth, Prof. Michael Brooks, sometime in October

d. **Recent events in the Sentinel-Tribune newspaper**
   i. Incidents that took place in BGSU, folks arrested and charged,

e. **City Co-Chair Opportunity** *
   i. Looking for City co-chair, BGSU co-chair to be appointed
   ii. Suggestion raised that we begin to formally write down the specific duties and expectations of the Co-Chairs
   iii. On a related note, Michael shared that a new city-university initiative is being developed --, would be formal connection to those--panel of 12, no official chair, and then NIOT would interact with them

f. **Window clings on campus and community**
   i. Both police departments split costs, .32 a piece

g. **NIOT T-shirts**
   i. Still for sale, over 100 sold, limited sizes available, and push during opening, $9.99

h. **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, 10 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 and people walking in parade, 5 pm

V. **New Business**

a. **Event ideas**
   i. Jim--Conversation about Race in America, collected 10 ideas, events, etc.
      1. One was to establish a reading group that would focus on diversity in America
      2. Formally asking NIOT to sponsor the reading group, no funds involved
      3. Library will order books for the reading group and will be available for participants and will host, and only if we are sponsored by NIOT
4. Probably start in September, would take no more than 10-12 individuals, would be free to participants and be held monthly
5. Target audience: everyone in BG welcoming, mostly city folks'
6. Advertising would include Briefs section on Sentinel, and email mailing lists as well as through NIOT, as well as the BGSU Library
7. Jim would be serving as the facilitator for the Reading group

Formal vote taken and the NIOT Committee agreed to endorse and sponsor the proposed Reading group.

   ii. Discussion of future events/community collaborations
      1. The group looked at the other major community events that NIOT could be showcased and involved with. This included the following:
         a. Black Swamp Festival
         b. Wood County Fair
         c. Tractor Pull
         d. Winterfest
         e. Holiday Parade
         f. Other events/activities
      2. It was noted that the group needs to be intentional about what we want to showcase and what message we want to get across – why are we there? What can we provide those that attend? What will the table look like?

VI. Additional Updates
   a. Finances
      i. Vicky met with Julie Snyder and is working on setting up a NIOT Development account
      ii. Also raised the idea of a NIOT scholarship that could be awarded each year

VII. Good of the order
   a. Vicky - 11 people from BGSU/BG will be going to the NIOT National Gathering and everyone will be involved in some activity at the Gathering. For example, Adriana Darris will be one of the closing speakers.
   b. Vicky - NIOT is looking at using BGSU as part of a Case Study and they received a Federal Grant for this. More details to come.
   c. Michael - Graduate Student Senate has a new position for disability services as well as they are planning two Diversity Fests, one for the Fall focusing on foods and one in the Spring focusing on the arts.
   d. Jim – Raised an issue about exploring ways that predominately white churches could better partner and engage with more diverse churches (predominately Black/African-American, etc.)
   e. Ray – shared that we will be able to include NIOT items on the University Calendar and have a NIOT tag

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

Minutes were compiled by Susana Peña and Ray Plaza