

UF-ABA DC Chapter General Body Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2016 -Petworth Neighborhood Library

No. Members of Present: (In Person)-8

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(Conference Call line opened at 5:30pm)

- I. Call to Order: 5:35pm
- II. Introduction of Officers:
 - A. Charisse Ferguson, Shaina Amienyi, Alisa Valentin, and Angela Grant
- III. Upcoming Programs
 - A. Community Action/Policing Forum-**Angela (Community Outreach Director)**
 1. We will partner with CAU Upward Bound (Catholic University of America University) in order to confirm our partnership with the DC police department. We plan to work with Ward 5 police officers. Scheduling has been an issue.
 2. There are 70 children and we are hoping to have one office per table with these students.
 3. If you would like to be a part of this programming committee, please contact Angela.
 4. Current dates for this event are either 10/15 or 10/24.
 - B. Game Watch Parties **Shaina (Vice President)**
 1. Majority consensus was for UFABA to use Acre 121 as the game watch party location in DC and stick with this location.
 - a) We will open this question up to on SurveyMonkey as well for those who couldn't attend the meeting.
 2. Florida-Georgia Game Watch Party Update
 - a) October 29, 2016
 - b) If you want to be included in this program committee, please contact ufabadc@gmail.com
- IV. Committees **Charisse (President)**
 - A. We are looking for committee members and committee chairs, which will fall under **Angela Grant (Community Outreach Director)**.
 1. If anyone has any ideas as to what other committees we should have, please let us know.
 - B. Membership Director (Open)
 - C. Greek Affairs Director (Open)
- V. **National ABA Initiatives**
 - A. ABA for A.B.A.
 1. Currently the incoming class of freshman only have 500 Black out of 7,000 students.
 - a) Students are not choosing to go to UF even though they are getting accepted.
 - b) Also, it is important to debunk the rumor PAACT still exists
(Charisse-President)

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c) Questions from the floor and phone:

- (1) How many people are being accepted and are then choosing to go elsewhere vs. those who were accepted and
- (2) What are the reasons why people do not decide to attend UF?
 - (a) What are the characteristics of people who do not decide to attend UF? (socioeconomic, region, etc.)
- (3) How many of these accepted Black students are athletes?

2. Bolster Fundraising

- a) There are 19,917 Black Alumni. (Self-identified); however, there are only 1,400 who are paid UF-ABA members.
 - b) The University is invested, but are numbers are not there.
3. Be sure to add more Black Alumni to UFABA.
- a) Ask people to give at events and use a square on your phone **(Member on the floor)**.
 - b) We need to cut out the middle man--UFAA **(Member on the floor)**

B. ABA Weekend (Black Alumni Weekend)

1. **Charisse-President** will look to see how much registration goes towards the ABA Scholarship fund for Black alumni who can't attend, but would like to support. This is the first time this has been done.

VI. Open Discussion (**Charisse-President**)

A. What do you want to see from UF ABA?

1. We need to be connected to a specific agency would we like to continuously partner with in the future? What cause will we rally behind? **(Member on the floor)**
 - a) Shaina mentioned that we partnered SOME (So Others Might Eat) with the UF/UGA Watch Parties.
 - (1) These questions will be added to the survey.
2. Are we still considering options with high school students? **(Michelle-Member on the floor)**
 - a) **Charisse-President** responded that we must consent from the Board of Education and the Principal; however we are open to it. We have to identify a school that would be willing to work with us. The question is what does the school get back from us? What do they get out of it?
 - b) **(Michelle-Member on the floor)** As a Howard graduate student we visit Dunbar and they speak on how to matriculate through college.

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- (1) Charisse added that there is a doctor and dentist in the school that are run through Howard so we have to have a connection with high schools.

B. **(Talia-Member on the floor)** Do we have a vision for what our relationship will be with DC Gators?

1. **Charisse-President** responded that we want a strong and better relationship with the DC Gators, possibly through the Game Watch Parties.

a) Charisse is also proposing one joint executive meeting per half of year.

C. **Member on the floor** Have we ever had members that have been a part of both DC Gators and UFABA?

1. **Charisse-President** Yes.
2. **Talia-Member on the floor** agrees that there has been overlap between the two boards in the past.

VII. Membership Fees Explanation

A. If someone only signs up at UFABAA and they do not self-identify as Black and they live in the region then their money automatically goes to DC Gators.

B. **Talia (former national board member/UFABA-DC Board member)** asked if it's required that you click what race you are.

C. **(Charisse-President)** responded that said it is not required that you click the race.

D. **(Michelle-Member on the floor)** asked if we are going to fight to change this.

E. **(Talia-Member on the floor)** asks what is the percentage we get from lifetime membership fees?

F. **(Charisse-Member on the floor)** has been trying to get an answer for these question and also stated that the affiliate clubs get the same as the regular DC clubs, which is about \$4.

G. **(Member on the floor):** Is there any other ways that you can send donations to UFABA?

1. **Charisse (Member on the floor)** and **Shaina (Vice-President)** stated that we are always accepting donations.

H. **(Talia-Member on the floor)** asked why does all the money have to go to scholarships and asked if it could also go to programming, especially since we don't have a large recruitment presence in the area.

I. **(Michelle-Member on the floor)** asked if the scholarship has to go to someone in the area.

1. **Charisse** responded that we can send it to any region or any specific person.

J. ABA Weekend (Black Alumni Weekend)

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1. Currently we have 98 people that identify as Black in the UFABA DC chapter.

VIII. Renew your Membership today

IX. Announcements

A. We will have a general body meeting in October.

B. We will continue the newsletters and if you are interested in that role.

C. **(Charisse-President)** will work on the charitable donations form.

X. Close: 6:51 P.M.