

## BSU COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE 1993-94

Kobi Little, Chairman

It is the duty of the Community Relations Committee to publish the *Perspective*, to plan and host Family Weekend activities, to establish and maintain communication with on campus and off campus student organizations, community organizations, and Black alumni, to coordinate BSU community service efforts, and to build the spirit of community among Black students. The Community Relations Committee budget is \$4600. To accomplish its tasks, the Community Relations committee divides its responsibilities between seven subcommittees. The names, descriptions, and budgets of the subcommittees are listed below.

### I. Perspective Subcommittee - Prophete Charles, Chair

The *Perspective* is a news and editorial journal, that covers campus, local, national, and international issues. This subcommittee edits, distributes, writes and solicits articles and advertisements for the *Perspective*. The *Perspective* will be published in late October, early December, early February, mid March, and late April.

**Budget:** \$3000 (*Perspective* production costs, 5 issues at \$600).

### II. Community Service Subcommittee - Jonathan Johns, Chair

This subcommittee coordinates all of the BSU's Community service efforts. It will plan and oversee one long term project, six one day projects, and seasonal clothing and food drives. Projects currently under consideration include Project LOU (a program for youth in transitional housing) and a bone marrow drive.

**Budget:** \$500 (Various project expenses).

### III. Family Weekend Subcommittee - Chris Lawson, Chair

This subcommittee is responsible for inviting family, friends, and alumni to Family Weekend, and developing and coordinating a BSU Family Weekend Program that encompasses all of the Black student groups on campus and has refreshments and souvenirs for the guests. Additionally, this subcommittee, in conjunction with the Alumni Relations Subcommittee, must keep parents well informed of BSU events, actions and situations as well as other campus issues.

**Budget:** \$700 (Refreshments and souvenir expenses).

#### IV. Alumni Relations Subcommittee - Vacant.

This subcommittee will attain and maintain communication with Black alumni, keeping them and, in conjunction with the Family Weekend Subcommittee, parents, well informed of BSU events, actions and situations as well as other campus issues. The subcommittee will also keep track of graduating seniors, help establish the Black Alumni Network, garner Black alumni support for BSU initiatives, and invite Black alumni to come to BSU events and to subscribe to the *Perspective*.

**Budget:** \$200 (Postage, telephone and supply costs).

#### V. Campus Organizations Liaison Subcommittee - Vacant.

This subcommittee will create and disseminate an informative pamphlet about the BSU and make contact with all campus organizations and area Black student organizations and attend their meetings to explain BSU initiatives and to communicate to the BSU their initiatives. Joint efforts with other organizations will also be coordinated by this subcommittee.

**Budget:** \$100 (Transportation and supply costs).

#### VI. Community Organizations Liaison Subcommittee - Vacant.

This subcommittee will serve as the BSU's link to area community organizations, political officials and schools. In conjunction with the BSU Research and Education Committee it will develop an internship program with organizations in the Baltimore community and a scholarship and enrichment program with the Baltimore City Schools.

**Budget:** \$100 (Transportation and supply costs).

#### VII. BSU Office and Cultural and Study Center Subcommittee - Vacant.

The BSU Study and Cultural Center is a place for Black students and their friends to meet, study, socialize, and culturally enlighten themselves. This subcommittee will create, operate, and monitor the BSU Study and Cultural Center. The subcommittee will also manage the BSU office and develop programming for the BSU Study and Cultural Center.

**Budget:** To be determined by the subcommittee.

To: Nicole London

From: Toya Denise Sherrill

RE: Agenda for the Research and Education committee 1993-1994

The purposes of the Research and Education committee will be to:

1. Increase the retention of Black Students.
2. Improve the academic standing (GPA) of the BSU members.
3. Develop a Black studies curriculum at JHU and improve the classes that are being offered.
4. Increase the interaction between the BSU and the surrounding community by adding a public service component. This component can also take advantage of resources in the black professional community.
5. Increase awareness among the members of the BSU.

Johns Hopkins University  
 Black Student Union  
 Prospective Agenda for Research and Education  
 1993-1994

<u>Event/Explanation</u>	<u>Tentative Date</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1.Surviving Academically at JHU -talk, study tips, etc. sponsored by BSU members	Sept 1993	0.00* (see below)
2.Study Groups	year round, especially around exam time	0.00
3.Discussions about African topics of interest to the general body -history, current events at JHU, world events	monthly or bimonthly dependent on feedback from general body	0.00*
4.3 Speakers -Lani Guinier (\$5,000+) -Nicki Giovanni (??) -Last speaker (??) get input of the general body	1 first semester; 2 second semester	\$9000
<p>Note: Total cost of speakers is dependent on the amount of funding that can be obtained from other sources (SAC, Dean's, Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, etc.) I also need to coordinate with Michelle in order to determine if our committees will be co-sponsoring speakers.</p>		
5.2 Public Service projects -projects will be decided on by gen body concensus	1 each semester early Nov mid April	0.00

I would like to see the projects geared towards the immediate Hopkins environment (homeless population) and also on children who are living in poverty.

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6.Faculty Student Mixer	Second semester end of January	food?? \$300

Note: I need to ask what the expenses were from last year.

7.Educational movies	monthly/bimonthly	0.00*
8.Pre-Career forum -suggestions on applying to graduate, law and medical school; test-taking strategies, admission qualifications, etc.	???	0.00*

\*Refreshments could be provided at the events that are starred, but it is not necessary. Refreshment would mean additional costs.

TOTAL COSTS  
\$9300.00

#### Additional Notes:

1. We can get financial backing for public service projects if we incorporate the resources of the black professionals in the area. They can take out ads in the Perspective and sponsor our public service activities (See Kobi).

2. We need a Buddy Study system between the upperclassmen and the freshmen. This would provide the freshmen with an upper-classmen mentor who would help them to better manage their studies.

BSU Events Committee Proposed Events for 1993-94

The following is a rough draft of possible events planned for the upcoming year. Included are events that have been successful in the past and ideas for new ones. Your comments and suggestions for new events are welcomed and appreciated.

September <sup>22<sup>nd</sup></sup>

An organized trip to Max's on Broadway on September ~~22~~ to see "Jazzmatazz" for anyone who is interested. Transportation will be provided and freshmen will be especially encouraged to attend.

October

An Off-Campus party. (Possible sites are Morgan and Towson.) Hopeful it will be possible to co-sponsor the party with other BSU's from neighboring predominately White institutions. If this is not possible, the probable cost of the event will be \$250.

October - November

A weekend devoted to visiting Black Clubs and Restaurants in Baltimore and DC. Sites of particular interest include Nyamin's, a day trip to Adam's Morgan, and a trip to the Ritz.

December

BSU pot luck dinner. This will be held in the BSU room and will be scheduled for the period prior to finals. This is intended to relieve some of the pressure of the upcoming exams in an informal setting. The estimated cost for this event is \$200.

February

Proposed Black History Month Events

The Eleventh Annual African Heritage Dinner. This year, if possible the majority of the dishes will be catered. Possible entertainment activities include a local Jazz band, a local steel band, and a short skit and/or monologues and poetry readings performed by BSU members. Estimated cost for this event, based on past budgets, would be approximately \$800.

A formal discussion on the perception and self-image of Black people in our society. The range of specifics includes the marketing of "Black looks" in the media or comparative representation of Black people in typical Hollywood-made and Black-made films. Possible speakers include Bell Hooks or several Black professors and authors who are experts in these areas. Hopefully this would be able to be

conducted in a panel format., possible with grad-students on the panel. The cost of this event will of course depend on the notoriety of the guest speaker.

Comedy night possible co-sponsored by the HOP. My choice would be Bill Bellamy because of his exposure and popularity.

March-April

"Back to Basics" Weekend. This would be a weekend full of events geared to make students proud to be here and have a great time. Possible events include a concert, a semi-formal, and battle of designated teams composed of interested members in various sports, games, and possibly an obstacle course.