Black Graduate Student Association

General Body Meeting Agenda

November 6, 2014 5:30-7:00pm

1. Welcome
   a. Updates- BGSA Board position will be open for Spring Semester 2015
      i. BGSA’s Secretary Position will be open for spring. Responsibilities
         are loose and shared, but include crafting emails to BGSA members,
         creating doodles to facilitate board meeting times, creating sign in
         sheets, taking minutes during general body meetings, and creating
         surveys and polls for BGSA members.

2. Canned Food Drive – Month of November 2014
   a. Bring non-perishable goods to Dr. McAnulty’s office (125 Cartwright
      Hall), drop off deadline is the 20th, and they will be donated to Kent Social
      Services
      i. BGSA members are asked to be ambassadors for their particular
         colleges and programs by asking faculty and students to collect and
         drop off canned goods on behalf of BGSA.

3. Social Outing – December 5, 2014 (Time? TBA)
   a. KSU Gospel Choir Performance, Cartwright Hall Auditorium
      i. Prior to the gospel performance members would like to get together
         for light refreshments and/or snacks.
ii. Please be sure to RSVP to BGSA@kent.edu via email to let us know you plan on attending the event with us (this will allow us to give Dr. Walker a head count so that she can save preferential seats for us).

4. Upcoming events

a. MLK Day of Service, Monday January 19, 2015

   i. This takes place at Hillel.

   ii. Please be sure to arrive on time.

       1. When volunteers first arrive they will be asked to sign in and sign up for the site they’ll be volunteering at for the day. Next, volunteers are welcome to grab breakfast and a refreshment. Faculty at Hillel will do a brief introduction, and then everyone will be separated and sent to their respective sites.

b. Participation in Black History Month Forum. Will discuss further at a later date.

   i. BGSA board members plan on contacting the May 4th Visitor’s Center to see about holding an open forum on race and ethnicity for Black History Month.

c. Research Symposium, Friday April 3, 2015
i. Students who participate do not have to be published and may use previous papers, or presentations to gain experience presenting their research.

5. Midterm Activity and *Pursuit of Happyness*

a. BGSA members participated in a midterm activity where everyone wrote a letter to themselves that included encouraging words and where they plan on being at the end of the Spring Semester. Members will have their letters mailed to them at the end of the Spring semester.

b. Plans were changed due to Nikki Giovani’s presence at Kent State University.