Meeting Topics

I. Welcome – Given by Marshaun Glover – BGSO President – Function of BGSO
   a. Serve as a network service to its members
   b. Provide a venue to grow socially and professionally
   c. Increasing membership and retaining members closes the gaps the network

II. Executive Board Introductions AND (III.) Committee Introductions
   ***The following committees welcome members to join***
   a. Programs
      i. Co-chairs – Jonathan Gaines (Vice-President) and Gordon Curry
      ii. Responsible for all programs (6:10 Mixers, special events, Ebony Affair)
   b. Fundraising
      i. Co-chairs – Brandy Huderson (Treasurer) and Desiree’ Craig
      ii. Responsible for the creation and execution of fundraiser (Cakewalk at Cook Out, Grown-n-Sexy Party, Dinner 4-2)
   c. Membership
      i. Co-chairs – Kenya King and Krystal Lewis
      ii. Responsible for attracting new members and distribution of the Black Card (benefits include appetizer specials at certain locations and discounts to/at BGSO sponsored events).
   d. Communication
      i. Co-chairs – Jonathan Moore (Secretary) and Wiljeana Glover
      ii. Responsible for communicating all announcements and events to the BGSO and the VT community as a whole
   e. Delegation
      i. Chair – Tracy Cameron
      ii. Responsible to direct issues discussed by BGSO to the university level

IV. General Announcements
   a. Kathy Lloyd – Community Director for Greek Housing (klloyd@vt.edu) and Member of the Black Caucus invited the BGSO to contact her should we need any guidance surrounding any of our goals as the Black Caucus’ mission is to support black students.
   b. 2008 Chocolate Festival – October 21, 2008 – 3PM-6:30PM. Tickets On Sale Sept 22 @ 10AM in the Women’s Center. Proceeds go to the Women’s Center at Virginia Tech – Questions? Contact Njeri Kershaw nkershaw@vt.edu
V. Break
VI. 9/11 Discussion
   a. Began with a video on youtube.com recapping (via news clips and video) the events surrounding September 11, 2001.
   b. Following, Jonathan Gaines asked all individuals to recap their experiences on that day. Discussions centered around that topic as well as other questions: Why do we need to talk about 9/11? What does reflection allow us to do?
   c. People generally reflected on what they felt at the time and how they feel now. Surreal was often used to describe the actual day, and afterward feelings varied between anger, disbelief and fear. Some had concerns about the current state of humanity. What came out of 9/11 seemed to be a ephemeral sense of patriotism (in some cases, permanent) and the idea that we should be proactive and prepared. Further, we reflected on the changes since 9/11, not only domestic, but globally.

VII. Adjournment