



Minutes for NSBE General Meeting on October 18, 2007

**I. Icebreaker**

- a. NSBE Region 5 Chant
  - Joshua Situka and Tiffany Chatman started it off, and then others joined.

**II. Announcements**

- a. FRC
  - i. Baton Rouge, LA
  - ii. October 26-28
  - iii. Holiday Inn Executive Center
  - iv. Travel Arrangements Meeting: October 23, 2007 @ 9pm
- b. Can Food Drive
  - i. November 1st- 8th
  - ii. "One CAN make a difference"
- c. Campus Clean Up
  - i. November 10, 2007
- d. Feed the Needy (@ GRBCC)
  - i. November 22, 2007
  - ii. Time 8am- 4pm
  - iii. More details to come
- e. Cougar Paw Meeting
  - i. October 24, 2007
  - ii. Room E313, Engineering Bldg. 2
  - iii. Time: 12- 1pm

**III. Ofili Speaks**

- a. The Work Place
  - i. Tips on breaking the glass ceiling without making a sound
- b. First Things First
  - i. Passion: Will you love what you are doing?
  - ii. Flexability: Is there an opportunity to grow?
  - iii. Pay: Is the pay worth the stress?
- c. Performance
  - i. Initiative
  - ii. Effort
  - iii. Niche: Create a Niche

- d. Image
  - i. Communication
  - ii. Attitude
  - iii. Dress
    - 1. Create a humble image
- e. Exposure
  - i. Mentor: a guide
  - ii. Networking
  - iii. Minority: step up your game
- f. Summary
  - i. P I E= {Performance, Image, Exposure}

#### **IV. Ekenem Isichei**

- a. Get out of your comfort zone
- b. Be passionate, it shows in performance
- c. Interact outside of your OWN
- d. Attitude: small part, big difference
- e. Resume: let it be something of interest

In this meeting we had two representatives from the NSBE HAE chapter; Okechukwu Ofili, Collegiate Initiative Chair, and Ekenem Isichei, Community Service Chair to present before us. They weren't the only guest in the room, but representatives from our neighboring chapters, Rice, TSU, and UH-D, fellowshipped with us as well. Ofili's presentation was about breaking the glass ceiling, but he also stated, "Don't create a glass ceiling" if you haven't created one already. If you would like to contact Ofili, feel free to visit his website: [ofilispeaks.com](http://ofilispeaks.com). If someone didn't receive the handouts and would like a copy please be sure to contact Tiffany Chatman at [secretary@uhnsbe.org](mailto:secretary@uhnsbe.org). She would be more than happy to provide you with that information!