

The Diaspora Movement

Fall 2016



Hello everyone!

In order to make sure information is spread in the best way possible, we decided to implement a newsletter! Hopefully this newsletter will help keep everyone up to date on future events and occurrences. This should help us be as organized as possible, to be as effective as possible. This first newsletter may be a little lengthy just because it's our first one, so bear with me.

Announcements

11/4/16: An Evening with Kathleen Cleaver at 6pm

11/17/16: Meeting with the Associate Dean Pugh Hall 210 at 1pm

11/10/16: First mentorship at A. Quinn Jones Exceptional Student Center (1108 NW 7th Ave. Gainesville, FL 32601) from 1:20-3:20 PM



History Check!

After the assassination of Dr. King in 1968, there was a demand in the studies of African Americans. This led to protests around the country for a change. After his death, UF's response to the black community was by granting a program. There was still a lot of tension on campus and the students needed a place to escape the tension which led to the IBC house! Fast forward to more recent times, up until 2003 students were only able to receive a certificate in African

American studies. What led us to having the major today was because of a racial incident that happened in 2012. In 2016, the battle we are continuing to fight is for departmental status.

Progress

With all that history being thrown out at you guys, we have some great news regarding our journey to becoming an official department at the University of Florida. On October 25, 2016, some members on the executive board presented our resolution on the floor at the senate and they all voted in favor for our resolution! Which means we have

unanimous support from the student body. That being said, this helps us greatly in our fight to become a department!

Exciting Upcoming Event

We are doing things a little differently this week. In place of our bi-weekly general body meetings, we will have a special guest speaking to us. I'm excited to announce that Kathleen Cleaver, a former Black Panther and veteran activist, will be gracing our campus Thursday November 3rd at 6pm. So we welcome all of you guys to come out to hear her speak!

Hope you guys have a great weekend! Stay tuned for more newsletters to update you guys on current events!

