

DU RELIGIOUS COUNCIL
Meeting on January 6 , 2010
Hillel House

Present: Gary Brower – Chaplain; Ryan Canaday; Laura Compton; Kristi Gessler; Kelli Hayes; Christina Hunter; Br. John Ignatius; Meredith McKew; Paul Miller; Josh Samet; Chad Stewart; Justin Spicer;

Absent: Tom Balma; Cassandra Blanco; Claude d’Estree; Ron Gustman; Luke Oestman; Rabbi Yossi Serebryanski; Fr. Dino Sinos; Ken Tankersley; Chris Xanthos

Guest: Daniel Maxwell

The meeting began at 9:35 with a period of silence.

The minutes from the 12/2 meeting were approved.

After brief introductions, the assembled broke into dyads to discuss the following three questions,

- **Recount one incident in which you were most blessed over the break.**
- **Recount one incident in which you were a blessing over the break.**
- **How might you—in light of those—bring a blessedness to your work at DU?**

At the conclusion of the pairs conversations, we reconvened and shared the answers to the last question.

We then turned to announcements from the Chaplain

<i>1.Next meeting: February 3rd. Location: Hillel</i>
<i>2.Calendar items</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Book Discussion—The Help: Jan 11 (Noon, Suite 29, Driscoll South)</i>• <i>Immigration in a New Light: Jan 12 (4:30, 1880 Conference Room, Driscoll North)</i>• <i>“I have a dream” (Bridge Event): Jan 18-21</i>• <i>Music and Meditation: 1/25 (Noon, Evans Chapel)</i>
<i>3.World Interfaith Harmony Week (Religious Awareness Week): February</i>
<i>4.Ash Wednesday: 3/9</i>
<i>5.Ideas for guest speakers? [Administrator on greatest challenges on campus; Housing; Campus Activities]</i>

Adjournment at 10:30

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Brower

University Chaplain

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DU RELIGIOUS COUNCIL
Meeting on August 27, 2010

Present: Gary Brower – Chaplain; Tom Balma; Ryan Canaday; Laura Compton; Kristi Gessler; Ron Gustman; Kelli Hayes; Br. John Ignatius; Paul Miller; Luke Oestman; Josh Samet; Rabbi Yossi Serebryanski; Justin Spicer; Chad Stewart; Ken Tankersley; Chris Xanthos

Absent: Claude d’Estree; Fr. Dino Sinos;

The meeting began at 9:05 with a period of silence.

After brief introductions, the assembled broke into dyads/triads to discuss the following three questions:

- What was your peak experience last year working with students?
- What is your organization’s Mission at DU?
- How does that experience and/or mission dovetail with what the DURC might do?

Upon regathering, we collected some of the answers/suggestions from the last question:

- Knowledge of each other and each other’s ministries
- Networking: Encouraging students to find their path
- Panel discussion leads to more learning
- Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service (on the Bridge)
- JMAC conversation (Public forum)
- Religious Faire
- Disaster/Crisis readiness
- Conversation on the election?

Next meeting: Recognizing that coordinating a meeting time with a number of folks missing, Gary suggested that he would send out a “Doodle” (meeting management website) with the best possible times. Those included Wed, Thur and Fri mornings, and Wed afternoon.

[At this point, several folks had to depart. Those who remained were reminded of the “Chaplain’s Corner” items:]

In the Chaplain’s Corner --

- 2) Calendar items
 - * Pioneer Carnival (9/11)
 - * Human Rights & National Security (9/16) — panel discussion, Noon, 1864 Conf. Rm.
 - * Int’l Day of Peace (9/21) – observance, 5 pm, Chapel Green-- dedication of Peace Pole
 - * Gleaning with COMPA (9/25)
- 3) Move-in help (see below)
- 4) Tabling on the Green (9/9 & 9/10): Watch for summons to serve!

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Brower

Student Leaders- (if you are no longer the president or involved in your group, please forward this onto the member)

Greetings! I hope all of you are enjoying the last bit of summer before you return to school. We are looking forward to having you all back on campus. We are definitely looking forward to having your help with new student Move-In! This is a great opportunity to meet first year students and help them get acquainted with the University of Denver, as well as an awesome opportunity to promote your student organization! If you and members of your student organization are planning to attend and assist with New Student Move-In, here is the information you will need:

Date: Monday, September 6 (Labor Day)

Time: 2 shifts: 7:30am-10:00am & 10:00 am-12 noon

Where: J/Mac and Halls and Towers (3 locations)

You may be asked to shift locations as necessary, but please show up to one of these locations first!

There will be a table set up where student organizations will sign in and receive their "Here to Help" sticker. Students must sign-in individually. One student MAY NOT sign in for their entire group. This sign up is how the winner of the \$500 prize will be determined, so be sure to get everyone there and signed in!

Please do not have all the members of your organization attend only one shift or only at one location. For the best exposure and the best opportunity to help the new students, please have members at each location as well as helping during each shift.

We encourage to wear shirts identifying your organization or organizations you are there representing, but please make sure these are appropriate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at megan.pendley@studentlifedu.edu or 303.871.3280.

Have a wonderful day and we look forward to seeing you on Labor Day!

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DU RELIGIOUS COUNCIL
Meeting on October 7, 2010

Present: Gary Brower – Chaplain; Tom Balma; Cassandra Blanco; Laura Compton; Kristi Gessler; Ron Gustman; Kelli Hayes; Luke Oestman; Josh Samet; Justin Spicer;

Absent: Ryan Canaday; Claude d’Estree; Br. John Ignatius; Paul Miller; Rabbi Yossi Serebryanski; Fr. Dino Sinos; Chad Stewart; Ken Tankersley; Chris Xanthos

The meeting began at 9:35 with a period of silence.

The minutes from the 8/27 meeting were approved.

After brief introductions, the assembled broke into dyads/triads to discuss the following three questions:

- What has been your peak experience so far this academic year?
- What did you do, or not do, that you’ll be sure to remember next fall/orientation?
- What are your group’s main goals for this fall? this year?
- How could you partner with your conversation-mate in (partially) achieving your goals?

Upon regathering, we discussed some responses to the last question.

We then turned to announcement from the Chaplain

- 1) Next meeting: Try to have someone here from Health and Counseling
- 2) Calendar items
 - * Car Wash for WeeCycle (10/8)
 - * Spirit in the Garden (10/9)
 - * Holocaust Memorial & Social Action Site Dedication (10/10)
 - * Book Discussion: Seed of Terror (10/12)
 - * Film Screening: “Women With Altitude” (10/12)
- 3) Email re-certifying
- 4) Re-accreditation visit (be prepared for accreditors -- in case they stop you on the quad and ask questions! See tips on the next page)

Adjournment at 10:30

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Brower

Six Simple Things To Do Before and During the HLC Site Visit to campus, November 8-10, 2010

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2. Become familiar with or re-familiarize yourself with the DU Vision, Values, Mission, and Goals (below) and consider how they affect your experience at DU.
3. Try to be available during the on-campus visit. We will have a preliminary schedule before the visit, but the team will not finalize it until Monday, November 8th.
4. Speak openly and honestly about your experiences at DU should you have the opportunity to interact with one or more of the visitors.
5. We encourage everyone to attend open forums for faculty, staff, students, and administrators scheduled during the visit.
6. If any team member requests information, please pass that request along to Jennifer Karas (jkaras@du.edu) or Janette Benson (jbenson@du.edu) so that we may follow up.

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DU RELIGIOUS COUNCIL
Meeting on November 4, 2010

Present: Gary Brower – Chaplain; Cassandra Blanco; Ryan Canaday; Laura Compton; Kristi Gessler; Br. John Ignatius; Meredith McCue; Luke Oestman; Josh Samet; Justin Spicer; Chad Stewart

Absent: Tom Balma; Claude d'Estree; Ron Gustman; Kelli Hayes; Paul Miller; Rabbi Yossi Serebryanski; Fr. Dino Sinos; Ken Tankersley; Chris Xanthos

Guest: Daniel Maxwell

The meeting began at 9:35 with a period of silence.

The minutes from the 10/7 meeting were approved.

After brief introductions, the assembled broke into dyads/triads to discuss the following three questions, we then turned to announcements from the Chaplain

- 1) *Next meeting: December 2. Location TBA*
- 2) *Calendar items*
 - * *Book Discussion: Speaking of Faith (11/9: Noon, Ste 29 Conf. Room)*
 - * *Talking Circle: Native American Awareness Month (11/11: Noon, Driscoll Gallery)*
- 3) *Group Facebook Pages?*

Gary will inquire as to addresses for each group.
- 4) *World Interfaith Harmony Week (Religious Awareness Week):*

See attached. Gary will inquire as to volunteers for planning.
- 5) *Student Advisory Council*

Gary reported that he had convened a group of students to help him plan. Their main concerns were that we survey the student body for religious affiliation; that religious groups were more visible on campus, and that the various religious groups worked together better.
- 6) *DU Campus Ministry Conference (CounterCulture)*

Meredith McCue reported on the proposal to bring the various Christian groups on campus for mutual support and common cause.

At this point, the group moved upstairs for a presentation by the one of the interim co-directors of the Counseling Center, Dr. Scott Cypers, for a presentation on the mental health condition of our student body.

Scott's email: scott.cypers@hcc.du.edu

Health and Counseling website: <http://www.du.edu/duhealth/counseling/index.html>

We are grateful for Scott's presentation -- very helpful!

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DU RELIGIOUS COUNCIL
Meeting on December, 2010
Suite 29, Driscoll South

Present: Gary Brower – Chaplain; Tom Balma; Kelli Hayes; Ron Gustman; Christina Hunter; Br. John Ignatius; Justin Spicer; Chris Xanthos

Absent: Cassandra Blanco; Ryan Canaday; Laura Compton; Claude d’Estree; Kristi Gessler; Paul Miller; Luke Oestman; Josh Samet; Rabbi Yossi Serebryanski; Fr. Dino Sinos; Chad Stewart; Ken Tankersley

Guest: Katie Sewell (Young Life)

The meeting began at 9:35 with a period of silence.

The minutes from the 11/4 meeting were approved.

After brief introductions, the assembled broke into dyads to discuss the following three questions,

- **What gifts do you, as a campus minister, bring to your work with students?**
- **What gifts do your students give to you?**
- **Using the answers to those questions, is there something new/different you might try next year?**

We then turned to announcements from the Chaplain

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| 1) | <i>Next meeting: January 6. Location: Hillel (pending confirmation)</i> |
| 2) | <i>Calendar items</i> |
| | * <i>Blue Holidays (12/14, noon -- Evans Chapel)</i> |
| | * <i>Singing in the Season (12/16, noon -- Evans Chapel)</i> |
| 3) | <i>World Interfaith Harmony Week (Religious Awareness Week): February</i> |
| 4) | <i>DU Campus Ministry Conference (Christina Hunter)</i> |
| 5) | <i>Navigators returning!</i> |

Adjournment at 10:30

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Brower

DU RELIGIOUS COUNCIL
Meeting on March 3, 2011
Hillel House

Present: Gary Brower – Chaplain; Tom Balma; Cassandra Blanco; Ron Gustman; Daniel Maxwell; Paul Miller; Josh Samet; Katie Jo Sewell; Chad Stewart; Justin Spicer; Chris Xanthos

Absent: Ryan Canaday; Laura Compton; Claude d’Estree; Kristi Gessler; Kelli Hayes; Christina Hunter; Br. John Ignatius; Luke Oestman; Rabbi Yossi Serebryanski; Fr. Dino Sinos; Ken Tankersley;

Guest:

The meeting began at 9:35 with a period of silence.

The minutes from the 2/3 meeting were approved.

After brief introductions, we turned to general discussion of two major item regarding planning for the Fall:

- **Opening Day Reception**

We talked about the best way for the DURC/Chaplain’s Office to be present during the first few days of Discoveries (move-in will be the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, with a lot of housing “programming” going on. Monday has the standard departmental resource fair, as well as some receptions). The final decision (pending Discoveries’ approval) was that DURC member groups would help with move-in as they had in the past. DURC would **also** host an ice-cream/popcorn table OUTSIDE of the Ritchie Ctr on Monday early afternoon (since everyone will be lunching, and resource-fairing, in the Ritchie Center/Coors Fitness Center.

There were some questions about orientation -- answers to which Gary would seek:

- 1) Is it possible for student leaders to have early move-in?
- 2) When will International Student Orientation happen?
- 3) When will know about advertising for the Discoveries Guide

- **9/11 Ceremony/Service**

Gary pointed out that the Sunday prior to classes beginning will be the 10th anniversary of 9/11/2001. Plans are underway for many observances of that anniversary. Gary wondered if there were members of the Council, or students, who would be interested/willing in serving on a committee to help plan such a campus observance. There was some discussion as to whether any of the students would even be interested. The invitation stood.

We then turned to announcements from the Chaplain

<p>1. Next meeting: April 7th. Location: Hillel</p>
<p>2. Calendar items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Stress-busters on the Bridge” (Bridge Event): Mar 8-10 • Labyrinth (1864 Conference Room): Friday, Mar 11, 9:30 - 3:00 • Book Discussion—America’s Four Gods: Mar 8 (Noon, Suite 29, Driscoll South) • Music and Meditation: 3/22 (Noon, Evans Chapel)
<p>3. Ash Wednesday: 3/9</p>

Some announcements for the good of the order:

3/26: Christian Unity Event, from 7 - 9 in the Driscoll Ballroom (Counter Culture)

4/1: Night of Arts at Stella’s (Pearl & Iowa) from 7 - 9 (Denver United)

Adjournment at 10:30

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Brower



DU RELIGIOUS COUNCIL
Meeting on April 7, 2011
Hillel House

Present: Gary Brower – Chaplain; Tom Balma; Ryan Canaday; Kristi Gessler; Ron Gustman; Kelli Hayes; Br. John Ignatius; Paul Miller; Luke Oestman; Josh Samet; Katie Jo Sewell; Rabbi Yossi Serebryanski; Chad Stewart;

Absent: Cassandra Blanco; Laura Compton; Claude d’Estree; Christina Hunter; Daniel Maxwell; Fr. Dino Sinos; Justin Spicer; Ken Tankersley; Chris Xanthos

Guest:

The meeting began at 9:35 with a period of silence.

The minutes from the 3/3 meeting were approved.

After brief introductions, we turned to general discussion of two major item regarding planning for the Fall:

- **Opening Day Reception**

We talked more about an ice-cream/popcorn table OUTSIDE of the Ritchie Ctr on Monday early afternoon (since everyone will be lunching, and resource-fairing, in the Ritchie Center/Coors Fitness Center.

There were some answers to questions about orientation :

- 1) Is it possible for student leaders to have early move-in? Nope.
- 2) When will International Student Orientation happen? Didn’t know.
- 3) When will know about advertising for the Discoveries Guide? June-ish

- **9/11 Ceremony/Service**

Gary updated the council on a 9/11 service for the campus. The Chaplain’s Student Advisory Council certainly felt it was a good idea, and stressed that the events of 9/11 had shaped half of their lives. They wanted to focus on issues of remembrance, but also hope/moving forward.

- **Guest speakers**

Gary brought up problems that had arisen over the previous several weeks with student groups wanting to bring guest speakers onto campus. Due to hyper-vigilance with our Risk Management department, DU is being very “sticky” about processing all of the paperwork (including insurance riders) for all non-affiliated guest speakers. Such speakers include ANYONE who is NOT a member of the DURC. It does not have to do with whether the engagement is a regularly-scheduled meeting or not, but simply the fact that the non-affiliated person needs to have his/her own insurance. This applies to ALL student groups, not just members of the DURC.

We then turned to announcements from the Chaplain

1. Next meeting: May 5 . Location: Hillel

2. Calendar items

- ***Book Discussion—Small Wonder (by Barbara Kingsolver): Apr 12 (Noon, Suite 29, Driscoll South)***
- ***Immigration in a New Light: April 14 (Noon, 1864 Suite, Driscoll North)***
- ***Metro CareRing Service Day: April 15 (9 - 11:30 -- RSVP's required)***
- ***Music and Meditation: 4/21 (Noon, Mtn View Rm, Ruffato Hall) and 4/26 (Noon, Evans Chapel)***

3. Good Friday: 4/22 (Noon, Evans Chapel)

Adjournment at 10:30

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Brower

DU RELIGIOUS COUNCIL
Meeting on May 5, 2011
Hillel House

Present: Gary Brower – Chaplain; Tom Balma; Cassandra Blanco; Ryan Canaday; Kelli Hayes; Paul Miller; Josh Samet; Katie Jo Sewell; Justin Spicer;

Absent: Laura Compton; Claude d’Estree; Kristi Gessler; Ron Gustman; Christina Hunter; Br. John Ignatius; Daniel Maxwell; Luke Oestman; Rabbi Yossi Serebryanski; Fr. Dino Sinos; Chad Stewart; Ken Tankersley; Chris Xanthos

Guest: Brittany Johnson

The meeting began at 9:35 with a period of silence.

The minutes from the 4/7 meeting were approved.

After brief introductions, including that of Brittany Johnson as a new staff person working with International Neighbors Network, we turned to general discussion of two major items:

- **Impending visit of Westboro Baptist Church to DU Hillel**

Josh and Gary reported on the “impending” protest at DU Hillel, set for Thursday, 5/19. Josh spoke of Hillel’s plans to “not engage” the protesters. Gary spoke about the various University-wide plans that were being set in motion — primarily an alternative “event” planned for the evening of 5/19.

- **Orientation/Discoveries**

Gary reported that International Student Orientation was set for 8/30 - 9/2, with move-in on 8/29. When he received more details, he would pass them on.

Opening Day Reception: We talked more about an ice-cream/popcorn table OUTSIDE of the Ritchie Ctr on Monday early afternoon—12:30 - 2:00—(since everyone will be lunching, and resource-fairing, in the Ritchie Center/Coors Fitness Center.

Gary would look into the issue of tents and precise space. Young Life would be willing to bring by their popcorn machine.

We will finalize more details at the June meeting.

Notice in Parents’ Newsletter: Gary will be putting a notice in the New Parents’ Mailing Packet about the Reception. [There has subsequently been a decision to send out, through advising, several newsletters in advance of move-in. We will publicize there as well.]