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Pedagogical support for our vision

Programming

A reaffirmation of the University’s commitment to its African

Redefining the Black House as a Campus Cultural Center

Facility & Structural Improvements

Second-floor: Purpose and Improvements

Technology

Modernizing for the Class of 2019

Technology needs:

In Closing

Appendix A:
African American Cultural Centers at Peer Institutions

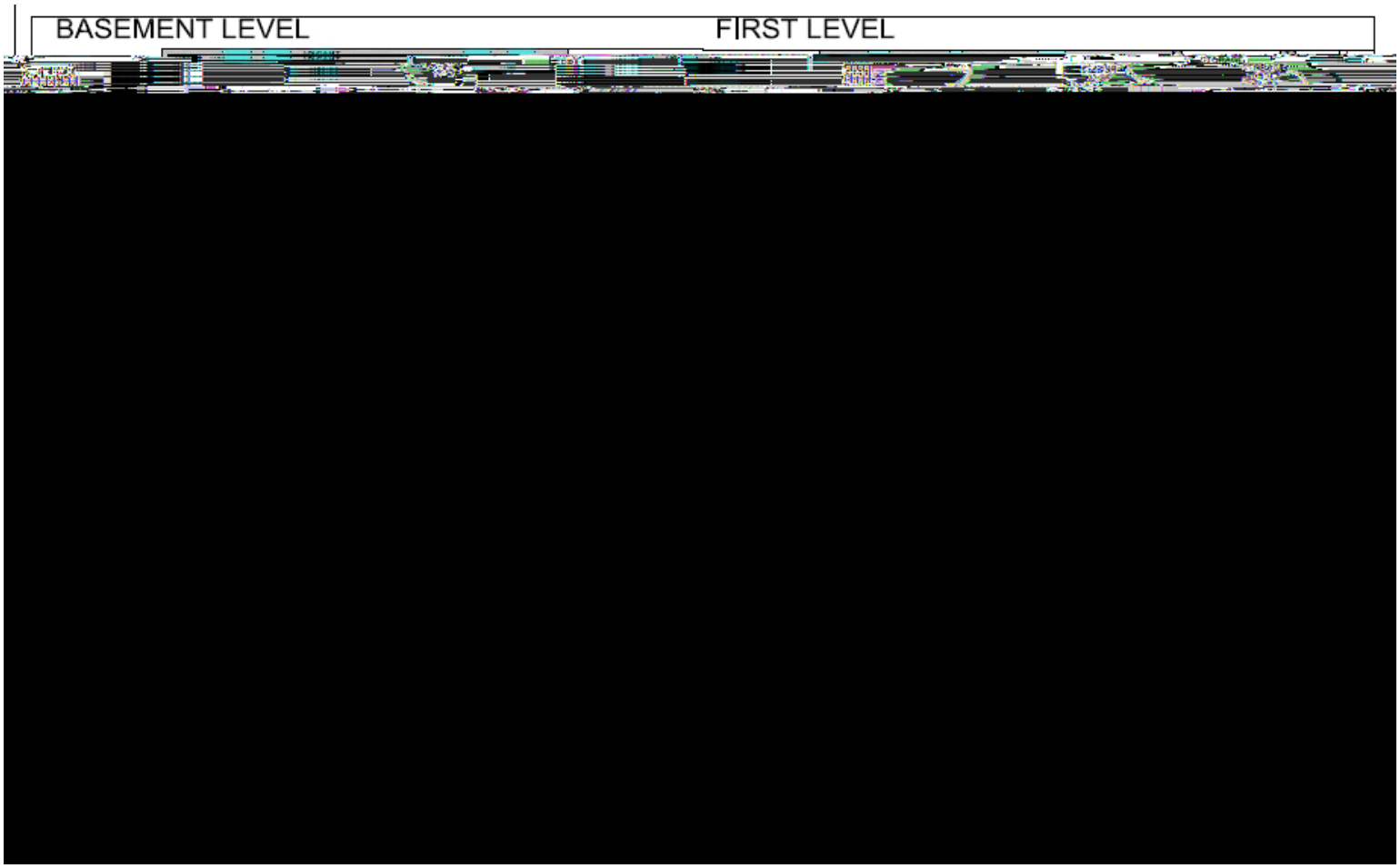
Appendix B:
Testimonials from former directors of African American Student Affairs

Milton J. Wiggins (1973 – 1977)

Alice Palmer (1977 – 1985)

Karla Spurlock-Evans (1985 – 1999)

Appendix C:



The Black House
Facility Re Black House Task Force Report

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facility, the design and history of the building, previous deferred maintenance issues, and opportunities for improvement. Additionally, the report will provide information about the HVAC system, electrical system, and fire alarm system in the building. Finally, where certain functions should reside in the Black House are also recommended.

Facility History

Previous aesthetic work has occurred in The Black House and the MCC in the past five years:

- In the 2012-2013 academic year, the lighting in both the Black House and the MCC were updated, and additional furniture was added to the lobby spaces.
- In the summer of 2015, painting occurred in The Black House and the MCC. During the 2015-

The Black House Facility Review Committee
Time TableMajor Initiatives to Address the Black Student Experience at Northwestern

1) Program Review of Multicultural Student Affairs
2) Black House Facility Review Task Force
3) Black Student Experience Committee
4) Black House Listening Sessions

Fall, 2013 Program Review of Multicultural Student Affairs Self Study

2014-2015 Learning outcomes assessment project. MSA's 2014-2015 project is focused on their student intern (worker) development in the areas of intercultural competency and leadership

Winter, 2015 Position descriptio

Spring, 2015 "Think Tank Pres

ations were sent

2015 Black Student Experience Task Force Meeting #1 (setting the context)

The Black House Facility Review Committee
Summary of Programs

Multicultural Student Affairs (MSA) continually sponsors a multitude of activities in the Black House. They range from panel discussions about identity, to move nights, to healing spaces. During the 2014-2015 academic year, there were:

18 staff-sponsored programs with 43 instances of programming.
32 student-sponsored programs with 61 instances of programming.

Staff Sponsored Programs 2014-2015 (alphabetical order by title)

1. Annual Homecoming Reception: Every year, MSA sponsors a Homecoming reception for alumni in the Black House. The reception consistently has over 200 people in attendance.
2. Barbershop Talks: A gathering space for students to discuss identity and issues impacting Black men. A

16. Student Staff Meetings and a Retreat: Student employment provides a leadership opportunity for students to work in the Black House. Ongoing meetings and trainings are a part of that employment experience, as are conversations about transferable skill development for a job after graduation. (9/28/14, 5/29/15)
17. The JOY: Journey of Our Years: Celebration of Black graduates held in spring quarter.
18. Town Hall: (5/22/15)
19. VIP Meeting: Students presented demands to the President and members of his administration. (10/31/15)

Student Sponsored Programs 2014-2015 (alphabetical order by title)

1. All Black Everything by Delta Sigma Theta (5/13/15)
2. Beat the Drum: Alpha Kappa Alpha (4/11/15)
3. Black Family Reunion BBQ: FMO sponsor annual BBQ in the Black House at the start of the school year to welcome students and help them make connections. MSA co-sponsors, but this is student l-3.3 (yTw 0.30 (t)-5.9 (h)