

FACET MEETING ON MONDAY, Monday, June 16, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.

<u>AGENDA</u>		
1. Call to Order	Link Lisa Sido	
2. Prayer	Link Lisa Sido	
3. Discussion	Link Lisa Sido	
a. Proposed Program draft		
b. Re-assignment of Program Committees		
4. L.I.F.E Umbrella Program	Link Lisa Sido	
5. STY Program Budget	Link Lisa Sido	
6. Matters Arising	Link Lisa Sido	
7. Adjournment		

Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2025

Key Takeaways

LIFE Program Participation

- All facets must contribute to the LIFE umbrella program by leading or supporting at least one themed session.
- SDY (Services to Youth) Facet is responsible for leading the "Leadership Skills for Global Careers" session and supporting the "Diplomatic Services and Foreign Affairs" session.
- HBCU exploration and international careers (study abroad, UN engagement, etc.) can be integrated to align with the LIFE program.

Clarification on Program Continuation

- Chapters are encouraged to continue existing impactful programs in addition to their LIFE session contributions.
- Only LIFE sessions are submitted for award recognition, but all other programs contribute to annual reporting metrics.

Budgeting Process

- Each facet should build and submit a budget based on projected needs.
- While final chapter funds will be determined post-audit, facets can prepare requests and consider alternate funding sources (grants, fundraising, etc.).
- There's an opportunity during the retreat to advocate for an additional budget if justified.

Toolkit & Timeline

- LIFE program toolkit is available on the Links national site under Members > Documents > Programs.
- Sessions run from September through April, with planning and recruitment to begin immediately.

• Community college partners across counties will host sessions (Gaston, Cleveland, and Catawba).

Logistics & Compliance

- Transportation, parental consent, background checks, and liability must be addressed early.
- Risk management training may be needed for volunteers interacting with youth.
- A 15-passenger van resource with insured drivers is available (courtesy of Link Robin).

Communication Challenges

- Strong desire to improve coordination, meeting preparation, and document access.
- Track It Forward will serve as the hub for program info, calendars, assignments, and documentation.
- Texts should be complemented with email for broader visibility and recordkeeping.

Equity & DEI Considerations

- Sensitivity to language and perception in public communications is critical, especially when engaging diverse students and community partners.
- Avoid partisan references or phrasing that may appear exclusionary in grant writing or public events

Additional Notes

- The STEM quilt project caused internal confusion; it was mentioned that one quilt was redone and a second may be included as part of another effort
- Lisa Sido emphasized that communication and collaboration are essential moving forward.

Action Items:

Owner	Action	Due Date
IIAII SDY IVIEMBERS	Review current programs; identify which to keep, refine, or retire	Before the next meeting
IIVI) A FACET I ESUS	Draft proposed budget (program needs, transportation, materials, etc.)	Before retreat
Christina Sadler	Share transcript summary and action list (this doc)	
III ISA SIDO	Share LIFE toolkit access steps and retreat preparation details	ASAP
11	Coordinate on technology integration, calendar logistics, and Track It Forward setup	☐ In progress
Jewell Wilson	Follow up with President on early budget submission and retreat coordination	TBD
IIAII Facet Members	Submit feedback/questions on meeting or volunteer for tasks	Next meeting or Nia email
Robin Smith	Share van transportation info and offer partnership documentation	Before retreat
Gloria Bolden & Lisa Reynolds	Share risk management training guidance or materials	Before student engagement begins