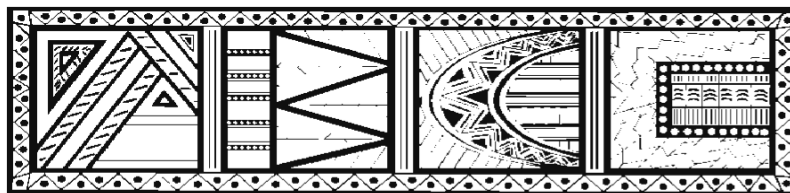




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# **National Association for Black Culture Centers (ABCC) and NIU**



**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
May 19, 2016

# What is the ABCC?



- Association for Black Culture Centers
- Founded in 1988
- National organization for African American, Latino, Asian American, Native American and multiculture centers as well as community colleges
- Seeks to celebrate, promote and critically examine the cultures of each ethnic group
- Paves the way for highest standards in cultural competence leading to authentic integration

# Why is the ABCC Important to NIU?



- Strengthens NIU's brand and reputation
- Accreditation for Asian American Center, Center for Black Studies and Latino Resource Center
- Supports student retention efforts
- Scholarship and expertise benefit university community

# ABCC Supporting NIU Curricular Initiatives



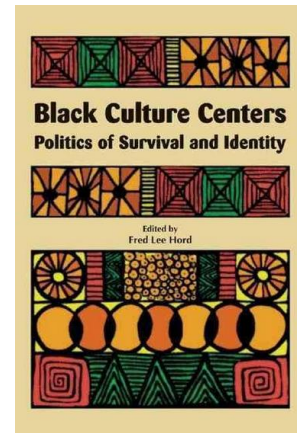
- Innovative curricular leadership:
  - Asian American Center, Center for Black Studies and Latino Resource Center
  - Office of Academic Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
  - Wider campus community
- Opportunities for NIU faculty, staff and students to engage well-known scholars and performers

Association for Black Culture Centers  
Kuumba Programming Series 

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- Publication opportunities for faculty, staff and students:
  - Second edition of book on culture centers
  - Quarterly Nommo newsletter
  - Papers at ABCC national conference



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- Afro-Latino Initiative:
  - Afro-Latin American Research Institute (Harvard University)
  - Afro-Hispanic Review (Vanderbilt University)
  - PALARA (College of Charleston)
  - Afro-Latino scholars

# ABCC Supporting NIU Co-Curricular Initiatives



- Increased visibility for NIU through national networking with:
  - Mainstream organizations: ACPA, NADOHE and NASPA
  - Ethnic-specific organizations: AHSA, ASALH, JDOTT and NCBS
  - MAC universities
  - ACM colleges

# ABCC National Conferences

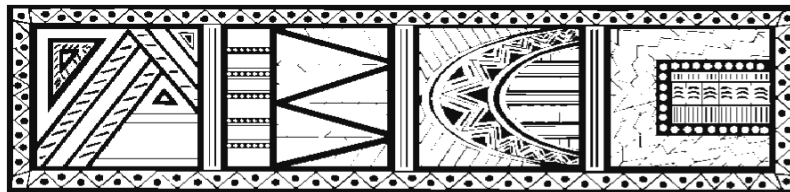


- MAC plenary session at 26<sup>th</sup> national conference at Louisiana State University
  - October 27-30, 2016
  - Theme: “Culture Centers: Campus and Community Organizing to Make Lives Matter”
  - Professional Development Institute
  - Featuring Multicultural Leadership Conference





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**2017 ABCC National Conference at NIU**