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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Prescription for Disaster” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ lower enrollment numbers of AA students</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chicago Gun violence</li> <li>• Gun violence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Kiwane Carrington</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Terrorism</li> <li>• Police shooting</li> <li>• Police community relations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Police brutality/discrimination</li> <li>◦ Racial profiling</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Voter suppression <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Voter IDs</li> <li>◦ Gerrymandering</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISIS</li> <li>• Racism in Israel</li> <li>• Racism in India</li> <li>• Racism in London</li> </ul>
<p><b>How have these events been impacting you? Student? Other staff?</b>  <b>How has social media contributed to trauma impacts?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sometime don’t feel as part on the larger black community in Champaign-Urbana. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ How do you feel out or get to know non-campus black folk? How can we partner with these already existing black local community networks &amp; campus?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• As a mother or parent of a black son <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Be who you are but how to you balance that with being mindful of his racial identity (wearing a hoodie, etc.)</li> <li>◦ Worries about how they are being perceived as a criminal</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>How do you manage or empower ourselves and are children to deal with these issues?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have to educate ourselves and others</li> <li>• Faith and spiritual guidance</li> </ul> <p><b>What would make it better on campus?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a stronger community amongst our black students, faculty and staff – to be able to network and connect – we need that sense of community to help as you have a community that understands what you are experiencing</li> <li>• BFAPA has the potential to be a powerful thing</li> <li>• Perhaps when there were so few it was easier to stay close or have we gotten a feeling of being too safe? Now that we have 2-3 times the number on campus we are even more silo-ed – How can we get back to what we had (i.e. conflicting events targeted at the same audience)</li> <li>• Think strategically about creating a space to share the dialogue and experiences with other on campus – remember the force of numbers matters</li> </ul>		

BFAPA General Assembly Notes– October 17, 2014  
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- 100 Strong for our student is good but if we have 2000 on campus 2000 Strong would be more impactful
- Briefly discussed civil service participation at various events
- Being Black at Illinois – admin responded but the numbers of students w/ tape on their mouths was underwhelming - how can and in what ways should we be there to support the activism on campus
- There are a lot of concealed stories out there – they are not reporting these incidents. Why? Does it feel pointless