Lessons from Ferguson & #OccupySLU

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Timeline

July 1   First lay president of SLU starts job
August 9  Death of Mike Brown
August 20 Fall Welcome Week
August 25 Classes Begin
October 9 Death of Vonderrit Myers, Jr.
October 10-13 #Ferguson October
October 13-18 #occupySLU / Midterm Exams
October 18 The Clock Tower Accords
Adversaries, Stakeholders, Partners

- University Community
  Board, Administrators, Faculty, Students, Staff, Alumni
- Community
  Activists, Neighbors, (University Community)
- Media
  Mainstream, New technologies
- Civic
  Government
• navigation
• negotiation
• collaboration
• The Clocktower Accords
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1. Increased budget for African American Studies program.
2. Increased financial aid resources for retention of African American students at SLU.
3. Evaluation of SLU's current scholarship programs to better serve African American Students.
4. Additional college prep workshops for students in the area's most disadvantaged school districts.
5. Establishment of a K-12 bridge program, including summer programs, in the Normandy and Shaw neighborhoods to help increase the numbers of college-bound students from neighborhoods in those areas.
7. Mutually agreed upon commissioned artwork.
8. Development of an academic Center for Community and Economic Development.
9. Creation of a race, poverty, and inequality steering committee.
10. SLU sponsorship of a national conference on racial equality.
11. Appointment of a Special Assistant to the President for Diversity and Community Empowerment.
13. Bi-weekly meetings with an inclusive group, including the president, to continue to advance the University's efforts to address inequality and poverty in our community.
• Mission

• Risk

• Collaboration

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