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Subject: Recap: HUD and ED Fellows at Vie de France

Ten people came ... group was pretty evenly split between the two cohorts ... hors d'oeuvres were enjoyed by all. First two people arrived at 5; last four left at 7.

Some highlights

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Somebody told a really good lawyer joke (which was fortunate since a really good lawyer was in attendance).

Two senior fellows, one from ED and one from HUD, discovered that they were from the same area and had a really interesting (no, I'm not being facetious) conversation about Syracuse politics.

As the introductions progressed, the group began to find intersections between what HUD does and what ED does (always fun).

We found out that one HUD fellow's going to Russia to explain the mortgage secondary market next month.

The "diehards" who left last discussed human capital issues, leadership development, and succession planning.

Some outcomes

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Over the next week or so, the senior fellow who's managing HUD enforcement (who was in attendance) will be connected with her counterpart at Federal Student Aid (who will be glad to meet her).

In the next month or two, the Fellow who's going to Russia will be invited to share his experiences at an informal dinner comprised of senior fellows and friends.

It sounds as though the projects from the past fellows' year that weren't finished are all but finished ... it was mentioned that finishing is important for the cohort's "street cred" ... a short discussion about closing the loop ensued at the buffet table.

One senior fellow expressed a desire to hook up at the council on Evening of Excellence days (turned out that at least three of us were there yesterday, but we didn't recognize each other!).

Bottom line

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As far as I know, everyone was glad to have come. Showing up was a significant effort for two parents, and it was thrilling that they could work it out to come at all. Two HUD fellows couldn't come due to last-minute emergencies, and we hope everything worked out. The account above is not comprehensive, and the folks that came should feel free to add, correct, subtract, etc. This was a nice get-together of accomplished senior fellows from the HUD and ED cohorts and I felt privileged to be with them.

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This was conceived as a one-time event. If you RSVP'd either way, I will keep you on my mailing list for occasional AFTER-WORK leadership events involving fellows and friends. However, FYI, if any of you are particularly interested in exploring ways for the two cohorts to collaborate, or finding out about the ED Fellows' monthly "Conversations with Leaders" series begun in 2003, the first five names on this e-mail are the senior fellows who have been organizing leadership development events INSIDE ED. They'll enjoy hearing from you. Best wishes. Kitty