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Student Government Council

**BI-MONTHLY MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 9, 1997**  
**5:30 P.M.**

NAME	POSITION	SIGN-IN
Arthur Papillon, Jr.	President	<i>[Signature]</i>
Julian Humphreys	Vice President	<i>[Signature]</i>
<del>McLamarre Mompremier</del>	<del>College of Urban &amp; Public Affairs Rep.</del>	
Safiya Burton	Lower Division Rep.	<i>Safiya Burton</i>
Kristina Nikolic	Lower Division Rep.	<i>Kristina Nikolic</i>
<del>Alison Austin-Greene</del>	<del>Graduate Rep.</del>	
Jeff Dismukes	Graduate Rep.	<i>Jeff Dismukes</i>
<del>Michael Madridejos</del>	<del>Senator</del>	
<del>Ryan Mathews</del>	<del>Senator</del>	
<del>Simone Reid</del>	<del>Hospitality Management Rep.</del>	
Jeannie Lacroix	School of Nursing Rep.	<i>Jeannie M. Lacroix</i>
Julianna Watson	Academic Affairs Committee Chair	<i>Julianna Watson</i>
Liliana Gomez	Student Services Committee Chair	<i>Liliana Gomez</i>
<del>Joanna Wedderburn</del>	<del>Director of Student Lobbying</del>	
Tanisha Drummond	Clerk of Council	<i>Tanisha Drummond</i>
Thania Cantave	Administrative Assistant	<i>Jay!!</i>
Ellen Plissner	Advisor	<i>[Signature]</i>
Sean Kramer, VAC	GUEST	<i>SK</i>
Florence Petit	GUEST Beacon	<i>[Signature]</i>
Alberto "Chino" Kan	GUEST Athletic Council Liaison	<i>[Signature]</i>
Rocio Rodriguez	GUEST	<i>Rocio Rodriguez</i>
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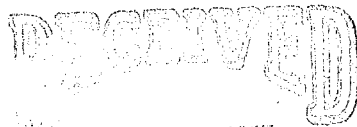
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In December 1996, the Children's Learning Center requested \$250.00 (for the purchase of snow) from SGC for the Children's Winter Festival. The correspondence concerning this event was received after the fact. He then asked the Council if they would be interested in still supplying the \$250.00. Many Council members were opposed to such a deed. Mr. Papillon, Jr. explained how the University Park SGC President had a Discretionary Fund, while he did not. Therefore, he needed to bring this matter before the Council where it could be voted upon. Mr. Humphreys responded that the Council simply did not have the funds to do this. The President responded that the Council did have sufficient funds as they were no longer having the Homecoming Concert. Mr. Papillon, Jr. suggested that the Council approve this as a gesture or peace offering. Ms. Burton proposed transferring funds to the North Campus Children's Learning Center as the event had already occurred. Mr. Humphreys made a motion to allocate \$250.00 from the general account to the North Campus Children's Learning Center. Ms. Burton seconded the motion. Vote: 4 in favor, 1 opposed (Nikolic).

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*MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BREAKFAST*

The President announced that the Council would not receive the 50 tickets promised for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast. He spoke with the Director of Minority Student Services, Dr. Sims, who informed him that there was no space left for the SGC members. The best Dr. Sims could do, was give SGC a table. If possible, Mr. Papillon, Jr. stated that they also needed ushers for this event. He also added that he expected to see Student Government Council representatives from the University Park Campus as well.

*HOMECOMING SOCCER MATCH*

At this time the Council was planning a soccer event, for the week of Homecoming. Ms. Burton is in charge of obtaining funds from those students who attended the soccer match in Richmond, Virginia. The President suggested she inform these students that they could be dropped from their courses for non-payment.

*MISCELLANEOUS*

Mr. Papillon, Jr. mentioned that he would like the Council to revisit the 1997-98 budget to make necessary reformatations. The Council would specifically be looking for areas in which they could improve the use of their funds. There is a problem with the costs being accrued in the Student Activities Office, in terms of telephone usage, especially in the office of the SGC President. Mr. Papillon, Jr. requested that anyone using his phone, log their calls. In addition, he asked Council members to refrain from using "411", as this was costing the office a significant amount of money. He also commented that students are not to use the phones in the Student Government Council areas to make personal calls; if any Council members observed this, he asked that they please advise said individuals to find other locations from which to make their calls. The Council is presently arranging transportation to the University Park Campus' Homecoming Parade. As for this semester's SGC meetings; Mr. Papillon, Jr. reminded the Council that this date and time were decided upon beforehand. The Council members need to set their classes around this time. The President announced that he was considering sending a couple of members to the National Conference of NACA. He asked for open comments. Ms. Burton asked if such an excursion was necessary. Mr. Humphreys replied that he thought it would be nice, but it was definitely not mandatory. Ms. Nikolic disagreed, stating that she had attended the NACA Conference before and found it to be extremely beneficial. Ms. Burton stated that if one was interested in attending conferences that addressed programming, he or she could join Student Programming Council,

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however, she did not see the purpose in sending SGC representatives whose focus should be on leadership. Mr. Humphreys addressed the possibility of sending representatives to COSGA (held at Texas A & M University). Mr. Papillon, Jr. added that COSGA was cheaper than NACA (about \$550.00/representative). Ms. Plissner recommended sending a representative as they had never been to a COSGA Conference before; it should be investigated. Ms. Nikolic commented that she supported sending representatives on such a trip. Ms. Gomez felt that Council members should take advantage of the workshops offered here at the North Campus, as opposed to spending SGC monies.

*ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK (ASB, VOLUNTEER ACTION CENTER)*

Mr. Sean Kramer (who was recently hired as VAC Coordinator for the University Park Campus) came seeking financial assistance from the Council for VAC's Annual Alternative Spring Break. He spoke of the three scheduled sights they had planned for ASB, and a possible fourth he would like to add for the North Campus. He asked for \$750.00 which would cover the costs for several students attending ASB. He added that he had recently hired Ms. Gomez as student coordinator at the VAC; he wanted the Council to know that they were committed to providing programs for the North Campus. Mr. Humphreys made a motion to allocate \$750.00 from the University Center Account. Ms. Jeannie Lacroix seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*KRS-ONE LECTURE AND PERFORMANCE*

Mr. Papillon, Jr. discussed the conflicts experienced in the planning of the KRS-One event, scheduled for January 16, 1997, which was the reason behind his lateness. He was informed that the money allocated from the SGC account \$3200.00 was still available. Ms. Plissner stated that she spoke with both Mr. Raphael Zapata and Mr. Larry Lundsford. The problem was more complicated than simply transferring funds between accounts (SPC, NPHC and SGC). Mr. Papillon, Jr. responded, "The money was supposed to have been transferred from last semester (referring to Fall 1996)." He continued, stating that he was at University Park Campus all day. As he did verify that the funds were available in Ms. Nerissa Street's (WUFI) account, this event could take place on January 16, 1997 as planned. Ms. Plissner stated that there may be a lack of time, which would prevent the Council from going through the proper channels. In addition, the purchase orders for this event had been submitted late. Ms. Melanie Bent interjected, stating that there were several occasions on which TAR (Travel Authorization Report) and PO (Purchase Order) Forms had been approved, without her signature or knowledge. Furthermore, it was always understood that Student Programming Council would take over this event. Ms. Nikolic inquired if there was a specific order in which the signatures needed on the File for Funds form must be obtained. Mr. Humphreys asked, "If the monies (from SPC, SGC and WUFI) are there, can we still do this event?" Mr. Papillon, Jr. responded that the SGC funds were not in the account. Ms. Plissner asked why the school was not splitting the costs with other affiliated organizations if KRS-One was scheduled for other performances in Miami. The President told her that the price does not include "everything"; the cost only covered train fare. Ms. Plissner stated that she did not feel comfortable doing the event under these circumstances (as the event was in one week). Mr. Humphreys responded, "The event can still be pulled off." Mr. Papillon, Jr. clarified that documentation and signatures have already been secured. Clearly, it was a miscommunication, but the monies were available. Ms. Plissner replied that she would need to speak with Mr. Whit Hollis and see the contract. She went on to say that she would not make any promises, but that she would look into it. Ms. Plissner reiterated that documentation needs to be above board; she did not intend to do anything unethical. Both Mr.

Papillon, Jr. and Mr. Humphreys asked why it was so difficult to obtain money that belonged to Student Government Council. Ms. Bent asked, "How is it that Student Government Council is going to allocate \$250.00 for snow, for an event that has already passed, but funds are not available for this event?" She went on to say that she was constantly having to tell SPC Chairs that their paperwork needed to be on time, yet it was clear that this was not always the case. A brief discussion continued, explaining the purpose of having paperwork completed, at least four to six weeks prior to an event.

Mr. Humphreys made a motion to allocate \$5200.00 (\$2000.00 from the Reserve Account, \$2000.00 from the Banquet Account and \$1200.00 from the General Account) toward the KRS-One, to be transferred into the WUFI Account, provided that proper procedures are adhered to. Ms. Lacroix seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Ms. Burton suggested that in the future, all parties sit with Mr. Zapata and Ms. Plissner to clarify and specify all details of an event. Ms. Plissner stated that she did not understand why the procedures have taken so long if everything had been done according to protocol. Both Mr. Papillon, Jr. and Mr. Humphreys stated that Mr. Hollis did not want to approve the transferring of funds, due to the nature of the account. Ms. Plissner concluded that she would not sign off on any paperwork without a contract from Legal Affairs.

Ms. Plissner stated that she would like to commend Ms. Watson for recognizing her limitations. She reminded the Council that the Freshman Internship Program needed to be implemented, in order to avoid situations such as this one. As for semester grades, she felt several members of the Council were overwhelmed with their responsibilities. She recommended establishing better time management, and offered to help those who needed assistance with organizing their personal schedules. She reiterated the importance of attending the Leadership Forums held on the campus, and encouraged the Council to sign up for workshops relevant to this area.

#### COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Ms. Lacroix said that she needed some help trying to book a room for an upcoming Blood Drive (January 13 and 14, 1997). She was unable to reach Ms. Jennifer Hernandez to schedule a location. She felt it would help if she had the support of the President and Ms. Plissner. Ms. Plissner informed her that she would be more than willing to assist with this process, however, if scheduling could not be obtained, it might be best to simply reschedule. Ms. Gomez suggested holding the event in the Residence Hall. Mr. Papillon, Jr. reminded the Council to turn in their office hours, as it was illegal to not have them posted in the Student Activities Office. If necessary, the checks of the Council members would be withheld.

Mr. Humphreys made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Nikolic seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Account	Allocation	Expenditures	Balance
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SGC Travel	\$6,000.00	\$4,048.68	\$1,952.32
Academic Affairs	\$500.00	\$310.00	\$190.00
Student Services	\$500.00	\$1,931.51	\$306.48
Discretionary	\$480.00	\$337.50	\$142.50
Beacon	\$4,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,800.00
Banquet	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Reserve	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Main Office	\$10,000.00	\$4,456.69	\$5,743.31
Payroll/OPS	\$17,250.00	\$6,735.65	\$10,514.35
Student Activities	\$13,500.00	\$2,256.25	\$11,243.75
SPC	\$68,000.00	\$35,090.00	\$32,910.00
SOC	\$28,000.00	\$7,193.77	\$20,806.23
BVHC	\$2,000.00	\$850.00	\$1,150.00
Brow. Awareness	\$18,500.00	\$5,301.05	\$13,198.95
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In December 1996, the Children's Learning Center requested \$250.00 (for the purchase of snow) from SGC for the Children's Winter Festival. The correspondence concerning this event was received after the fact. He then asked the Council if they would be interested in still supplying the \$250.00. Many Council members were opposed to such a deed. Mr. Papillon, Jr. explained how the University Park SGC President had a Discretionary Fund, while he did not. Therefore, he needed to bring this matter before the Council where it could be voted upon. Mr. Humphreys responded that the Council simply did not have the funds to do this. The President responded that the Council did have sufficient funds as they were no longer having the Homecoming Concert. Mr. Papillon, Jr. suggested that the Council approve this as a gesture or peace offering. Ms. Burton proposed transferring funds to the North Campus Children's Learning Center as the event had already occurred. Mr. Humphreys made a motion to allocate \$250.00 from the general account to the North Campus Children's Learning Center. Ms. Burton seconded the motion. Vote: 4 in favor, 1 opposed (Nikolic).

*MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BREAKFAST*

The President announced that the Council would not receive the 50 tickets promised for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast. He spoke with the Director of Minority Student Services, Dr. Sims, who informed him that there was no space left for the SGC members. The best Dr. Sims could do, was give SGC a table. If possible, Mr. Papillon, Jr. stated that they also needed ushers for this event. He also added that he expected to see Student Government Council representatives from the University Park Campus as well.

*HOMECOMING SOCCER MATCH*

At this time the Council was planning a soccer event, for the week of Homecoming. Ms. Burton is in charge of obtaining funds from those students who attended the soccer match in Richmond, Virginia. The President suggested she inform these students that they could be dropped from their courses for non-payment.

*MISCELLANEOUS*

Mr. Papillon, Jr. mentioned that he would like the Council to revisit the 1997-98 budget to make necessary reformatations. The Council would specifically be looking for areas in which they could improve the use of their funds. There is a problem with the costs being accrued in the Student Activities Office, in terms of telephone usage, especially in the office of the SGC President. Mr. Papillon, Jr. requested that anyone using his phone, log their calls. In addition, he asked Council members to refrain from using "411", as this was costing the office a significant amount of money. He also commented that students are not to use the phones in the Student Government Council areas to make personal calls; if any Council members observed this, he asked that they please advise said individuals to find other locations from which to make their calls. The Council is presently arranging transportation to the University Park Campus' Homecoming Parade. As for this semester's SGC meetings; Mr. Papillon, Jr. reminded the Council that this date and time were decided upon beforehand. The Council members need to set their classes around this time. The President announced that he was considering sending a couple of members to the National Conference of NACA. He asked for open comments. Ms. Burton asked if such an excursion was necessary. Mr. Humphreys replied that he thought it would be nice, but it was definitely not mandatory. Ms. Nikolic disagreed, stating that she had attended the NACA Conference before and found it to be extremely beneficial. Ms. Burton stated that if one was interested in attending conferences that addressed programming, he or she could join Student Programming Council,

however, she did not see the purpose in sending SGC representatives whose focus should be on leadership. Mr. Humphreys addressed the possibility of sending representatives to COSGA (held at Texas A & M University). Mr. Papillon, Jr. added that COSGA was cheaper than NACA (about \$550.00/representative). Ms. Plissner recommended sending a representative as they had never been to a COSGA Conference before; it should be investigated. Ms. Nikolic commented that she supported sending representatives on such a trip. Ms. Gomez felt that Council members should take advantage of the workshops offered here at the North Campus, as opposed to spending SGC monies.

*ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK (ASB, VOLUNTEER ACTION CENTER)*

Mr. Sean Kramer (who was recently hired as VAC Coordinator for the University Park Campus) came seeking financial assistance from the Council for VAC's Annual Alternative Spring Break. He spoke of the three scheduled sights they had planned for ASB, and a possible fourth he would like to add for the North Campus. He asked for \$750.00 which would cover the costs for several students attending ASB. He added that he had recently hired Ms. Gomez as student coordinator at the VAC; he wanted the Council to know that they were committed to providing programs for the North Campus. Mr. Humphreys made a motion to allocate \$750.00 from the University Center Account. Ms. Jeannie Lacroix seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*KRS-ONE LECTURE AND PERFORMANCE*

Mr. Papillon, Jr. discussed the conflicts experienced in the planning of the KRS-One event, scheduled for January 16, 1997, which was the reason behind his lateness. He was informed that the money allocated from the SGC account \$3200.00 was still available. Ms. Plissner stated that she spoke with both Mr. Raphael Zapata and Mr. Larry Lundsford. The problem was more complicated than simply transferring funds between accounts (SPC, NPHC and SGC). Mr. Papillon, Jr. responded, "The money was supposed to have been transferred from last semester (referring to Fall 1996)." He continued, stating that he was at University Park Campus all day. As he did verify that the funds were available in Ms. Nerissa Street's (WUFI) account, this event could take place on January 16, 1997 as planned. Ms. Plissner stated that there may be a lack of time, which would prevent the Council from going through the proper channels. In addition, the purchase orders for this event had been submitted late. Ms. Melanie Bent interjected, stating that there were several occasions on which TAR (Travel Authorization Report) and PO (Purchase Order) Forms had been approved, without her signature or knowledge. Furthermore, it was always understood that Student Programming Council would take over this event. Ms. Nikolic inquired if there was a specific order in which the signatures needed on the File for Funds form must be obtained. Mr. Humphreys asked, "If the monies (from SPC, SGC and WUFI) are there, can we still do this event?" Mr. Papillon, Jr. responded that the SGC funds were not in the account. Ms. Plissner asked why the school was not splitting the costs with other affiliated organizations if KRS-One was scheduled for other performances in Miami. The President told her that the price does not include "everything"; the cost only covered train fare. Ms. Plissner stated that she did not feel comfortable doing the event under these circumstances (as the event was in one week). Mr. Humphreys responded, "The event can still be pulled off." Mr. Papillon, Jr. clarified that documentation and signatures have already been secured. Clearly, it was a miscommunication, but the monies were available. Ms. Plissner replied that she would need to speak with Mr. Whit Hollis and see the contract. She went on to say that she would not make any promises, but that she would look into it. Ms. Plissner reiterated that documentation needs to be above board; she did not intend to do anything unethical. Both Mr.

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Papillon, Jr. and Mr. Humphreys asked why it was so difficult to obtain money that belonged to Student Government Council. Ms. Bent asked, "How is it that Student Government Council is going to allocate \$250.00 for snow, for an event that has already passed, but funds are not available for this event?" She went on to say that she was constantly having to tell SPC Chairs that their paperwork needed to be on time, yet it was clear that this was not always the case. A brief discussion continued, explaining the purpose of having paperwork completed, at least four to six weeks prior to an event.

Mr. Humphreys made a motion to allocate \$5200.00 (\$2000.00 from the Reserve Account, \$2000.00 from the Banquet Account and \$1200.00 from the General Account) toward the KRS-One, to be transferred into the WUFI Account, provided that proper procedures are adhered to. Ms. Lacroix seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Ms. Burton suggested that in the future, all parties sit with Mr. Zapata and Ms. Plissner to clarify and specify all details of an event. Ms. Plissner stated that she did not understand why the procedures have taken so long if everything had been done according to protocol. Both Mr. Papillon, Jr. and Mr. Humphreys stated that Mr. Hollis did not want to approve the transferring of funds, due to the nature of the account. Ms. Plissner concluded that she would not sign off on any paperwork without a contract from Legal Affairs.

Ms. Plissner stated that she would like to commend Ms. Watson for recognizing her limitations. She reminded the Council that the Freshman Internship Program needed to be implemented, in order to avoid situations such as this one. As for semester grades, she felt several members of the Council were overwhelmed with their responsibilities. She recommended establishing better time management, and offered to help those who needed assistance with organizing their personal schedules. She reiterated the importance of attending the Leadership Forums held on the campus, and encouraged the Council to sign up for workshops relevant to this area.

#### COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Ms. Lacroix said that she needed some help trying to book a room for an upcoming Blood Drive (January 13 and 14, 1997). She was unable to reach Ms. Jennifer Hernandez to schedule a location. She felt it would help if she had the support of the President and Ms. Plissner. Ms. Plissner informed her that she would be more than willing to assist with this process, however, if scheduling could not be obtained, it might be best to simply reschedule. Ms. Gomez suggested holding the event in the Residence Hall. Mr. Papillon, Jr. reminded the Council to turn in their office hours, as it was illegal to not have them posted in the Student Activities Office. If necessary, the checks of the Council members would be withheld.

Mr. Humphreys made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Nikolic seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tanisha N. Drummond*

Tanisha N. Drummond, Clerk of Council



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### Student Government Council-NC Account Balances As of December 31, 1996

Account	Allocation	Expenditures	Balance
SGC General	\$6,000.00	\$3,934.90	\$2,065.10
SGC Travel	\$6,000.00	\$4,048.68	\$1,952.32
Academic Affairs	\$500.00	\$310.00	\$190.00
Student Services	\$500.00	\$1931.51	\$306.48
Discretionary	\$480.00	\$337.50	\$142.50
Beacon	\$4,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,800.00
Banquet	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Reserve	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Main Office	\$10,000.00	\$4,456.69	\$5,743.31
Payroll/OPS	\$17,250.00	\$6,735.65	\$10,514.35
Student Activities	\$13,500.00	\$2,256.25	\$11,243.75
SPC	\$68,000.00	\$35,090.00	\$32,910.00
SOC	\$28,000.00	\$7,193.77	\$20,806.23
BVHC	\$2,000.00	\$850.00	\$1,150.00
Brow. Awareness	\$18,500.00	\$5,301.05	\$13,198.95
Rec. Sports	\$76,000.00	?	?
Emoluments	\$57,570.00	\$28,805.73	\$28,764.27