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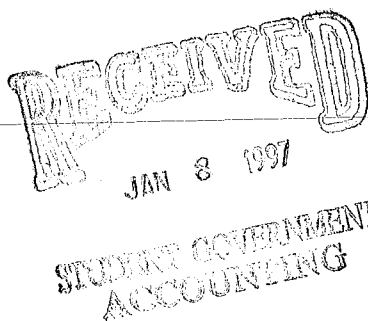
Student Government Council

STUDENT GOVERNMENT COUNCIL BI-MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, December 13, 1996
5:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE

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Julian Humphreys	Vice President	<i>[Signature]</i>
McLamarre Mompremier	College of Urban & Public Affairs Rep.	<i>McLamarre Mompremier</i>
Safiya Burton	Lower Division Rep.	<i>Excused</i>
Kristina Nikolic	Lower Division Rep.	<i>Kristina Nikolic</i>
Alison Austin-Greene	Graduate Rep.	<i>Alison Austin-Greene</i>
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Michael Madrideojos	Senator	<i>[Signature]</i>
Ryan Mathews	Senator	<i>[Signature]</i>
Simone Reid	Hospitality Management Rep.	
* Jeannie Lacroix	School of Nursing Rep.	<i>Jeannie M. Lacroix</i>
Julianna Watson	Academic Affairs Committee Chair	<i>Julianna Watson</i>
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