





Student Government Senate  
Tuesday, January 22, 2008  
Session Agenda

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call  
The meeting was called to order at 4:44 pm. VP Kohli conducted Roll Call; quorum was met with 2 out of 2 Senators present. VP Kohli announced that there were vacancies in the Pro-Tempore and Parliamentarian positions; Pollard nominated himself temporarily to both positions. No objections were made.
- II. Approval of the Minutes  
The Minutes from December 11, 2007 were approved with 0 corrections.
- III. Communications and Announcements
  - Senators
  - Non-Senators  
Taurean Mingo announced that he did not receive the email from SG stating the change of rooms.
- IV. Presiding Officer Communication and Announcements  
VP Kohli announced that SG tried to have a meeting the previous week, but the Senate did not meet quorum. Originally, the meeting was to be held in BA 219, but there was smoke in the building and not open for meetings. She was informed that LA 120 was the only building available. She welcomed everyone to SG and announced that SOS Hornsby and President Comfort were unable to attend the meeting due to an emergency. She stated that anyone wishing to join the Senate is interested in being very active; they should join one of the committees.
- V. Pro Tempore and Committee Reports
  - Governance
  - Campus Beautification
  - R.A.P.P.
  - Student Affairs
  - Finance
  - Technology
- VI. Executive, Judicial, SAC, Advisor Reports
  - President
  - Treasurer  
See Attachment 1.
  - Secretary of State
  - Judicial Report
  - Dean of Student Affairs
  - SG Advisors  
Advisor Rault thanked everyone for coming and stated she was looking forward to a good semester. She stated that the dorm bill on the agenda stating, "\$900 for incentives" needs to be more specific.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- B.S08A025 Dorm BBQ area

Pollard was not able to present the bill due to vacancies that would be left in the Pro-Tempore and Parliamentarian positions.

IX. Nominations and Appointments

*Kerry Bailey, College of Liberal Arts*

**Pollard:** Would you be interested in joining one of our committees?

**Bailey:** Yes, I would have to look at the committees.

**Wang:** Some of the common questions we ask include: How did you find out about SG? Are you in any other organizations? Is there anything you would like to see changed?

**Bailey:** I went to Nicholls after Katrina, and I pushed for a forum with the President at the University of Nicholls. That really sparked my interest. They referred me to President of SG at Nicholls and got some things together, so I thought it was something I would like to do when I got back to UNO. I'm currently only involved with Student Housing.

**Pollard:** I would like to recognize Treasurer Maser

**Maser:** Would you be interested in serving on the Budget Committee?

**Bailey:** Yes.

VP Kohli conducted a Roll Call vote on Kerry Bailey to join the Senate; he was approved by the Senate to join.

*Dominique Lucien, College of Education*

**Pollard:** Being in all the other organizations, will you have time for SG?

**Lucien:** Yes, I put time aside especially to be here.

**Pollard:** Would you be interested in joining the Budget Committee?

**Lucien:** I am on the Budget Committee.

VP Kohli conducted a Roll Call vote on Dominique Lucien to join the Senate; she was approved by the Senate to join.

*Taurean Mingo, College of Liberal Arts*

**Pollard:** Would you be interested in joining the Budget Committee?

**Mingo:** Sure.

VP Kohli conducted a Roll Call vote on Taurean Mingo to join the Senate; he was approved by the Senate to join.

*Emmanuel Paul, College of Sciences*

**Kohli:** What kind of ideas do you have for SG?

**Paul:** I think a lot needs to be done for incoming students. Things to get students orientated with the school. At my old school, we had specific groups for new students.

**Pollard:** Are you aware that the orientation leaders do that?

**Paul:** Yeah, but also aside from them, I'm talking about a whole lot of other ideas.

**Pollard:** I would like to recognize SG Treasurer Maser.

**Maser:** Are you available on Tuesdays during the afternoon?

**Paul:** I work from 6-10.

**Maser:** I'm talking about 2-3.

**Paul:** Yes I can try

VP Kohli conducted a Roll Call vote on Emmanuel Paul to join the Senate; he was approved by the Senate to join.

*Jaimie McGuiness, College of Business Administration*

**Pollard:** Would you be interested in joining the Budget Committee?

**McGuiness:** Sure

VP Kohli conducted a Roll Call vote on Jaimie McGuiness to join the Senate; she was approved by the Senate to join.

*Jamaal Fortner, Metropolitan College*

Pollard motioned to vote on Jamaal.

VP Kohli conducted a Roll Call vote on Jamaal Fortner to join the Senate; he was approved by the Senate to join.

Advisor Rault asked VP Kohli not to swear in the new Senators because she was uncertain about whether or not the meeting is considered legal according to the constitution.

#### X. Open Forum


**Aaron Larkin:** I'm here to talk about the issue of travel scholarships. Specifically, for summer programs, which used to be given out by SG, but are no longer available. I'm here to promote the reinstatement of such scholarships. A lot of students want to study abroad particularly in the summertime, but travel cost are a big factor. I talked with the Treasurer and my proposal is to get about 5 scholarships for about \$1,000 so students can afford to travel to study abroad.

**Maser:** What we are trying to do is reinstate the scholarships. We used to have a scholarship for this, but since there weren't enough qualifying students, they decided to revise the scholarships. This was supposed to be looked at by the Senate and the Finance Committee and reworked a little bit. During the Fall semester, it was a very busy and hectic semester, and the Senate did not have time to set up the scholarships. The Office of International Students, Mary Hicks, is asking for this scholarship to be reinstated.

#### XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm.

It was decided by the advisors that the meeting was in violation of the constitution because the constitution says that "No student shall hold more than one position as officer concurrently." (Constitution Article I, Section 8) and the Rules and Procedures defines the officer positions as the following, "the officers of the Senate shall be the President of the Senate, the President Pro-Tempore of the Senate, and Parliamentarian of the Senate" (Rules and Procedures Article I, Section 1).

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## Student Government Vice President

**From:** Pamela Vrana Rault **Sent:** Wed 1/23/08 4:14 PM  
**To:** Student Government Vice President; Justin Wade Cottrell; jaredzeringue@yahoo.com; Justin Philip Schneider; Jessica Eve Marie Nunes; Kerry Michael Bailey; Kraig Vaughn Prinz; Erin Marie Lathrop; Leigha Monique Dixon; Samuel Nicholas Neel, III; Kristen Marie Knuppel; Jackson John Mwatibo; Student Government President; Lester Coza Perryman Jr; Marcus DeWayne Ryan; jenniferstephens@gmail.com; Laura A Williams; Leda Suyapa Bueso; Student Government Treasurer; Lucile E Gallese; Samantha Marie Bazile; Marcus Fred Bennett, IV; Christopher Omar Saybe; Nina Christine McDaniel; Marquail Lashone Pollard; Student Government Secretary of State; Xue Qin Wang; LaJana Paige  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** SG Meeting Yesterday  
**Attachments:**

Nira,

As you may know, the advisors expressed concerns about the legitimacy of the SG meeting that took place yesterday. Right now we have two senators, Nina McDaniel and Laura Williams. Both turned in forms for a proxy; however, they both selected the same person to proxy. Having Marquail Pollard proxy was fine, but the constitution does not allow him to have stepped into both the Pro-Temp and Parliamentary positions, even if it was temporary.

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For these reasons, the meeting yesterday was in violation of the constitution. Therefore, in order to make sure that everything is legal, please inform the individuals who went through the nomination process that they will need to come up again for nomination at the next meeting.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

As of right now, the Senate only has two senators. Nina McDaniel and Laura Williams.

I don't know if either is planning to resign. If they are, I request that they don't resign until after the meeting next week.

So, Nina and Laura – if you are unable to be at the next meeting, please get a proxy, but do not get the same person to proxy for both of you.

If Marquail wants to join the senate or present a bill as an author, then I recommend that he not be one of the proxies because he will have to step out of either the temporary Pro-Temp position or the Parliamentarian position to do so.

Pam

Pam V. Rault

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**Subject:** SG meeting changed to Liberal Arts Room 120

**Importance:** High

Hi,

The SG meeting room has changed. It will now be in Liberal Arts Room 120 today.

The reason for this is that construction is being done in the BA building so we are not able to use the rooms.

Room changed is also posted outside the SG offices.

See you all in the Liberal Arts building, Room 120 at 4:30pm today.

*Welcome Back!*

**Nira Kohli**

President of the Senate

Vice President

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