

# **The Council of Black Student Leaders**

## **Fall Meeting Schedule**

Monday, September 11, 1989  
Monday, September 25, 1989  
Monday, October 9, 1989  
Monday, October 23, 1989  
Monday, November 6, 1989  
Monday, November 20, 1989  
Monday, December 4, 1989

**All meetings will be held in the  
W.E.B. DuBois Center  
from  
7:00pm - 8:30pm**

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*Dedicated to Equipping the Community For Future Leadership*

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August 29, 1989

Dear Black Student Leader:

Welcome back to what promises to be a challenging and rewarding year. I trust your summer was eventful. I spent my summer programming for the Council and am pleased to report that we have many challenges which lie ahead.

We are facing a new decade during this academic year and our goals need clarity and relevance. Our goals cover academics, race relations and service.

Last year, too many African-American Students faced academic probation and suspension. This is not due to an inability to perform academically, but misplaced priorities. To counter this trend, we will hold Leadership Development workshops all year; hopefully, this will be a step in the right direction. The Council, in conjunction with other offices/departments, is instituting a Minority Mentoring Program. This will assist in the acclimation and retention of Minority Students at UVA. I urge you to stress the importance of academics in your organization.

Race relations at UVA are always an inviting challenge because they represent creative avenues down which we can travel. These avenues include a multicultural requirement and multicultural training for student leaders, TA's and ultimately, faculty. I am also asking President O'Neil to make a definitive statement denouncing racism and bigotry. Bryce Jordan, President of Penn State, made a strong statement in their newsletter. The administration of UVA has made strides in race relations, but we have more to do. A statement of this magnitude needs to come from the top. In addition, I have asked the President to examine the feasibility of a university policy on racist acts. Many other institutions are implementing such policies and we should follow. As a collective body of Black Student Leaders, we must insist that these issues remain on the table.

One area where we as a community have not done our part is service to the community. There are needs in the Black Community and we are a major part of the solution. I am a strict believer in self-help and that is what the Charlottesville community needs. Street Academics, the newest addition to the Council, will continue its efforts of providing direction to high school students. Service is high on our agenda because we need to give back to our community and give them ownership in a university which rests in their back yard.

These are our challenges and we must make strides in each of these areas. We must do our part, individually and collectively.

I would like for you to place some important dates on your calendar.

The most immediate event on our calendar is a Memorial Service for Congressman Leland. The service will be held in the Chapel on Sunday afternoon, September 10, 1989. In respect for this man and the causes for which he stood, I solicit your support for this event. Black Voices will sing.

Of course our meeting dates are of importance and I have enclosed a flyer for you to post. Below I have set the administrator who will lead our Information Sessions before each meeting. (As you will see, we have a distinguished list.)

- Monday, September 11 Dean M. Rick Turner, Afro-American Affairs  
Afro-American Academic Progress
- Monday, September 25 Ron Simmons, Associate Provost, Academic Services  
Summer Transition Programs and Retention efforts
- Monday, October 9 President Robert O'Neil  
New Administration
- Monday, October 23 Armstead Robinson, Director, Carter G. Woodson  
Academic Enhancement Program
- Monday, November 6 Pearl Gray, Associate Provost for Policy  
Legislating Rules Against Racial Incidences
- Monday, November 20 Lincoln Lewis, Affirmative Action Officer  
Connectedness in Diversity
- Monday, December 4 SEMESTER WRAP-UP

The Council will have a retreat on September 16, 1989 in the Alumni Hall Board Room from 8:45am to 2:00pm. This is a mandatory event for Lem Lewis, member of the Board of Visitors, UVA administrators and Black Alumni will be present. This day will provide a greater focus to our organizations. Lunch will be served. If you cannot attend, please let me know at our first meeting.

On Saturday, October 7, 1989 from 12:00-2:00pm, the Council will host a Gala Celebration with the Charlottesville Housing Authority for a community housing project. Black Voices will sing, the Greeks will perform a unity step show and students will speak. This will kick off our efforts in the community. Please attend and pledge your faithful support.

These are some of the major events scheduled for this semester. More will be placed on the calendar at our first meeting. If you need to contact me, call me at home, 977-6105, or at the office, 924-4487. I look forward to seeing you on September 11.

Very sincerely,



Trevón Dyrel Gross, Chair  
Council of Black Student Leaders

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## CBSL CALENDAR POLICY '89-'90

All organizations represented by CBSL must submit a monthly calendar of events by the second Monday of the preceding month to which the calendar will correspond (i.e., the calendar for December is due on the second Monday in November).

Calendar should include:

- 1.) Title of Activity
- 2.) Brief Description (if title is not self-explanatory)
- 3.) Date and Time (indicate whether definite or tentative)
- 4.) Location
- 5.) Nature of Event (i.e., academic, service, social, fundraising, general meeting, etc.)

- Calendars should include any and all activities that will affect or include the University community.
- Calendars should include even tentatively scheduled events (A tentative date is better than none at all!)
  - When a tentatively scheduled event becomes definite, postponed, or cancelled CBSL's Vice-Chair should be notified immediately.
- If 2 or more organizations plan activities whose dates and times conflict, a representative from each organization and CBSL's Vice-Chair will meet in order to decide if and for when the activities should be rescheduled.
- If an organization has traditionally held a particular activity at a specific time, it shall have priority over another organization if schedule conflicts arise.  
(for example: BSA meetings are traditionally held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Therefore, BSA meetings shall take priority over any other event planned for a first or third Tuesdays).
- If an organization has failed to turn in a calendar, then, in case of conflict, that organization shall not take priority over any other activity sponsored by an organization that has completed a calendar.

- If any activities have been added, omitted, or changed in any way after a monthly calendar has been completed and turned in, CBSL's Vice-Chair should be notified immediately.
- A complete calendar of all events sponsored by CBSL organizations will be posted monthly in CBSL's office.

EXAMPLE OF CALENDAR FORMAT:

Organization's name

FEBRUARY      4-- BGA Party; 10pm- 2am; SAB; Social/Fundraising.

7-- Speech by Joe Blow; Topic to be addressed :  
"The African-American Student at the White  
University;" 8-9:30pm; Newcomb Hall Ballroom;  
Cultural/Academic.