

Black Student Movement
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
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*****Press Release*****

As of October 23, 1998, the Black Student Movement (BSM) of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill removed four out of the five of its subgroups' treasury suspensions. The subgroups were placed on suspension due to their failure to meet various administrative treasury responsibilities. The responsibilities of each subgroup treasurer/president include:

- (1). attending mandatory budget meetings twice a month;
- (2). completion of one-on-one training with BSM Treasurer;
- (3). completion of a treasury test with a passing grade of eighty percent;
- (4). completing semimonthly financial reports;
- (5). successful completion of all treasury documents (such as requisitions and check requests)

A subgroup may be placed on suspension if any of the aforementioned responsibilities are not met. The suspension of subgroup funds **was not due to any misuse or inappropriate appropriations by the subgroups or parent organization.** The decision to suspend the subgroup funds was made as a preventive measure by the Executive Board to correct any communication as well as administrative problems now and in the future. The BSM has dedicated itself this year to the improvement of organizational functions, and it is in this spirit that the suspension was done. Information regarding the specific details of the suspension were not given out to the media out of respect for each subgroup and professionalism, and it is up to the subgroups to disseminate specifics about their prospective suspension. We hope that other organizations and students can learn from the BSM and UNC Football Coach Carl Torbush's example about the importance of dealing with all internal matters privately.

The BSM would like to express its concern on how the suspension of the subgroups was handled by the local campus publication The Daily Tarheel (DTH). While we do feel it is important to report news that can benefit other organizations and students, the articles published in the DTH were inaccurate as well as misleading.

The BSM will continue to further their organizational goals and missions, despite recent attacks and would like to invite the student body to learn more about the BSM every Wednesday at 5:30pm at the General Body meetings held in Upendo of Chase Dining Hall.

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