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MEMBERS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT RETREAT TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CINCINNATI (Aug. 1, 2016) -- 50 students from The University of Cincinnati Undergraduate Student Government travelled to the District of Columbia for a weekend of discussion on current campus related issues. The students departed early morning on Friday, July 27, and arrived back in Cincinnati late on Sunday, Aug. 1.

The discussions were facilitated through the National Campus Leadership Council. Topics covered were mental health, campus sexual assault, diversity and inclusion, and strategic planning. Topic content was described as “intense” and “heavy”, but a post trip survey revealed an “extremely satisfied” sentiment about the overall experience. The facilitators from NCLC, former student body presidents or vice presidents of their respective schools, used personal experience to detail how they confronted these specific issues on their campus.

“I strongly believe the retreat was pivotal for the growth within our organization.” Undergraduate Student Body Vice President Brooke Duncan said. “The conversations we had in our Nation’s Capital are taking Student Government to new heights. We must build into ourselves to be the strongest representatives we can be, come fall.”

The trip was made possible as a result of two bills. The student government was able to use the remaining funds designated for retreats to coordinate the trip through a bill under the Naab | Griggs Administration. This was combined with an allotment under the new Phelps | Duncan administration. The remaining funds would have otherwise gone unused due to the restriction from the fiscal year ending. Students were asked to purchase their own meals to bring down overall costs.

“I’m really glad we went. I think it threw all of us out of our comfort zones in one way or another. We all learned something about ourselves, and about how we can better interact within SG and the students on our campus,” said At-Large Senator Nicole Price. “This was a great exercise to kick off the year.”

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About the National Campus Leaders Council
NCLC provides a venue for student body presidents and their teams to rally and confront exigent issues facing our generation. This is done by working with a broad network of current and former student body presidents to share best practices, identify innovative solution, and generate greater expertise to ensure young leaders are effective stakeholders and spokespeople on campus and beyond.