101st Undergraduate Student Senate

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Undergraduate Student Government

16 April, 7:30 pm

Gardner 309

1. Call to Order
2. Oath of Office
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Receipts of Petitions and Messages
   1. Messages from the Student Body President
      1. Anti-Semitism and racism present on campus. They’re working on the Police Oversight Committee by the Chancellor in response to armed confederates. Planning a town hall as well as looking into the new police chief. Expected in two weeks. Interviewing members for committees. Went to the Association of Student Governments where they approved a budget that Ashton did not approve of.
      2. Dauderman asks how the town hall will affect the choice of police chief. Ashton sits on the board to choose a police chief and she plans to institute the student feedback she receives.
      3. Ashton has coordinated with the Campus Y and Chancellor. She desires to not have any connection with police, but prefers the community members and low-level staff address police chief.
      4. Ashton says the fall semester features a reopening of committee application and external appointments.
      5. She is open to a Senator sitting on the town hall.
   2. Messages from the USG Vice President
      1. External appointment interviews begin tomorrow. There will be people coming up on the 24th for SACC, etc. They are informed that they are expected to attend.
      2. Met with Carolina Engagement Council, there is the option for Outward Bound over fall break. Encouraging campus leaders to apply. She is happy to send information. This is aimed at Presidents, co-presidents, and senators. This isn’t necessarily encouraged for transfers or first years.
   3. Messages from the USG Treasurer
      1. No updates.
   4. Messages from the USG Director of State and External Affairs
      1. There are 3 bills in the house and senate, HB-10 and Senate-19 which prevents the removal of monuments. It would allow the removal for Silent Sam. Also allows the Chancellor to remove a monument him/herself. Campaign to encourage students to contact their representatives. Bill for out-of-state student tuition and they have contacted. Downtown Partnership Plan is making a plan of how to revamp Franklin and overall community membership.
      2. Went to event with a legislator and Rep Russell and pushed forward a bill that loosens regulations so One Card can be used as voter identification, has to pass in Senate. Working with One Card office.
      3. HB-389, allows beer and wine at sporting events. Many people of ABC-CH, RHA, Student Gov, etc would allow privatization of alcohol sales and is expected to reduce unwanted alcoholic behaviors. She does not want to advocate on behalf of Student Government on this bill. There wasn’t one specific student interest.
      4. DTH editorial about access to polling places. She was director of lobbying, and there is a campaign of polling place. They are helping advocacy of other student groups. They are in contact with Orange County BOE. Attempting to get polling place at Student Union, but has to be accessible to curbside voting.
      5. They do not want to take on one issue, so they are implementing a process of reaching out to organizations they could offer help to and then aid organizations in affecting legislation. Want to implement a monthly listserv, but it is not in place yet. Due to interviewing members, they could not realistically take a position by the end of the year.
   5. Messages from the Undergraduate Student Attorney General
   6. Messages from the Undergraduate Honor Court Chair
   7. Papers Addressed to the Senate
6. Public Comment Period
   * 1. Martin asks to move bill on consent calendar to general orders.
     2. Augustine requires all student organization to present a book and put it in library by inauguration. This would make sure this actually happens.
     3. Bean co-sponsored the bill before R&J. With research in the library, the records are terrible of Student Government. They are essentially non-existent. The issue is the financial penalty. Any person in the branch may form the bill.
   1. Reports of the Officers of Senate
   2. Rules & Judiciary Committee Chair
      1. Expect the beginning of external appointment confirmation.
   3. Finance Committee Chair's Report
      1. Decided to elect Senator Battuta as vice-chair.
   4. Oversight & Advocacy Committee Chair's Report
      1. No vice-chairs election yet. Productive conversation in how to better do the job of the O&A. There is no place to discuss problems on campus and there is no common source. No one from the administration or student government has done an effective job of that.
   5. Ethics Committee Chair's Report
      1. An email about the tasks of Senators.
   6. Speaker Pro Tempore's Report
      1. LDOC is soon! She does back Senator Augustine.
   7. Speaker's Report
      1. Attended all committees. 2/3 vice chair elections. Staley was vice-chair of R&J. Attended first JGC meeting, elected Tullis, passed the Joint Code (subject to amendment).
7. Veto Messages from the Student Body President/USG President
8. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting
9. Special Orders
10. Unfavorable Calendar
11. Consent Calendar
    1. USB-101-002 ANNUAL REPORTS
       1. Recommendations for what is to be included in the reports. There are financial repercussions. This is just codifying reports that are supposed to be executed. There is a 4-week buffer to allow the completion of the report. The buffer is a new part of the bill. Requirement for judicial, honor court, attorney general, executive, and legislative report.
       2. Dauderman is not convinced that 4 weeks is enough time for completion. It is not favorable that the next group will be punished.
       3. Buckner says that there is already transitional documents, it just solidifies the documents that already exist.
       4. Moseley asks if the financial penalty would actually hurt the student body.
       5. Augustine wanted it to be low enough to have an impact, but high enough that people did what is asked of them.
       6. Martin is concerned about the financial penalty. It sets a dangerous precedent of financial penalty. They already file an annual report, it does exist. They are already forcing a previous administration, and they are unable to get a previous administration to do this in four weeks. They do have these documents. As the year goes on, this will be difficult to follow through on.
       7. Li says this unfairly punishes the incoming administrations. If an administration is at odd with the next, if there is an incentive to hurt the next administration, this may hurt the school. Maybe this could cut stipends for officers instead of financial penalty for the body as a whole.
       8. Weiner says the posterior punishment is ineffective and doesn’t follow the sentiment of the bill to be completed by the current session. He suggests codified checkpoints. Talks of impeachment or stipend reduction. The secretary doesn’t have a stipend that could be taken.
       9. Secretary Carter says these financial penalties would carry an unhealthy precedent of financial penalties. If stipends were in play, this may be weaponized by administrations against each other. The previous administration’s secretary left and his transition has been rough. He says the pitching for money with almost no preparation, and he’s catching up on things that should’ve happened over the summer.
       10. Beene says that we are assuming that groups will not do their job, but he expects that this may hold governments responsible. By having this penalty there, it makes the records matter.
       11. Augustine thinks the basis of the bill is good and favors changing the financial regulation. She thinks checkpoints are a wonderful idea. That’s a wonderful way of penalizing only the people in the current session. The annual report is not public, but the records are supposed to be there. This is the point, people must follow the accountability a report provides.
       12. Buckner suggests a provision to have the right to extend this deadline if we do not edit the bill to affect stipends.
       13. Augustine says the stipends would
    2. Suspension of Rules
       1. Dauderman suggests stipend and a clause that would excuse certain situations.
       2. Gee is worried about the 50% and wants to know if there is a way that the Executive Annual Reports could be made public.
       3. Recess for 5 minutes.
       4. Martin suggests a mid-year report after fall semester. At that point, there will be a suspension of stipends. And then Senate institutes a bill to remove the stipend. She suggests bringing back the secretary’s stipend.
       5. Weiner is hesitant to touch stipends. He suggests Oct 15, LDOC, and March 1 to give reports. If favorable, nothing happens but if unfavorable, there are impeachment proceedings. The proceedings allows a person to defend themselves in front of Senate and O&A could judge the work done.
       6. Jerrick opposes impeachment. There was one impeachment and they are very irregular. He doesn’t think that impeachments would be effective. As senators, we should work on addressing.
       7. Augustine proposed amendments.
       8. Dauderman made a movement to move the bill to resource.
12. Introduction of Concurrent Resolutions
13. General Orders Calendar
14. Notices and Announcements
    1. Special Senate Meeting on Wednesday.
15. Adjournment
    1. Adjourned at 9:12pm.