101st Undergraduate Student Senate

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Undergraduate Student Government

24 April, 7:30 pm

Gardner 309

1. Call to Order
   1. 7:35
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. Ashton says they finished the recruitment cycle, and the approval process has began in O&A. External appointments are continuing. There was a rally on campus against police brutality. She was in attendance. There is a town hall being tabled for school in the fall, she is in correspondence with the Campus Y.
   2. Messages from the USG Vice President
      1. She gives a thanks to O&A for the approval of the first 3 external appointments. She says this process will continue.
   3. Messages from the USG Treasurer
      1. Carter says the BOG approved the student fees for next year, SFAC’s recommendations were followed. The controversy over the debt services fee allowed it to be tabled. There is a continuing fight for the mental health fee. This is not related to the fees of the business school.
      2. Overall fees decreased by $20.
   4. Messages from the USG Director of State and External Affairs
      1. The call campaign for 10 20 and senate bill 19, which repeal the law that prohibit removal of monuments. This would allow the chancellor to remove monuments. This would give the power to remove silent sam. She encourages contact with your representatives. She met with the One Card office about the student ID rules, and now people can no longer submit their own photo which was the initial issue. The bill to allow alcohol at sporting events was passed and is now being put into the board of trustees.
   5. Messages from the Undergraduate Student Attorney General
      1. No messages.
   6. Messages from the Undergraduate Honor Court Chair
      1. They are not present.
   7. Papers Addressed to the Senate
      1. There are none.
6. Public Comment Period
   1. Dauderman says that we have a responsibility to our fellow students. He says that guns have no place on school grounds and the “terrorists” are not being punished on this campus. He says that the campus and police failed the campus as there are students who are threatened.
   2. Shodah Kelly- She is voicing her concern about this relation. She says the senate is speaking on behalf of the majority but they are not heard. She says this isn’t partisan, this is about safety. She acknowledges that she doesn’t see this. She calls the police very aggressive and says the bill is passive. She says the police must be held accountable.
   3. Julia Pulawsky- She is one of the undergraduate students who was aggressive. She was grabbed and choked for no reason. She says she was pushed to the ground and being swore at. She subsequently says she watched them lie in court to get her convicted of two counts of misdemeanor assault. She says the administration has not acknowledged this. She says they call them Confederate Heritage groups but they are hate groups and she says that the police allow them. She says the police beat up peaceful protesters. The police have not been keeping people safe.
   4. Diamond Jones- She says that she been an anti-protester at the confederate protests. She says we are students and they are supremacists with guns. She says that the guns pose a great risk. Like a black man was murdered in the pit years ago, there is still no acknowledgement. She says with increases in police, there is increases in unsafety. She says this is unacceptable.
   5. Mikayla Campbell- She says she doesn’t feel like Senate is fairly representing the people. She says that the UNC police has a legacy of not protecting the students. She says the protest was out of love for the students and school, and not one of hate. She says to be Carolina for All, we cannot be passive.
   6. Tylar Watson- She read portions of the letter presented in the resolution. She says there is a disregard of the real issue, which is one of racism. She says there is no accountability because people are unfairly paying attention based on race.
   7. Haley Creech- She says that police presence do not make the lives of people of color more safe. She says that police only protect white students. She asks when it is okay for police to punish non-violent protesters. She says that this resolution turns their back on the people of this movement. She says police befriend supremacists before they will defend. She says student government represents the students.
   8. Davion Alexander- He says it is disheartening that the student government is not representative of the student body. He says the statements today do not represent the student body. He says the statements today are not based on the sentiments of the student body. The school likes to discuss inclusion and safety, but he says that minorities are still prejudiced against. He says this isn’t about disarming the police, it is about equal treatment. He says the force should reflect the student body and he expects proper treatment. He shouldn’t have to fear.
   9. Raymond Tu- He says as an international student, he says in Canada, he didn’t fear the police. He says he is afraid of the police here. He is worried about the pepper spray. He says even those who aren’t from the United States are terrified.
   10. Kipp Williams- He reads portions of the letter. He says that the police are protecting the institutions, not the students. He says that the people who are introducing this need to listen to the brutalized students and people of color. He says that the only way to fight racism is when white students take the steps to learn. He challenges student government to listen instead of speak.
   11. Joyce Oh- She encourages people to educate themselves about the nature of racism. She talks about sociologists and activists and people needing to educate themselves to become better representatives.
   12. Emma Capornegro- She is a senior advisor from the Martin campaign. She doesn’t support the resolution.
   13. Areej Hussein- She says she doesn’t want to be here, but as a POC on this campus, she has to come forward. She says that everyday she is reminded that she doesn’t belong her. She says this resolution puts her safety at risk. She says even just the drafting of this revolution puts them at risk. She calls the senators are privileged who do not understand what it is like to be a POC on campus. She says while some are not affected, that doesn’t mean that none are affected.
   14. Serena Singh- She is a senior advisor. She says everyday students are faced with hard decisions. She is Sikh, and she says that a KKK person hurt their community. While she meets with advisors, she encourages people to educate themselves.
7. Reports of the Officers of Senate
   1. Rules & Judiciary Committee Chair
      1. Final R&J meeting. The same bill that was discussed last meeting regarding the files has been edited. He said at the ending of the last session, there was a nominee that was biased against student groups. She is now suing Senate for discrimination. Henson has filed a motion to dismiss. He says that conservatives were prejudiced against. She called conservatives bigots, white supremacists, and racists on the meme page and then blocked them.
   2. Finance Committee Chair's Report
      1. No more meetings.
   3. Oversight & Advocacy Committee Chair's Report
      1. Very productive meeting. It was a 2 hour meeting. Powell is vice chair. All 2 executive appointments were approved favorably. We drafted a bill to allow the Executive Secretary a stipend for $100/month.
   4. Ethics Committee Chair's Report
      1. Neither chair or vice chair were present.
   5. Speaker Pro Tempore's Report
      1. She thanks the activists for being present. She appreciates them coming to senate especially to allow Senate to be known as an outlet to be heard.
   6. Speaker's Report
      1. Attended the final CUAB meeting and welcomed a new board chair, Owens. End Game is at 9:30 in the Varsity for free. He thanks all of the public, especially with how short notice the concurrent resolution was. He welcomes all opinions. He is meeting with Bobby on Monday to organize summer meetings. Not the full senate that is being sued.
8. Veto Messages from the Student Body President/USG President
9. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting
10. Special Orders
11. Unfavorable Calendar
12. Consent Calendar
    1. USR-101-003 Presidential Appointments to Student Legal Services Board of Directors (SLS)-Joshua Romero
    2. USR-101-004 President’s Appointments to Renewable Energy Special Projects Committee (RESPC)-Olivia Corriere
    3. USR-101-005 President’s Appointments to Renewable Energy Special Projects Committee (RESPC)-Zach Walker
    4. USB-101-002 Annual Reports
13. Introduction of Concurrent Resolutions
    1. USR-101-007 Support for the Maintaining of a Police Force on UNC’s Campus
       1. He thanks the public for coming out. He wrote this based on his own understanding of the actions on this campus. He unequivocally condemns white supremacy, and emphasizes that this is not why he wrote this bill. He denounces the bringing of a firearm and only supports the first amendment rights of these people. He denounces some actions by the police force. However, he doesn’t support the call for the removal of the police. He says the police force was instituted to protect both the students and the university. He says he doesn’t want to protect the actions of the police officers, but is in support of the governing of protection. He says as this body, we do not have the authority to train police officers. He says that all have the right to use their freedom of speech and says they have the right to speak until they are harming others. He says that the white supremacy groups that did come to campus were escorted because they requested protection for legal assembly. It is the authority of the police, and says that there should be no removal. He says he has no connections to the police, so he has no vested interest but only supports the protection they provide. He encourages all to run for Senate, but he says we have no control of Senate but it is only who chooses to run. He apologizes for any of the language that was incorrectly worded or offensively taken. He says the resolution is written in support of the presence of the police. This is not in support of white supremacy election.
       2. There is an objection to this motion. A yes vote is a consideration of the question, a no vote says this bill will die. This motion failed. This was then made a contested issue.
       3. There was a 2 minute recess.
       4. Buckner deflects this to Henson. Henson says that if this should pass, this is the stance of the Senate that there should be a campus police department.
       5. He says that this has been a sentiment that is shared. The majority of the campus does support the existence of a police department.
       6. A member of the public asks why Senate responds to this issue but not the actions of police. She asks why brutal actions are not responded. He says that they can make a statement but not institute reform into the police force. They encourage people to come and have senators write legislation on their behalf.
       7. A member of the public says that there should not be selective acknowledgement. Buckner says that while those are isolated instances, he just says that these are examples.
       8. Tylar questions if Buckner was a participant at the rally. She is not in understanding of why this was the takeaway. Buckner says he identifies the removal of the police body would not benefit, and while he did not participate, he was present. She then asks with the language use, especially in the title, she questions if we are in support of the institution or the current police force itself. Buckner clarifies it is the institution.
       9. Vote to limit debate to 15 minutes fail. Vote to limit to 30 minutes passes. The contested issue status is repealed. We have entered debate.
       10. Dauderman reads the Letter from Birmingham Jail by Dr. MLK Jr. Rejection by Henson to his filibuster on germaneness grounds, vote to let him continue fails.
       11. Johnson thanks people for being here, but doesn’t support dissolving the police department. He sees no justification in ending the department and is not practical. He proposes a bill in support of training. Dauderman says he is not a convicted felon, he says that is slander. He says he was homeless, beaten, and falsely arrested.
       12. Beene thanks the public. He encourages people to run. He says he co-sponsored because he believed if we lost the police force, we lose the ability to manage our own police force. He says that UNC would then be policed by the town of Chapel Hill and says that funding is low and therefore would not be as helpful in adjusting the police force to the students.
       13. Henson says that when Old East and Daive Poplar were bombed, the UNC police department responded. He speaks in favor of the UNC police department. He encourages all reform. However, he believes police gives their lives. He says we are condemning one officer. Several of the protests, in his experiences, resulted in vandalism and destruction of property. He says we can’t blame police when they respond accordingly.
       14. Le questions the portions of the letter on behalf of Watson. She says the wording of ‘maintain’ is in support of continuing the police force.
       15. Javaadi acknowledges the purpose of the resolution, however he says that we are responding to the wrong part of the actions today. He says that removing the police department is one small part of this debate. Buckner says he is willing to co-sponsor a bill that encourages training. Henson is willing to co-sponsor a bill.
       16. Moseley says that we should identify reform and show that as we represent the entire student body and not just
       17. Weiner says that this resolution wants to contact minority and marginalized community. He says these people took their time. He says that McCracken encouraged police to listen to the community, yet they do not attend the reality. He says that the silent majority is unable to be surveyed in 5 hours. Buckner does say that McCracken has cooperated with the community and the presence of several officers.
       18. Moody-Williamson says this resolution was rushed. She questions if this is even possible. She says this resolution was made to counteract student activists. She encourages thinking about the real issues presented here.
       19. Dauderman says this bill is a blatant example of false consciousness. He calls it silly and ridiculous. He says there was many more important takeaways. He says this is making everyone look bad.
       20. President Martin gives speaking privileges to Singh. She calls it elitist that people look down on student activists. It is the responsibility of senators to represent their constituents, not just themselves. Henson says that we are pretending this issue is one sided.
       21. Le says he will not vote for this bill because our voices are not broadly applicable.
       22. The bill fails.
14. General Orders Calendar
15. Notices and Announcements
    1. Dauderman says that he believes the police failed.
    2. Dear Senators,

We have an honored bound obligation to our peers, and to this tonight I must speak. We cannot ignore that the very live of students we represent were threatened, and the criminal terrorist was allowed ro leave with no repercussion. There was no reason for a “so called “Confederate Heritage” groups to be present on out campus, but for the purpose to intimidate students, with a firearm.

1. Adjournment