101st Undergraduate Student Senate

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Undergraduate Student Government

12 November, 7:30 pm

Gardner 309

1. Two-Minute Addresses
2. Call to Order
   1. 7:32 PM
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Minutes
   1. 10.29.2019 Full Senate Minutes approved
5. Receipts of Petitions and Messages
   1. Messages from the Student Body President
      1. SBP thanked Senate for passing the Department of Arts Concurrent Resolution from last Full Senate (11.15.2019)
      2. Chancellor search is ongoing and will be completed by December. She will give more updates next meeting
      3. Board of Trustees and Board of Student Governments meetings are upcoming
   2. Messages from the USG Vice President
      1. All advisory committees have met
         1. SAAC met last week
            1. Discussed peer advising initiative
         2. Hardship Parking Committee meeting is upcoming
            1. Senator Marinoni was invited to sit in
         3. Advisory committees have completed their meetings for the semester
         4. Projects within the office are ongoing and more updates will be given in the following meetings
   3. Messages from the USG Treasurer
      1. TFAT has continued their business
         1. A full report of their decisions will be sent out on Thursday.
            1. He expressed gratitude for the committees considerations of student input and feedback
            2. Thanked Executive members who were helpful in this continuing process
   4. Messages from the USG Director of State and External Affairs
      1. Association of Student Government will be held at Western Carolina in the upcoming week
      2. Lobbying 101 workshop is upcoming and will feature several panelists
         1. More information will be sent out soon
         2. Encouraged senators to attend
   5. Messages from the Undergraduate Student Attorney General
   6. Messages from the Undergraduate Honor Court Chair
   7. Messages from the Undergraduate Senate Faculty Advisor
      1. Encouraged senators who have not taken their tests to do so soon in order to ensure voting privileges
      2. Encouraged senators who have conflicts with the Code to go through the proper channels to amend it
      3. Discussed Senate leadership meeting
         1. Thanked leadership for their diligence and ideas
         2. Looks forward to more meetings of the sort in the following semester
      4. Nondiscrimination Statement Policy
         1. His office works with EOC and is hopeful that Senate will be aware of these issues and make thoughtful votes accordingly
   8. Papers Addressed to the Senate
6. Public Comment Period
7. Reports of the Officers of Senate
   1. Ethics Committee Chair's Report
      1. Thanked senators for completing their forms
      2. Sent out emails to individual senate about their attendance records and forms
      3. Access to Treasurer’s Test has been granted and will be sent out in the upcoming weeks
      4. Senators with absence warnings were named
      5. Discussed results of survey regarding Senate environment
         1. More food at meetings, more opportunities to bond, and more cohesion amongst senators
      6. Ethics Committee meeting is upcoming in the following weeks
   2. Oversight & Advocacy Committee Chair's Report
      1. Committee feedback on Senate structure discussed
         1. Some ideas and concerns brought up were: Stricter enforcement of attendance issues, redesigning Full Senate structures (potentially only having Full Senate once a month), full explanation of the relationship between Senate and Executive Branch, and discussion of social events for the end of the semester (Concurrent Resolution on the agenda tonight for approval for an end of the year social)
   3. Rules & Judiciary Committee Chair’s Report
      1. Last nominee for COSC was heard
      2. Chair of BOE visited to address election rules
         1. Altering of election titles and rules
            1. On the agenda tonight
      3. Chief of Staff visited to discuss duties
      4. EBO level offices were granted speaking privileges at future R&J meetings
      5. Chair Henson spoke against the upcoming Articles of Impeachment against himself (on the Special Orders Calendar)
   4. Finance Committee Chair's Report
      1. Final funding meeting finished
         1. $514,000 (roughly) were appropriated to campus organizations
      2. Ethics Chair: How much is left for future appropriation?
         1. Finance Chair: The committee will be meeting to discuss the remaining balance and future funds for next semester’s allocation process
   5. Speaker Pro Tempore's Report
      1. Thanked committees for their continuous engagement
      2. Senate leadership meeting to discuss ways to improve Senate was successful
      3. Future upcoming meeting with Speaker and Legislative Staff in the following weeks
      4. Hoping to improve Senate environment to increase attendance and retention of senators
   6. Speaker's Report
      1. Discussed Senate leadership meeting with USG Faculty Advisor
         1. Building a more cohesive and friendly atmosphere and improving relations amongst Senators
         2. Altering Full Senate structure
            1. Potentially remodeling USG Senate after GPSF by having Full Senate only once a month, with committees filling the remaining weeks
            2. Working with GPSF to approve Concurrent Resolution of Student Health Fee increase (on agenda tonight)

This will help Student Health Services expand their services in various ways.

* + - 1. Finished all remaining Senate appointments
         1. There are some remaining open seats remaining
      2. Speaker thanked Senators for their commitment throughout the semester. He is looking forward to enacting change within Senate within the next semester
    1. Special Election on November 21
       1. Interested parties should file their 25 signatures in the Student Union by 5pm on November 14

1. A recess was called at 7:50pm
   1. Recess ended at 7:55pm
2. Veto Messages from the Student Body President/USG President
3. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting
   1. APPROVAL OF 10.15.2019 MINUTES
      1. Minutes were approved
4. Special Orders
   1. USB-101-207 ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT - CHAIR HENSON
      1. Motion to enter debate by Dauderman
         1. Roll call vote failed- no debate
      2. Point of information, Wiener: what does aver mean?
         1. Speaker Wright: To “aver” means to agree with the points in question and confirm them as truth
      3. Point of information, Wiener: explain what is meant by “national origin” in Student Code
         1. USG Faculty Advisor: That wording was intended to reference those who are from outside of the United States
      4. Point of clarification, Henson: one who issues the articles of impeachment cannot vote to aver the claims
   2. The articles of impeachment failed
5. Unfavorable Calendar
6. Consent Calendar- APPROVED
   1. USR-101-111 SENATORIAL RESPC
   2. USR-101-199 COSC
   3. USB-101-201 COMMITTEE STANDING RULES
   4. USB-101-202 ELECTION QUALIFICATIONS
   5. USB-101-203 COMMON APPOINTMENT APPLICATION
   6. USB-101-204 EBO SPEAKING PRIVILEGES
   7. USB-101-205 TO ALLOW IMPEACHMENT OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
   8. USB-101-208 ↓ FINANCE
   9. USB-101-209/ USB-101-250
   10. USB-101-251 ↑ FINANCE
7. Introduction of Concurrent Resolutions
   1. USR-101-252 CAMPUS HEALTH FEE
      1. Presented by Speaker Wright
         1. Resolutions in accordance with GPSF (which has passed it)
            1. Resolution will increase the Student Health Fee by $10. This will allow Student Health Services to expand services in various instances to better serve students
      2. Questioning
         1. Beene: When was the last time Student Health Fees were increased
            1. Wright: Two years ago, there was consideration for another increase last year but it was denied
         2. Beenee: Why did it not pass last year
            1. Wright: granted speaking privileges to USG Treasurer for further explanation

USG Treasurer: There were logistical issues with the fee increase from various departments but the current environment is more suitable for its adoption

* + - * 1. Beene: Was the Office of Student Aid contacted about this fee increase? Will student aid reflect this increase?

USG Treasurer: The Office of Scholarships and Aid was contacted about the proposed fee increase and will make adjustments accordingly

THE RESOLUTION PASSED

* 1. USR-101-253 UNDERGRADUATE SENATE GATHERING
     1. Presented by Vice Chair Powell and Senator Green
        1. Last O&A Committee meeting there was discussion about improving Senate environment
           1. In order to help relations amongst Senators, the O&A committee will plan a social gathering for Senators
     2. Questioning
        1. Wiener: Where will this be
           1. Powell: Potentially in the space provided by DiPhi
        2. Beene: When will it be
           1. Powell: Planning is for the end of the semester, before Winter Break
     3. THE RESOLUTION PASSED

1. General Orders Calendar
   1. USB-101-200 JOINT CODE ELECTION REGULATIONS
      1. Presented by Senator Beene
         1. Proposed changes to Joint Code to make election process more inclusive and easier to navigate
            1. Registered campaign workers clause that will require campaign workers to be registered with BOE
            2. Extended Spring General Elections by a week, other meetings also pushed back
            3. Removed the “Sponsored By…” clause as a requirement
            4. Removal of voicemail regulations during BOE meetings
            5. Allowance for the ability of one member of the BOE may file a complaint regarding election irregularities
            6. Institution of Election Monitors to improve election environment

Campaign workers are still allowed to file complaints

* + 1. Questioning
       1. Wiener: alter wording from “falls not on a day” to “does not fall on a day”
          1. Beene: Adopted as a friendly amendment
       2. Wiener: Will the removal of “Sponsored By” contribute to inclusivity in the future. Issue with vagueness of “Digital Evangelists” definition
          1. Beene: There was a discussion with the BOE regarding “Digital Evangelists” in the future and it was not seen as a foreseeable problem
       3. Gee: Who tagged the term “Digital Evangelists”
          1. Beene: Himself
    2. Debate
       1. SBP Martin
          1. Potential issue with registered campaign workers list as something that could have loopholes around the requirement

Henson: There is a penalty to those who do not register their campaign workers

* + - * 1. She expressed concern about extending the campaign period

Felt it would be too long for candidates and add further stress for students

* + - 1. Wiener
         1. Agrees with SBP Martin that campaign period expansion would be too demanding on candidates

Proposed potentially expanding the declaration period rather than the election period itself

* + - 1. Beene:
         1. The bill only extends the General Election by three days and will not be too much of a difference from the current system

This was included in an effort to increase candidate exposure on campus and help raise awareness amongst students for the candidates

* + - 1. Javvadi:
         1. Shared personal experience of candidacy in Senate election

Would have appreciated a longer campaign period to gather more signatures and connect with more students

Feels that the day extension will help candidates further develop their platforms and improve voter outreach

* + - 1. Henson
         1. Feels the longer campaign period will allow for more voter outreach, raise awareness for elections (specifically for Senate candidates), and addressed that the longer election period is not an obligation for those wishing to run
      2. Point of clarification, GPSF President: This will not impact Senate elections, only election for SBP as its apart of the Joint Code
      3. Beene
         1. Striking of Appendix 1 from bill
      4. Point of clarification, Wiener: Because it is a part of the Joint Code, will it be required to pass GPSF?
         1. Speaker Wright: While it is not required to pass GPSF, it will appear on their next Full Senate agenda. This will be done to set a precedent for future collaborations on altering of the Joint Code
    1. THE RESOLUTION PASSED

1. Notices and Announcements
   1. Dauderman: expressed his disappointment with the failure of passing Articles of Impeachment against Chair Henson
      1. Henson: Motion to Censor Dauderman
         1. Not approved by Speaker Wright
   2. Javvadi: Encouraged senators to complete the Senate Feedback Survey and complete their tests
2. Adjournment
   1. 8:42pm