The Undergraduate Senate—99th Session

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

*February 6, 2018*

*Dey 302*

*8:00pm*

1. Call to Order (Roll Call)
   1. Meeting called to order at 8:11 pm
2. Reports of the Officers
3. Report from Rules and Judiciary Committee Chair
   1. Chair Molesworth is absent so Vice Chair Henson spoke on her behalf
4. Report from Rules and Judiciary Committee Vice Chair
5. Special Orders
6. Bills and Resolutions- Motion made to move Bill of Finance Appropriations to be last due to Luke’s absence
   1. USB-99-XXX – A BILL TO MANDATE THAT MEMBERS OF R&J PASS A TEST ON THE STUDENT CODE
      1. Vice Chair Henson begins to present the bill
      2. Senator Miller asked a question about when the bill will go into effect
      3. Vice Chair Henson said he would verify that
         1. That part was not found
      4. Senator Correa voices concerns about potential decreased participation in Senate if the bill is passed
      5. Senator asks a question related to how the Student Code changes constantly
      6. Senator asks a question about how the part of the bill that states that if the individual fails the test they will be moved to another committee will be implemented
      7. Senator Miller proposes that the bill would only apply to R&J for the time being and then analyze how the rest of the Senate responds
      8. Senator Miller made a movement to include a date for when the bill will go into effect
      9. Vice Chair Henson accepted as a friendly amendment
         1. Section 1.2 was added
      10. Motion to make a roll call vote
          1. Withdrawn
      11. Motion to pass without prejudice
          1. Seconded and consent
          2. Passes without prejudice
   2. USR-99-XXX – A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MINOR IN BIOTECHNOLOGY
      1. Bill is presented
      2. Senator asks about why the bill is being sent to the people listed on the bill instead of the Department of Arts and Sciences
      3. Senator asks whether this minor would concern joint departments
      4. Many Senators express that it would be best to edit the bill and then bring it back to Full Senate as a concurrent resolution
      5. Bill is withdrawn
   3. USB-99-XXX – A BILL TO APPROPRIATE A STIPEND TO THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT CHIEF OF STAFF
      1. Bill is presented
      2. Speaker Pro Temp commented that the bill should potentially be audited by Oversight and Advocacy in order to properly go through the process to request a stipend
      3. Ben asked why the process was not followed by the Speaker of the Senate’s stipend
      4. Speaker Pro Temp responds with
      5. Ben states that the stipends for other universities are significantly higher
      6. Senator Lewis voices concern over the fact that a stipend takes money away from the student organizations and that stipends are being handed out easily
      7. Point of order called that the committee is spiraling into debate
      8. Luke makes a motion to open the floor to debate
      9. Senator Lewis continues her point
      10. Senator Correa asks if stipends are only rewarded to student government organizations
      11. Luke states from experience that Chief of Staff is one of the most hardworking positions on the executive branch
      12. Luke states that regardless of the fact that it may take away from the funding for student organization however, it restricts the abilities of the individuals who take on the position(s), such as Chief of Staff, with the time commitment
      13. Senator Brown states that anyone can apply for a stipend and that the actions are biased towards officials
      14. Senator Lewis asks if the stipend is to be based on socioeconomic status and if it will be analyzed each year in respect to the person who holds the position
          1. Speaker Shriver states that once it is passed into law, it is applied to everyone
      15. Senator Miller states that it is important to keep in mind that it is possible that there is a “snowball” effect with stipends due to the increasing number of demands for stipends
      16. Speaker Pro Temp states that the bill should be considered in time and should be audited or possibly amended due to the time until the next session
      17. Luke asks why the same stance was not taken with the stipend regarding the Speaker’s stipend. He states that this stipend would not take $200 from one organization but a few dollars across the board
      18. Senator Correa asks a question regarding whether a stipend must go into effect during the next session and states that economic hardship superceeds
      19. Chair Augustine is allotted time to speak by Senator Cullifer
          1. She voices concern over stipends and the lack of money
      20. Senator Cullifer voices his concern over the hesitation regarding approval of this bill
      21. Senator Miller allots his time to Chair Augustine
      22. Chair Augustine states that she approved the Speaker’s stipend due to the fact that she could see the work that Speaker Shriver puts in
      23. Senator Brown states that the bill should be reconstructed so that individuals requesting a stipend would have to appear before the Finance Committee
      24. Senator Miller states that the accusations of bias are unprecedented and that he does not understand that the hesitation for taking more time to review the bill
      25. Motion to end debate
          1. Seconded
          2. Objected
      26. Senator asks a question regarding when the proposed idea of presenting time logs and such would go into effect and how
          1. It is expressed that this would go into effect during the 100th senate
      27. Senator Lewis states that the “Presidential” positions of the branches deserve stipends due to the hierarchy but everyone is volunteering their time. She states that this will most likely lead to a large increase in people requesting stipends
      28. Senator Correa asks why there is hesitation on passing the bill and then reviewing it after
      29. Senator Cullifer states that according the code, student government isn’t able to allot stipends to other organizations
      30. Senator Cullifer allots his time to Ben
      31. Ben recedes the time
      32. Senator Cullifer then allots his time to the Chief of Staff
      33. The Chief of Staff outlines her responsibilities and jobs and states that this bill will not benefit her in any way and speaks on the hesitation regarding passing this bill
      34. Senator Miller state that he doesn’t appreciate the claims of being unethical regarding hesitation about the bill. States that the bill should be tabled.
      35. Senator Brown moves to end debate
          1. Second and consent
          2. Debate ended
      36. Motion to table the bill to February 20, 2018
          1. Second
          2. Consent
          3. Successfully tabled
   4. SCB-99-XXX – A BILL TO REORDER FINANCE APPROPRIATIONS
      1. Chair Augustine presents her bill
         1. She explains how the appropriations currently work
         2. Spoke on the process taken for Executive branch
      2. Senator Correa agrees with Chair Augustine’s view however, brings up the alternate avenues of funding provided to RSOs
      3. Motion to debate
         1. Seconded and consent
      4. Senator Brown states that the same avenues are available to USOs
      5. Chair Augustine speaks on the fact that it is difficult to find alternate funding and then discusses the questions the Finance Committee asks during the process of appropriations (such as dues)
      6. Senator speaks on her experience on having to pay dues for one organization but not the other ones she is a part of
      7. Chair Augustine states that large organization are not necessarily the ones asking for dues, she states that it is usually the smaller organizations that request dues
      8. Senator Lewis states that it is difficult for organizations to get funding from fundraising
         1. Vice Chair Henson states that it is possible
      9. Senator Cullifer asks Augustine to define the differences between RSOs and USOs
      10. Time is ceded to Ben by Senator Correa
      11. Ben speaks on the definition of RSOs and USOs based on the university’s statement
      12. Senator Correa speaks on Senator Cullifer’s previous statements about RSOs not serving the entire student body
      13. Motion to end debate
          1. Second and consent
          2. Debate is ended
      14. Motion to table until February 20, 2018
          1. Second
          2. Objection
          3. Roll call vote
          4. Discussion about why it is desired to table- to do more research as claimed by Senator Cullifer
          5. Chair Augustine states that the funding information is publically available through the funding portal online
          6. Senator Miller calls to attention that debate has ended
          7. Speaker Shriver clarifies what is being voted on by a roll call vote
          8. Roll call vote is taken by Speaker Shriver
          9. 4 yes’, 4 no’s- roll call vote results in a tie
      15. Motion to pass without prejudice by roll call vote
          1. Speaker Shriver takes roll call vote
          2. 3 yes’, 5 no’s- motion fails
      16. Motion to pass unfavorably
          1. Roll call vote taken by Speaker Shriver
          2. It is clarified what this vote means
          3. Roll call vote is taken again
          4. 5 yes’ and 3 no’s
          5. Bill is put on unfavorable calendar for next Full Senate
7. Notices and Announcements
   1. None
8. Adjournment
   1. Motion to adjourn
      1. Seconded and consent
      2. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 PM