

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
99th Undergraduate Student Senate
20 March, 7:30 pm
Gardner 105

1) Call to Order: 7:32

2) Roll Call

3) Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes, there was a second, the motion passed.

4) Receipts of Petitions and Messages

a. Messages from the Student Body President

Few more weeks in my admin. Few more events, next week last meeting as a Board of Trustees, March 27 & thurs morning at 8am

b. Messages from the USG Treasurer

Student fee audit committee - found that GPSF & the Undergraduate Senate were spending wisely. Some suggestions for CUAB for how to better serve students. Auditing WXYC & STV next week.

c. Messages from the USG Director of State and External Affairs

Brian couldn't be here, so Speaker Shriver spoke for him. To vote in the Primaries, you must register by Encourages senate to approve new EBO members for the Putnam admin.

d. Messages from the Undergraduate Student Attorney General

The new Honor System leaders are going to be great and if you have any questions feel free to ask me. We're wrapping things up and have accomplished many of the goals we set out too. We have an event coming up if you want to learn more about the Honor System where we'll give our annual report. The event will be April 13th, in Union 3206 A&B.

e. Messages from the Honor Court Chair

There were no messages from the Honor Court Chair

5) Reports of the Officers of Senate

a. Speaker's Report

Signing bills, special election March 27th for the Undergraduate Senate, a referendum for Chapter 2 of the Constitution. Working with Pro Tempore on Joint Governance Council and wrapping up things with SAFO. Met with Staff this morning. Will complete the Student Code by April 4th. Inauguration will be on April 3rd and Speaker Shriver will be giving a speech.

b. Speaker Pro Tempore's Report

Attend R&J for the EBO nominees, and went smoothly, O&A for stipend hearing and hoping to wrap it up after one more meeting. Made amendments to the Student Constitution with Joint Governance Council.

c. Rules & Judiciary Committee Chair

Not in attendance, senator Henson described meeting which went well. They heard the EBO appointees and were pleased.

d. Finance Committee Chair's Report

Successful last finance meeting and heard the last 40+ groups about funding. If anyone would like to run for Finance Committee Chair, come talk to me and ask me questions.

e. Oversight & Advocacy Committee Chair's Report

--Wrapping up their duties and working on some bills for the next Committee Meeting.

f. Ethics Committee Chair's Report

--Attendance is important, 6 senators have reached their maximum absences. Albert & Gladys award still accepting nominations. If you're interested in my job, talk to me.

6) Public Comment Period

Senator Edington has been appointed to Public Relations Manager and is going to work on visibility of the Undergraduate Senate.

7) Introduction of Concurrent Resolutions

a. USR-99-385 A Concurrent Resolution in Support Of A Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Major

--Proposed my Senator Collin Miller. He spoke about the minor program and how it's impacted him but that a major would be so much more in depth. He's gotten a lot of support from PPE minors who love this area of study and want to see it grow.

--Motion for debate, there was consent, the motion passed.

--Q: what steps have been taken for this to become a major? A: There have been some steps, and it is a priority for people for the PPE to become a major but weren't sure about student support which is why this bill is important.

Statement: The department is pursuing 3 different programs, like a 5 year masters program with PPE, and that there has been a lack of interest in the major and they're losing funding for expanding it. *Response:* The letter is vague about specifics so they don't feel overly pressured to start the program immediately, this is a first step to show that there is student interest. My instructor last year talked about how much money they had to support the PPE.

Statement: If you got a degree in PPE, it certifies your proficiency in each of the subjects, which may confuse an employer seeing as those, for example, who have a degree in Political Science only have a more in depth knowledge of the subject.

--Motion for Questions/Answer period, there was a second, this motion failed

--Motion to end debate, second, voice vote was unclear, Speaker Shriver calls for a vote by count. 15 to 3, debate has ended.

--Motion to pass favorably, second, voice vote was unclear, Speaker Shriver calls for a vote by count. 15 to 7, this Resolution passes favorably.

8) Unfinished business of preceding meeting

There is no Unfinished Business

9) Unfavorable Calendar

There are no orders on the Unfavorable Calendar

10) Special Orders

There are no Special Orders

11) Consent Calendar

- a. USB-99-343 A Bill to Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds to Carolina Scientific at UNC Chapel Hill
- b. USB-99-344 A Bill to Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds to Carolina Telling English Learning Language Students at UNC Chapel Hill
- c. USB-99-345 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To All-Girl Competitive Club Cheerleading at UNC Chapel Hill
- d. USB-99-346 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To Beta Nu Theta Service Fraternity at UNC Chapel Hill
- e. USB-99-347 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To Carolina Jump Rope Club at UNC Chapel Hill
- f. USB-99-348 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To Chabad Student Group at UNC Chapel Hill
- g. USB-99-349 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To Hmong Student Association of Carolina at UNC Chapel Hill
- h. USB-99-350 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To Pich at UNC Chapel Hill
- i. USB-99-351 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To Rotaract at UNC Chapel Hill
- j. USB-99-352 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To Tar Heel Transfers at UNC Chapel Hill
- k. USB-99-353 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To Women's Team Handball at UNC Chapel Hill
- l. USB-99-354 A Bill to Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds to Kamikazi Hip Hop Dance Team at UNC Chapel Hill
- m. USB-99-355 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To UNC Sangam at UNC-Chapel Hill
- n. USB-99-356 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To Carolina Actuarial Student Organization at UNC
- o. USB-99-357 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To We Wear the Mask at UNC

- p. USB-99-358 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To UNC Vietnamese Student Association at UNC
 - q. USB-99-359 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds to Traces The UNC Journal of History at UNC
 - r. USB-99-360 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds to Cadence All Female A Cappella at UNC
 - s. USB-99-361 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds to The Alpha Iota Chapter Of La Unidad Latina Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity Inc. at UNC
 - t. USB-99-362 A Bill to Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds to GlobeMed at UNC Chapel Hill
 - u. USB-99-363 A Bill to Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds to African Students' Interests and Solidarity O.A.S.I.S. at UNC Chapel Hill
 - v. USB-99-364 A Bill to Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds to Period. at UNC Chapel Hill
 - w.USB-99-365 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To General Aviation at UNC
 - x. USB-99-366 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To Newman Catholic Student Center Parish at UNC
 - y. USB-99-367 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To CURE UNC-CH at UNC
 - z. USB-99-368 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To UNC Men's Ice Hockey Team at UNC
 - aa. USB-99-369 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To Turning Point USA at UNC
 - bb. USB-99-370 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To Carolina Young Democratic Socialists at UNC
 - cc. USB-99-371 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To UNC-CH Shotokan Karate at UNC
 - dd. USB-99-372 A Bill To Subsequently Appropriate Student Government Funds To Tar Heel Raas at UNC
- Motion to pass, there was a second, the motion passed.

12) General Orders Calendar

- a. USR-99-373 A Resolution To Confirm The Undergraduate Vice President - Emily Blackburn.
 - Has served extensively on the executive branch in different positions over the past 3 administrations.
 - Q: Could you talk more about the goals you have? A: Create an internal reporting system so Putnam is aware of issues and can fix them. Student Hardship Parking, keeping up the good work that the previous Vice President worked on.

--Q: What is your schedule going to be like next semester and how are you preparing?. A: Already working on transitioning and creating my team and will continue over the summer as well.

--Motion to approve this nominee, vote by count, the nominee is approved

b. USR-99-374 A Resolution To Confirm The Undergraduate Chief of Staff - Stephen Buys

--Q: are there any specific goals you have for this administration? A: I want to make sure that everyone is held accountable and that they have the resources necessary to carry out their goals.

--Q: What experience do you have that qualifies A: year as an exec assistant, served as Putnam's deputy, worked on various projects, behind the scenes work as well as regular duties, etc.

--Q: Are you ready to work as hard as the current Chief of Staff who puts in 45 hours per week? A: I know I will spend at least 4 to 5 hours per day working on duties of the Chief of Staff.

--Motion to approve this nominee, vote by count, the nominee is approved.

c. USR-99-375 A Resolution To Confirm The Undergraduate Secretary - Torin Edwards

--Wants to get people interested in Student Government and has a wide array of passions.

--Q: Many previous secretaries have said similar things about their goals but have not been able to accomplish those goals, so what are your plans to accomplish yours? A: I believe in looking at the numbers, when comes to social media it's about the pictures and videos showcasing what we do, not just the words in a post.

--Q: What experience do you have? A: I've worked on the Communication Team. This past year I was a specialist and worked as a liaison for the between communities. Headed up social media campaigns.

--Q: You stated there have been issues with past secretaries in that they used too many words in their social media outreach posts, however you worked under them so why haven't things changed yet? A: The concrete things I want done are incorporating and creating more more videos and a variety of more engaging content and making social media a priority. I posted the most on Instagram this past year, and this year we need to get better at communicating with every committee consistently.

--Q: You spoke about wanting to listen to students and talk to them but a like social media doesn't necessarily mean you're really reaching students A: "In the Pit Office Hours," having more time in the Pit and actually talking to students and taking suggestions. Implementing a more accessible newsletter and attaching a video breakdown on a more extensive one on the website.

--Motion to approve this nominee, vote by count, the nominee is approved

d. USR-99-376 A Resolution To Confirm The Undergraduate Treasurer

--Garmina Tomar. Has been a part of Student Government for a long time and understands about

--Q: Since you both ran against each other, will there be any issues working for her A: No, we had a good relationship during the campaign and have since become great friends.

--Motion to approve this nominee, vote by count, the nominee is approved

e. USR-99-377 A Resolution To Confirm The Undergraduate Director of State External Affairs -Luke Cullifer.

--Worked under the State of External Affairs committee for a long time

--Q: What other obligations do you have on campus? A: IFC, however those duties will end by this August. I'm also involved with Association of Student Governments which is already associated with Student Government.

--Q: Moving the primaries to the first week of school, what are your plans to try and combat that. A: Reaching out and connecting with other campus organizations, making allies with groups and establishing relationships across campus.

--Q: what are some advocacy issues that you're A: Short session will be over by the time we get back in August, and the long session starts later in 2019. Campus Free Speech Act passed recently by the Board of Governors that we're going to need to keep a tight eye on.

--Motion to approve this nominee, vote by count, the nominee is approved

f. USR-99-378 A Resolution To Confirm The Undergraduate Senior Advisor - Chasity Fair

--Not in attendance, so SBP Elect Putnam spoke on her behalf.

--Q: What made her stand out. A: She's so passionate and professional, for example taking over the Red Zone advisor for next year which is a huge passion of hers.

--Motion to approve this nominee, vote by voice, the nominee is approved

g. USR-99-379 A Resolution To Confirm The Undergraduate Senior Advisor - Malik Jabati

--Involved with the Black Student Movement, Campus Y and much more. Excited to serve on Putnam's administration and support her initiatives like her focus on First Generation College students. Wants to improve student's experience on campus.

--Q: What actionable change do you think you can achieve with mental illness. A: There needs to more awareness of campus and de-stigmatization of mental illness. Referring students to CAPS.

--Q: Issues in CAPS about long term vs. short term care. A: Pressuring the university to make increase the allotted number of visits to CAPS, not just 6 free ones.

--Motion to approve this nominee, vote by voice, the nominee is approved

h. USR-99-380 A Resolution To Confirm The Undergraduate Senior Advisor - Krya Rubin

--Not in attendance, Putnam

--Q: Why do you think she's qualified? A; She can be incredibly bipartisan, extensive institutional knowledge, and

--Q: When she came to R&J, there were some issues she was very strong about kind of going against the bipartisan statement you made, how A: She can see both sides of an issue

--Q: What issues is she passionate about working on? A: Working on political polarization on campus.

--Motion to approve this nominee, vote by voice, the nominee is approved

i. USR-99-381 A Resolution To Confirm The Undergraduate Senior Advisor - Katharine Shriver

--Current Speaker of the Undergraduate Senate and has served on Undergraduate Senate since freshman year. Wants to continue working on restructuring Student Government and on the Constitution.

--Q: What plans do you have for restructuring Student Government? A: Some changes to the Student Code and using Joint Governance Council more.

--Motion to approve this nominee, vote by voice, the nominee is approved

j. USR-99-382 A Resolution To Confirm The Undergraduate Attorney General - Margaret Hassel

--Has been on AG staff for three years since freshman year.

--Q: What characteristics do you possess that will help you succeed in this position? A: Depth of experience in case work and advocating for students. Forming relationships on staff. I have a specific set of goals that I think can actually be done in a year and have selected a great team to work with me.

--Q: What goals do you have? A: More supports for consuls when you first come in, making sure people are improving over time. How to improve the appeals process.

--Motion to approve this nominee, there was a second, there was consent, the nominee is approved

k. USR-99-383 A Resolution To Confirm The Undergraduate Honor Court Chair - Mary Beth Brown

--Cares so much about the HOnors system, acting chair of the Honor Court over the summer. This is my number one priority.

--Motion to approve this nominee, there was a second, there was consent, the nominee is approved

l. USB-99-384 A Bill To Allow For Interim Senators To Be Seated In Between General And Special Elections Through Petition & Subsequent Approval

--Inability to fill senate seats so this bill sets up a protocol to approve senators in those situations

--Q: Just to clarify, can an interim senator just become a senator? A: they can serve in the

--Q: what other senators have you discussed this bill with to get ideas. A: I talked to Speaker Pro Tempore and many of my constituents.

Motion to move to debate, motion seconded, voice vote unclear, Speaker Shriver calls for a vote by count, 14 to 18, motion fails and senate is still in the Question/Answer phase.

--Q: How will you solve the issue of advertising the special elections when that. A: There might still be some of those issues

--Q: Have you talked to our advisor about this? A: I have not.

--Q: I'm worried about people's friends easily getting elected and making bias decisions. A:

--Q: How many people that said they wished they had run if they had known, however if they knew they had to get 35 signature, how many would actually run? A: I don't think that's an issue from the people I've spoken with.

--Q: What are your fears about large voices steam-rolling those senators that are more apathetic, what are the safeguards in this bill other than the $\frac{3}{4}$ vote that can prevent? A: I don't know any senators here that control $\frac{3}{4}$ of the senate.

--Q: could you out in a cap one the number of interim senators? A; That's a possibility, but where do you cap that at? I think you're reading the bill differently than I am. We don't go out to sponsor potential candidates, they have to come to us.

--Q: If we keep adding people one by one, then we will ever have a special election? A: We can still have the special elections and I think it's important to fill seats

--Motion to enter debate, there was a second, there was consent

--There was debate about:

--There was a statement by a senator stating if this bill was passed, he would sue the Undergraduate Senate and win.

--Looking at it from the wrong angle, just our side being that we need to fill more seats whereas we should be focusing on why students aren't wanting to run in there first place.

--Special elections are easy to implement and can be done in a month with sufficient time to advertise.

--The $\frac{3}{4}$ vote is a vote by the people's representatives and is democratic.

--The continuous enrolment in this "club" would de-legitimizes the Undergraduate Senate.

--Motion to end debate, motion was seconded, the motion was passed.

--Motion to vote on the bill, motion was seconded, the motion was passed.

--Motion to pass this bill, the bill fails.

13) Notices and Announcements

--Get your friends to run and those in the Arts district as it is underrepresented.

14) Adjournment: 9:37