The Undergraduate Senate—99th Session

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

*March 6, 2018*

*Dey 301*

*6:00pm*

1. Call to Order (Roll Call)
	1. Meeting called to order at 6:05
2. Reports of the Officers
3. Report from Rules and Judiciary Committee Chair
4. Report from Rules and Judiciary Committee Vice Chair

Motion to move into close session- second and consent

EBO candidates leave the room

1. Special Orders
	1. Executive Board Confirmations
		1. Vice President- Emily Blackburn
			* Savannah presents her speech about Emily
			* Emily presents her speech
			* Senator Correa asks what issues on or off campus Emily is passionate about
				+ Emily talks about external appointments in student government
			* Senator Correa asks how Emily plans on navigating her responsibility as the chair of the Chancellor’s advisory committee especially with student’s relationships
				+ Emily says that the committee provides a picture of the diversity of the student body to advise the Chancellor when it comes to potential issues that could arise
			* Senator Miller asks how Emily plans on communicating with the Legislative Branch
				+ Emily believes in transparency and will work to cooperate with members of the Senate
			* Senator Henson asks on whether Emily plans on attending Senate meetings
				+ Emily states that she will work to attend Senate meetings as long as her schedule permits and will appoint a proxy if she is unable to attend
			* Emily leaves the room and the Senators discuss
			* Motion to pass without prejudice
				+ Second and two-thirds vote
				+ Passed without prejudice
		2. Chief of Staff- Stephen Buys
		* Savannah presents her speech about Stephen
			+ Biography and qualifications
		* Stephen speaks on his behalf
		* Senator Miller asks whether Stephen believes if the Chief of Staff should receive a stipend
			+ Stephen states that he does not feel comfortable speaking on this but talks about the current Chief of Staff
		* Senator Henson asks how Stephen plans on moving the Chief of Staff position forward
			+ Stephen states that Sarah has built a great foundation and speaks on the projects that he hopes to implement
		* Senator Miller asks a question about the LFIT project that is currently in motion
			+ Stephen has stated that the majority of this project is fronted by Sarah and that he has been at the meetings but not running the project
		* Speaker Pro Temp Echiverria asks a question regarding Stephen’s temporary role on the Legislative Branch and asks how Stephen plans on fulfilling his role as Chief of Staff for the entire year
			+ Stephen speaks on how he is currently studying abroad and how he plans on being fully devoted to his position
		* Senator Miller asks a question regarding the Robertson Scholarship and how that program could interfere with Stephen’s responsibility to be Chief of Staff
			+ Stephen responds that he will be on UNC’s campus for the entire year
		* Stephen leaves the room and the Senators discuss his candidacy
			+ They identified that Stephen is very qualified for the position
		* Motion to pass without prejudice
			+ - Second and two-thirds vote
				- Pass without prejudice
		1. Treasurer- Garima Tomar
			* Was not able to make it
			* Savannah presents Garima’s biography and involvements
			* Motion to pass without prejudice
				+ Second and two-thirds vote
				+ Pass without prejudice
		2. Director of State & External Affairs- Luke Cullifer
			* Savannah presents Luke’s biography and involvements
			* Luke presents his speech
			* Senator Miller asks about how Luke plans to work with the Board of Trustees and connecting them to the students and student government
				+ Luke talks about the board of trustees and the board of governors and educating members of student government on the roles of the board of trustees
			* Senator Henson asks a question regarding improving communications and cooperation between executive and legislative branch
				+ Luke says that he will always make an effort to be at senate meetings and be involved
			* Senator Correa asks about how Luke plans on executing his plans in the position regarding his personal beliefs
				+ Luke states that the position is responsible for navigating political waters and his beliefs won’t serve a role in the decisions he makes and the interactions he has
			* Senator Kurz asks if Luke views his position as having the responsibility to push for voter involvement on campus
				+ Luke says that that is one of the most important roles and responsibilities student government has
			* Senator Kurz asks how Luke plans on improving state and local election voting involvement
				+ Luke says that local elections will be of concern next year and he will focus on things like voter mobilization
			* Luke leaves the room and the Senators discuss
			* Motion to pass without prejudice
				+ Second and two-thirds vote
				+ Passed without prejudice
		3. Secretary- Torin Edwards
* Savannah presents Torin’s biography and involvements
* Torin presents his speech
* Senator Miller asks about how Torin plans on adding to the social media pages to improve digital communication
	+ Torin speaks about how he wants to include various things to boost social media presentations such as video recaps
* Senator Kurz asks about how Torin plans on keeping the social media presence active during the period of applications and early involvement
	+ Torin talks about how he wants to include information regarding what student government really is and how people could be involved
* Senator Kurz asks a question regarding communication within the branches
	+ Torin talks about the possibility of an internal newsletter and the social media presence
* Senator Henson asks if he has any ideas for events to boost involvement
	+ Torin states that he would like to have town hall style meetings to involve students and their passions and what issues are important to them
* Senator Kurz asks about how he plans on distributing the applications to a diverse group of students
	+ Torin says that he thinks social media, flyers, and normal channels will be most effective
* Torin leaves the room and Senators discuss
* Motion to pass without prejudice
	+ Second and two-thirds vote
		1. Senior Advisors- Katharine Shriver, Chastity Fair, Malik Jabait, Kyra Rubin
			- Malik Jabait
				* Savannah presents Malik’s biography and involvements
				* Malik speaks on his behalf
				* Senator Miller asks Malik to elaborate on his involvements on campus and how these involvements will influence this position

Malik speaks about his experience with interactions with administrations at UNC

* + - * + Senator Henson asks Malik to describe his greatest asset with regards to this position

Malik talks about his different background and perspective in relation to his major

* + - * + Senator Kurz asks whether Malik’s involvement with UNC Young Democrats will provide a conflict of interest

Malik speaks about his experience with working for a nonpartisan organization

* + - * + Senator Correa asks what his interests are in regards to what he wishes to work on in this position

Malik talks about Savannah’s platform

* + - * + Speaker Pro Temp asks about his ability to keep the connections that Malik had before leaving for a year

Malik speaks on his connections from organizations that he was a part of

* + - * + Speaker Pro Temp asks what projects he would personally like to work on

Malik talks about continuing a program that he was a part of and his idea about a Minority Male Retention program

* + - * + Senator Henson asks if Malik would be comfortable working with someone who does not share his viewpoint

Malik talks about his experience working with people who do not share his political views

* + - * + Senator Miller asks Malik about cooperation and cohesiveness between the two branches

Malik states that he would like to work with the Legislative Branch and looks forward to meeting other people from the branch

* + - * + Malik leaves the room and the Senators talk about his candidacy
				+ Ashley addresses the concerns regarding partisanship and his absence from campus
				+ Motion to pass without prejudice

Second and two-thirds vote

Passes without prejudice

* + - * Kyra Rubin
				+ Savannah presents her biography and involvements
				+ Kyra presented her speech
				+ Senator Miller asks a question regarding what campaign Kyra worked on

Kyra responded

* + - * + Senator Correa asks about her previous involvement with the executive branch
				+ Senator Correa asks about Kyra’s stance on how her emphasis on remaining nonpartisan could influence her ability to work with EBO to push forward

Kyra states that she sees the position as a grassroots level relationship with students and talks about the contract that Savannah has been presented with regarding her ability to make political statements

* + - * + Senator Miller asks Kyra to give examples of specific things she would say regarding advice on partisan issues

Kyra says that she prides herself of not speaking on behalf of other students and insists on sitting down with the students

* + - * + Senator Kurz asks about her involvement with Campus Y

Kyra talks about how her various involvements allow her to hold different perspectives

* + - * + Speaker Pro Temp asks about her prospective projects and how Kyra could reach out to students instead of having them reach out to her

Kyra talks about focusing on understanding how and why students are uninvolved and fixing that

* + - * + Senator Henson asks how she plans on not excluding groups and political ideologies

Kyra talks about her ideas on how to follow through

* + - * + Senator Henson asks if conservative commentators should be allowed to speak on campus

Kyra states that she believes that they should be able to and Student Government has a role in reacting and responding

* + - * + Senator Miller asks a question regarding the relationship between students and administration and how Kyra would ease the tension

Kyra states that administration needs to have an honest conversation about what the administration has done and actually interacting with the students

* + - * + Senator Kurz speaks on Kyra’s networking ability and critical thinking abilities
				+ Motion to pass without prejudice

Second and two-thirds vote

Pass without prejudice

* + - * Chastity Fair
				+ Savannah presents Chastity’s biography and involvements
				+ Chastity presents her speech
				+ Senator Correa asks Chastity to speak on on campus or off campus issues that are important to her

Chastity speaks on her passion regarding female equity

* + - * + Senator Henson asks if Chastity has any goals she would like to accomplish

Chastity states that her goal is to have a platform to allow students to directly communicate with student government

* + - * + Senator Kurz asks Chastity what her biggest strength is in an advisory role

Chastity states that it is her diverse involvement with different organizations on campus

* + - * + Chastity leaves the room and the Senators discuss
				+ Motion to pass without prejudice

Second and two-thirds vote

Pass without prejudice

* + - * Katharine Shriver
				+ Savannah presents Katharine’s biography and involvements
				+ Katharine presents her speech
				+ Senator Henson asks if Katharine plans on continuing working with senate

Katharine says that she intends to have a strong role and attend full senate meetings

* + - * + Senator Correa asks what on campus or off campus Katharine is passionate about

Katharine says that free speech is an important issue to her and that she has worked on it with Luke

* + - * + Senator Kurz asks Katharine to explain what she meant by restructuring student government

Katharine says that she plans to work on the student constitution and code

* + - * + Katharine leaves the room and the Senators discuss
				+ Motion to pass without prejudice

Second and two-thirds vote

Passed without prejudice

* 1. Attorney General Confirmation- Margaret Hassel
		1. Margaret presents her speech with her qualifications
		2. Senator Miller asks a question regarding the selling of athletic tickets
			+ Margaret responds saying that they’ve never has a case regarding the selling of athletic tickets
		3. Senator Correa asks if the Attorney General’s office has any input regarding alcohol and drug violations
			+ Margaret says that they deal with drug violations and that there are minimum sanctions that they have to impose but they are controversial. She wants to talk to more student groups on how they would like to deal with this issue
		4. Senator Correa asks a question regarding the rescinding of financial aid in relation to drug violations
			+ Margaret says that if the violation goes through a criminal process, the Attorney General’s office would have no influence over the situation
		5. Senator Henson asks a question regarding claims that people applying to be a part of the Attorney General’s staff feel that they have been declined a position due to lack of diversity
			+ Margaret states that over the time that she has been in a leadership position the process of picking staff has been an issue and she states that she would work with the office of diversity and inclusion
		6. Margaret leaves the room and the Senators discuss
		7. Motion to pass without prejudice
			+ Second and two-thirds vote
			+ Passed without prejudice
	2. Honor Court Nomination- Mary Beth Brown
		1. Mary Beth presents her speech with her qualifications and the role
		2. Senator Correa asks Mary Beth to elaborate on her statement regarding equitable treatment
			+ Mary Beth talks about how the honor court is working directly with the students to sanction appropriately since they are students themselves
		3. Senator Miller asks a question regarding the selling of athletic tickets
			+ Mary Beth states that she has not seen a case regarding the selling of athletic tickets
		4. Mary Beth leaves the room and the Senators discuss
		5. Motion to pass without prejudice
			+ Second and two-thirds vote
			+ Passed without prejudice
1. Bills and Resolutions
2. USB-99-XXX – A BILL TO ALLOW FOR INTERIM SENATORS TO BE SEATED IN BETWEEN GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS THROUGH PETITION & SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL
	1. Senator Henson presents his bill
	2. Senator Correa draws attention to the fact that getting 50 signatures is difficult
	3. Senator Lewis also draws attention to this issue
	4. Senator Correa makes a friendly amendment to change the number of signatures from 50 to 30
	5. Motion to pass without prejudice
		1. Second
		2. Consent
3. Notices and Announcements
4. Adjournment
	1. Meeting adjourned at 8:25