Student Senate—99th Session

Oversight and Advocacy

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

*March27th , 2018*

*Dey 303, 7:00 p.m.*

1. Call to Order (Roll Call)

Adam Sommers X

Brandon Ivey

Yonel Admasu

Joey Hannum X

Amol Garg

Graeme Strickland X

Sosa Evbuomwam

Ahaj Shroffx X

Abishek Shankar X

Masaaki Kamiya X

Will Wiener X

Claire Staresinic X

1. Reports of the Officers

a. Report from the Oversight and Advocacy Committee Chair

b. Report from the Oversight and Advocacy Vice-Chair

There were no new reports

1. New Business
   1. Stipend Hearings
      1. Elizabeth Adkins
         1. The Student Body President was unable to attend the hearing.
      2. The Student Attorney General, Jacob Friedman, submitted a formal statement. In it, he expressed that he felt the stipend is too low considering the work load demanded for the position. He estimates, and thoroughly detailed, that he spends 20-35 hours per week attending meetings, charging cases, achieving agenda, answering emails, and other work. The current stipend received by his position is $200. The formal statement will be attached to these minutes.
   2. Discussion of stipend hearings
      1. There was discussion of placing a cap on the Executive Branch’s programming funds from the Finance Committee. The funds would then be redirected to stipends, potentially.
      2. State and External Affairs
         1. This position does not currently receive a stipend. He records working 10-30 hours a week, depending on the season. His transportation costs were discussed and the possibility of a stipend being given to cover these costs. There was concern, though, over the variation in these costs. The significance of his position was seen in his obligation to lobby in Raleigh on behalf of the student body. He made a formal request for $100-$200.
            1. There was an initial recommendation for a $75.
      3. Speaker of the Senate
         1. The workload of the Speaker was discussed. The weekly workload was estimated to be 30 hours per week. This position currently does not receive a stipend.
            1. There was an initial recommendation for a $200 stipend.
      4. Chair of the Finance Committee
         1. The workload of the chair was discussed, particularly the likeness of the role to the Student Body Treasurer. The potential animosity that could arise from one committee chair receiving a stipend was discussed. This position currently does not receive a stipend.
            1. There was an initial recommendation for a stipend of $0.
      5. Student Body Secretary
         1. The workload of the position was discussed. The duties seemed relatively manageable, particularly in comparison to other student body positions. This position estimated a 7-hour work week. This position currently does not receive a stipend.
            1. There was an initial recommendation for a stipend of $0.
      6. Student Body Treasurer
         1. The workload of the position was discussed. This position currently receives a stipend of $200. The similarity of this position to that of the Finance Committee Chair.
            1. There was an initial recommendation for a stipend of $100.
      7. Student Body Vice President
         1. The workload of the position was discussed. The workload was averaged to be 40 hours at the beginning of the semester but a drop was recorded towards the end of the semester to be 10-20 hours a week. This position currently receives a stipend of $200.
            1. There was an initial recommendation for a stipend of $175.
      8. Chief of Staff
         1. The workload of the position was discussed. This positon currently does not receive a stipend.
            1. There was an initial recommendation for a stipend of $200.
      9. Attorney General
         1. The workload of the position was discussed. The average workload of 40 hours was seen as a significant amount and deserving a raise in its stipend amount. The position currently receives a stipend of $200.
            1. There was an initial recommendation for a stipend of $250.
      10. Honor Court Chair
          1. Because the position never appeared for a hearing, the stipend of $200 will remain.
      11. Student Body President
          1. The work load of the Student Body President was discussed.
             1. The stipend of $300 will remain.

1. Adjournment
   1. The meeting adjourned at 8:04.