



THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

THE 100TH SESSION

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The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Undergraduate Student Government
16 October, 7:30 pm
Gardner 309

- 1) Call to Order
 - a. 7:37
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Approval of Minutes
 - a. The minutes were approved
- 4) Receipts of Petitions and Messages
 - a. Messages from the Student Body President
 - i. Statement:
 1. Updates from cabinet
 - a. Over 500 voters registered, absentee ballots sent out,
 - b. MAD0 in the town hall Oct. 29 from 6-7:30 in cooperation with BSM to allow for discussion about Silent Sam with students and faculty
 - c. Campus Health is putting on projects to raise mental health awareness
 - d. Angel Shot program is being put into place to increase campus safety
 - e. Comserve in the pit was a success (October 16)
 2. Thoughts on last meeting
 - a. She supports Senator Sosa and her efforts to be appointed onto SACC and feels that the meeting last week was poorly ran and senators should work towards ensuring events like those do not happen again.
 - b. Messages from the USG Vice President
 - i. Updates
 1. Chancellor and Board of Trustees charged SACC to get student feedback as to what should be done about Silent Sam by November 15.
 - a. 10-15 forums have been held in addition to individual forums
 - b. The survey process has been expanded through the weekend.
 - c. Tuesday morning, Oct. 23, the survey data will be reported to the Chancellor
 2. External appointments
 - a. New appointments have continued to be approved and more on coming through

- b. Working on creating more links between cabinet positions and new appointments
 - 3. Thoughts on last Full Senate
 - a. She intended to offer her opinion on her appointing methods, but she did not wish to offend the candidate or dominate the discussion period
 - c. Messages from the USG Treasurer
 - i. Updates
 - 1. Bills through SFAC have been finished and are being delivered to SFAS
 - 2. Student fees and auditing is underway
 - a. Senators with opinions on which departments should be audited were encouraged to send their requests
 - 3. Focus on long term sustainability for maintaining funds this year and the years to come in order to fund student government programs
 - 4. Public records request was approved and finished with cooperation from Finance Committee
 - d. Messages from the USG Director of State and External Affairs
 - i. Updates
 - 1. Policy team has finished their first brief, the first of a weekly process
 - a. They are focusing on higher education policies
 - 2. He warns about the Michigan law suite at the moment and the eyes may be on UNC in the future
 - e. Messages from the Undergraduate Student Attorney General
 - i. Updates
 - 1. Committee on Student Conduct
 - a. Priorities were settled upon: how intent will be factored into decisions
 - b. Ensure policies are on the books about formal honor code conduct
 - c. Thorough reform on minimum sanctions
 - i. A complete overhaul is being worked on in order to abolish the large majority of them
 - f. Messages from the Undergraduate Honor Court Chair
 - i. Updates
 - 1. New cases are being worked through
 - 2. New attorneys are taken their exams this week and may be in the courtroom as soon as October
 - 3. Transitions between administrations, potentially, are being looked at.
- 5) Public Comment Period
 - a. *Senior Advisor Shriver*
 - i. MADO committee on October 29
 - 1. She encourages senators and their constituents to attend the debate on Silent Sam
 - b. Senator Sosa

- i. She read a public statement on what happened during last Full Senate (October 2). She criticized the Rules and Judiciary Committee for not performing what she claims “their duty” in questioning her prior to Full Senate. She also charged the Senate with failing to perform their duty in the running of the meeting. She expressed her discontent with the process of her hearing and wishes nothing of the sort to happen again
 - ii. Senator Weiner
 - 1. He stressed the importance of Senate attendance and being prepared to vote every meeting
 - iii. Senator Ukaagbu
 - 1. She addressed Senators Staresinic and Henson directly and criticized their lack of action in committees in properly questioning Senator Sosa. She also questioned their motives for the candidates approval.
 - a. Chair Henson Response
 - i. While he does feel the committee hearing for Senator Sosa could have gone differently, he expressed it was not his intent to embarrass anyone directly and he feels his committee did their job to the best of their ability.
 - b. Chair Staresinic Response
 - i. She expressed apologies to Vice Chair Sosa and her intent in voicing comments about (her) Vice Chair Sosa
 - c. Senator Berko
 - i. Being in attendance, he spoke on his thoughts on Chair Staresinic’s comments on Senator Sosa’s performance as committee vice chair.
 - iv. Senator Mitchell
 - 1. He read a public statement on the poor performance of the last Full Senate in absence of Speaker Echeveria. He spoke on the importance of evaluating candidates for Senate appointees by Senate standards, not those of other branches. He felt that candidate Sosa was treated poorly and actions were not taken to ensure a proper vetting process.
 - 2. Senator Weiner
 - a. Finished Senator Mitchell’s statement echoing the qualifications of Senator Sosa and the poor vetting process done for her hearing
 - v. Director of State and External Affairs
 - 1. He expressed his concern with the manner in which Full Senate was held on October 2.
 - 2. He strongly opposes the paper ballot bill on the docket.
- 6) Reports of the Officers of Senate
 - a. Speaker's Report
 - i. Updates
 - 1. He was in attendance to all committee meetings

2. He felt they ran smoothly and are on the right track
3. Carolina Union Board of Directors meeting was attended
4. Latinx committee was attended
5. JGC meeting was attended
6. Meeting with the director of Alert!!Carolina and encourages senators to voice concerns and suggestions to be addressed during the meeting, especially those related to concerns with hurricane updates
- b. Speaker Pro Tempore's Report
 - i. SFAC campus health fee increase in order to improve mental healthcare
 - ii. JGC reinstatement of the Latinx center after student backlash
 1. Chair Sun will attend JGC in his absence
 - iii. He attended all committee meetings and felth they ran smoothly
- c. Rules & Judiciary Committee Chair
 - i. Updates
 1. Last committee COSC candidates were heard and one nominee is present tonight for a further questioning to be decided upon by Full Senate
- d. Finance Committee Chair's Report
 - i. He expressed his gratitude for all in attendance at committee last week
 - ii. Shreeya is being considered to be appointed to Treasurer and he is in favor of her appointment
 - iii. He expressed his respect for all in Senate and warned of the dangers in biases. He felt Chairs Staresinic and Henson held their time well and spoke objectively on candidate Sosa for SACC last Full Senate
- e. Oversight & Advocacy Committee Chair's Report
 - i. SFAC attendance and Campus Health increase
 - ii. O&A
 1. She was not in attendance due to class conflict and Vice Chair Sosa ran the meeting
 2. Several appointments were approved from various departments
- f. Ethics Committee Chair's Report
 - i. No report
- 7) Introduction of Concurrent Resolutions
- 8) Veto Messages from the Student Body President/USG President
- 9) Unfinished business of preceding meeting
- 10) Unfavorable Calendar
- 11) Special Orders
- 12) Consent Calendar
 - a. USR-100-109: Presidential Appointment to Carolina Union Board of Directors (CUBD)
 - b. USR-100-110: Speaker's Appointment to Carolina Union Board of Directors (CUBD)
 - c. USR-100-111: Presidential Appointment to Student Legal Services Board of Directors (SLS)
 - d. USR-100-112: Speaker's Appointment to Student Legal Services Board of Directors (SLS)
 - e. USR-100-113: Presidential Appointment to Student Television Board of Directors (STV)
 - f. USR-100-114: Speaker's Appointment to STV
 - g. USR-100-115: Speaker's Appointments to Renewable Energy Special Projects Committee (RESPEC)
 - h. USR-100-116: Presidential Appointments to WXYC Board of Directors

- i. USB-100-117: Mental Health Bill
- j. USB-100-118: Presidential Appointments to Committee on Student Conduct (COSC)
- k. USB-100-124 - FINANCE ↓
- l. USB-100-125
- m. USB-100-126
- n. USB-100-127
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- nn. USB-100-153 - FINANCE ↑
 - i. Senator Shroff spoke on the Health bill of Ethics Chair. He felt that the bill was ultimately vague and did not address specifics substantially.
 - 1. Senator Weiner, a cosponsor of the bill addressed his agreeance with Senator Shroff's concerns, but with the idea of initiatives in order to amend the bill in the future

13) General Orders Calendar

- a. USB-100-119: PAPER BALLOT BILL
 - i. Chair Henson withdrew the bill
 - 1. He addressed his original intent with the bill and that it was not to remove transparency in the branch, but to allow for further expression of Senator's opinions
 - ii. Director of State and External Affairs
 - 1. While he echoes the points made by Chair Henson, he restated his initial reservations about a paper ballot. He feels Senators should be held to voting publicly and proudly and a paper ballot would be counterproductive to these claims
 - iii. Senator Weiner
 - 1. He echoed the statements of the Director of State and External Affairs
- b. USB-100-120: A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE UNDERGRADUATE TREASURER
 - i. President Putnam presented her chosen appointment for Treasurer
 - 1. She spoke on her qualifications and her desire to work and serve in this position
 - a. She fielded questions on her positions prior to this appointment and

spoke on what she feels the most pressing issue is for her department:
sustainability for future administrations to ensure programs can be
properly funded

2. Discussion
 - a. Senator Pro Temp spoke on his approval of the candidate for the position
 - b. Senator Correa spoke on his approval of the candidate
 - c. Senator Henson spoke on his approval of the candidate
3. The appointment was approved
- c. USR-100-121: A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEE ON STUDENT CONDUCT (COSC)
 - i. VP Blackburn presented her candidate for COSC, Alfredo
 1. She spoke on his involvement in Student Government, Community Government, and Honor Court and his qualifications for the position
 2. He spoke on his own qualifications for the committee
 - a. Specifically his summer internship sitting in on cases, attending committees, and maintaining dedication to Honor Court
 3. Questioning
 - a. He spoke on what he believes is the goal of COSC
 - i. The language of the Instrument
 - ii. Brining in hearing case types
 - b. He spoke what he feels has prepared him to hold this position
 - i. His achievement of being an Eagle Scout
 - c. He spoke on his ability to take in personal criticisms and transform them into action
 - d. He spoke on specific visions and policies for COSC
 - i. Reforming specific portions of The Instrument
 1. Sections regarding names of others and universities
 2. Honing in on intent for each case
 3. Reforming how the panel on Honor Court can alter charges
 - e. Problems with the Honor System
 - i. He feels that he offers a unique perspective for the committee with falsely being charged with an Honor Code violation. He would like to help other students and ensure the process runs more smoothly and quickly
 4. Discussion
 - a. Two letters of recommendation were sent from the candidate to be read by the Senate
 - b. The Honor Court Chair spoke on behalf of the candidate and COSC
 - i. There were some concerns with his ability to contribute properly to open discussions and teamwork. She feels the candidate has had a difficult time working with certain faculty members on Honor Court. She has addressed these concerns with the candidate and will continue to work with him on the Honor Court.
 - c. Senator Sun spoke on the candidate and his work ethic, ability to work with others, and his professionalism in and out of class. He feels on a personal and professional level, he is the embodiment of integrity and holds a great sense of morality. He throws his full support behind the candidate.
 - d. Senator Henson spoke his relation to the candidate and fully supports the candidate's nomination after speaking with him during R&J and directly
 - e. The Student Attorney General spoke on the candidate's record on the Honor Court. She felt that his goals for COSC were not fully formed and

his knowledge of the Honor Court was is not as complete as it should be for this committee.

- f. He spoke on his provisional status on the Honor Court and handling criticism of his performance. He also addressed not knowing comments on his ability to work within a group
 - g. He spoke on his knowledge of The Instrument and how he feels he is well-versed in it and the purpose of the Honor Court
 - h. VP Blackburn spoke on her views on the appointment. Her view on the candidate has not changed. She still maintains he is a qualified candidate for the position and will function effectively in the position. She urged the senate to speak solely on qualifications and not interpersonal notions.
 - i. Senator Shroff spoke on his personal relationship with the candidate. While he feels the candidate has a great work ethic, he feels the nominee did not fully answer questions asked of him.
 - j. Senator Henson spoke on the dedication of the candidate and his appreciation of the candidate's thorough implementation of criticism directed at him.
 - k. Speaker Pro Temp Wright spoke on how his view of the candidate has changed and he feels the candidate is fully capable of working in this position.
 - l. A member of the R&J spoke on his view on the candidate in comparison with others heard and wants to ensure the candidate has a full knowledge of The Instrument
 - m. Senator Weiner spoke on behalf of the Student Attorney General and echoing initial concerns on the candidates knowledge of The Instrument
 - n. A roll call vote was held to grant speaking privileges to the Honor Court Chair to further speak on the candidate.
 - i. The motion did not pass
5. There was a roll call vote to approve the candidate
- a. The candidate was approved
- ii. VP Blackburn read a statement on behalf of the candidate, Aklasia Maeregy. She expressed her approval of the candidate.
- 1. Questioning
 - a. VP Blackburn spoke on her qualifications, work ethic, and her membership on the Attorney General's staff.
 - b. Senator Henson spoke on his reservation on appointing a candidate not in attendance.
 - i. Other options to hear the candidate in person or via video call were discussed
 - c. Approving the candidate provisionally was agreed to
 - 2. The bill was tabled until next Full Senate or until the candidate could be questioned in directly
- d. **USR-100-122: A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS TO WXYC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
- i. VP Blackburn presented her candidate for WXYC, Akshay
 - 1. She spoke favorably on his behalf
 - 2. He spoke on his personal qualifications for appointment, his dedication to radio, and his goals for the department
 - ii. Questioning
 - 1. Chair Staresinic spoke on O&A committee concerns with objectivity in his appointment
 - 2. He feels diversifying the DJ's music taste will allow WXYC to grow as a viable source of entertainment for students on campus
 - iii. Discussion

1. Senators spoke on his belief in the candidate and his dedication to the committee
 2. The O&A committee Chair spoke on why he was not passed during committee.
 - a. He was not present at the committee hearing
 3. Senator Mitchell spoke favorably on the candidate
 - iv. The candidate was approved
- e. USR-100-123: A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE MISSION STATEMENT
 - i. Senator Weiner spoke on the statement and its contents
 1. The new mission describes the goals in an explicit and clear manner
 - a. Questioning
 - i. Queries as to why topics related to finance were not added to the bill.
 - ii. Discussion as to what the purpose of the mission statement is was discussed
 - b. Discussion
 - i. Chair Sun, the head of the Finance Committee spoke on the absence of finance in the bill, but still supports the bill.
 - ii. Senator Henson spoke on his approval of the statement
 2. The resolution passed

14) Notices and Announcements

- a. The attentiveness, engagement, and running of the meeting was praised by the Speaker and Pro Temp
- b. The meeting with the director Alert!Carolina is tomorrow (October 17 at 5pm) and senators are encouraged to voice concerns to be brought to his attention, specifically those related to updates on the hurricane

15) Adjournment

- a. 9:52