



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

## THE 100TH SESSION

100th Senate  
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Undergraduate Student Government  
22 January, 7:30 pm  
Gardner 309

- 1) Call to Order
  - a. 7:40
- 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. Board of Trustees meetings and Board of Governors meetings attended
      1. Chancellor Folt resigning discussed
      2. Interim chancellor in place, will meet with him in the following weeks
    - ii. Speaker vote on the agenda
      1. Hope to continue a good relationship with the next Speaker and maintain relations between the Senate and Executive branches
  - b. Messages from the USG Vice President
    - i. SACC meeting past Thursday
      1. Plans to meet with the Provost and the interim chancellor to continue representing student voices
    - ii. Upcoming lawsuit against UNC
      1. Details are still being discussed and will be disclosed when they become available
    - iii. Student Supreme Court
      1. New appointments present to fill the court
      2. February 12 general elections
    - iv. Encouragement regarding next Student Body elections
  - c. Messages from the USG Treasurer
    - i. Message was read in her absence
      1. SFAC will resume meeting this semester
        - a. Reviewing student organizations and other departments funded by student fees
        - b. Emphasize student voice and transparency for student fees
      2. Finalizing Spring budget
  - d. Messages from the USG Director of State and External Affairs
    - i. Confederate Monument advocacy plan in works at the State level
      1. A full advocacy plan is in place to meet with BOG and other state officials

- ii. Remaining task force will continue to carry on business as usual
      - 1. Mayor's council
      - 2. State cooperation to improve student life on campus
    - iii. Voter I.D.
      - 1. Working to ensure UNC One Cards are an adequate form of identification to vote
    - iv. Supreme Court nominees
      - 1. Push for Senate to move the appointees legislation to move the bill from the unfavorable calendar to the consent calendar and approve them to ensure there is a full Supreme Court for the upcoming election
  - e. Messages from the Undergraduate Student Attorney General
    - i. Message read in her absence
      - 1. Cases are continuing to be processed
  - f. Messages from the Undergraduate Honor Court Chair
    - i. Message read in her absence
      - 1. Cases are continuing to be processed
- 5) Public Comment Period
  - a. Senator Evbuoumwan
    - i. O&A plans to hold a collaboration night with minority organizations on campus (March 27)
  - b. Executive Advisor Katherine Shriver
    - i. Thanked Speaker Echieverra for his service
    - ii. Urged senators to vote thoughtfully for new speaker
    - iii. Urged senators to vote thoughtfully going into upcoming elections
  - c. Alfredo
    - i. Voiced his support for Chair Henson in the upcoming Speaker vote
  - d. Troy Hall, Secretary for R&J
    - i. Voiced his support for Chair Henson in the upcoming Speaker vote
  - e. Senator Ukabu
    - i. Voiced her support for Speaker Pro Tempore Stephen Wright in the upcoming Speaker vote
- 6) Reports of the Officers of Senate
  - a. Rules & Judiciary Committee Chair
    - i. Two nominees for Student Supreme Court
      - 1. Passed on unfavorable calendar to allow for full Senate debate
    - ii. Two bills heard
    - iii. Voiced his plans to run for Speaker
    - iv. Thanked Speaker Echieverra for his service
  - b. Finance Committee Chair's Report
    - i. Finalized funding schedule for Spring
    - ii. Funding portal opened and closed
    - iii. Urged Senators to s
    - iv. Appropriation meetings are scheduled and
  - c. Oversight & Advocacy Committee Chair's Report

- i. Appointment confirmations and hearings for updates from several organization heads held
    - ii. Will continue to oversee how student fees are being used on campus
    - iii. O&A minority organization collaboration night is on March 27
  - d. Ethics Committee Chair's Report
    - i. Absences are renewed (each Senator has five)
    - ii. Thanked Speaker Echieverra for his service
  - e. Speaker Pro Tempore's Report
    - i. All committee meetings were attended
    - ii. Upcoming election on February 12
      - 1. Urged senators to run and fill seats
    - iii. Thanked Speaker Echieverra for his service
  - f. Speaker's Report
    - i. Thanked the Senate for their service and diligent work
    - ii. CUAB Board of Directors meeting attended
    - iii. Committee meetings attended
    - iv. Formally announced his plans to step down as Speaker and resign from Senate effective at the conclusion of this meeting
- 7) Introduction of Concurrent Resolutions
  - a. USR-100-202: Aycock Resolution
    - i. Bill to suggest the renaming of Aycock Residence Hall
      - 1. Bill includes a list of notable alumni as suggestions for name change
    - ii. Amendments
      - 1. Change wording from Dormitory to Residence Hall
      - 2. Christi Hurt, Interim Vice Chancellor as a nominee
    - iii. The resolution passed
- 8) Veto Messages from the Student Body President/USG President
- 9) Unfinished business of preceding meeting
- 10) Unfavorable Calendar
  - a. USR-100-203: A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM SSC JUSTICE\_RV
    - i. This resolution was moved to the General Orders Calendar
- 11) Special Orders
  - a. JGC Member-At-Large Election
    - i. Senator Weiner was nominated
      - 1. The nomination was accepted
      - 2. He spoke on his qualifications for the position and his ability to work well with others and grow in his leadership responsibilities
        - a. Plans and concerns
          - i. Relaying JGC meetings to Senate, attending meetings, and including full senate as much as possible
          - ii. Underfunding for the Humanities Department
      - 3. Chair Henson and Speaker Pro Tempore Wright voiced their approval of the candidate
    - ii. Senator Pokela was nominated
      - 1. The nomination was not accepted
    - iii. Senator Weiner was approved as the JGC member appointment
  - b. Speakership Election
    - i. Speaker Echieverra formerly stepped down from his position
    - ii. Nominations

1. Chair Henson was nominated
  - i. He spoke on his qualifications for the position and his experience in the Senate as R&J chair and vice chair during this and the 99th session
    1. Plans to ensure the branch is running properly and seats are filled, work with Executive branch in mental health initiatives, working to ensure student safety on campus, and making the Senate's presence more known on campus through instituting Town Hall meetings, and to improve the Senate's statement release process and to create a committee solely devoted to statement releasing. He hopes to improve leadership transparency and trustworthiness.
  - b. Chair Garg was nominated
    - i. He spoke on his qualifications for the position and his experience in the Senate as Ethics Chair
      1. He hopes to improve the dedication and enthusiasm within the Senate to ensure senators are excited about their positions and serving their constituents. He hopes to continue the agenda set out at the beginning of the session
  - c. Speaker Pro Tempore Wright was nominated
    - i. He spoke on his platform for the upcoming election, his qualifications for the position, and his experience in the Senate
      1. His time as Speaker Pro Tempore and his time spent as proxy and with Speaker Echeverria leading this session. In addition, his time on other committees and serving as Parliamentarian in the 99th session.
  - d. Chair Purdie was nominated
    - i. The nomination was not accepted
- iii. Questioning
  1. The nominees were asked to speak on qualifications of the other nominees
    - a. Each nominee highlighted the work ethic and dedication of the others
  2. The nominees were asked how they plan to improve the Senate's presence on campus
    - a. Chair Henson
      - i. Improving social media awareness and utilizing elections
    - b. Chair Garg
      - i. Improving social media awareness and improving the culture of the Senate
    - c. Speaker Pro Tempore Wright
      - i. Improving social media awareness and encouraging Senators to reach out to their constituents and on campus organizations
  3. The nominees were asked how they will serve on the JGC
    - a. Chair Henson
      - i. He has served as a proxy before and will ensure student voices are showcased and disagreements are handled professionally
    - b. Chair Garg
      - i. He will ensure student voices are heard
    - c. Speaker Pro Tempore Wright
      - i. He has attended several meetings and will continue to ensure student voices are represented, will work with GSPF, and will continue to work for Senate
- iv. Debate

1. Senator Weiner voiced his support for Chair Garg and urged senators to vote for a Speaker who wants to improve relations within Senate and on the student body
  2. Former Speaker Echievera spoke on the qualifications of Speaker Pro Tempore Wright and his dedication to the Senate and highlighted his knowledge of the code (especially in comparison to the other candidates)
  3. Senator Rodgers spoke on the qualifications of Chair Henson
  4. Senator McKinney spoke on the qualifications of Chair Henson
  5. Senator Purdie spoke on the qualifications of Chair Henson and Speaker Pro Tempore Wright
- v. Results
1. Speaker Pro Tempore Wright was elected Speaker
- c. Election\*
- i. Speaker Pro Tempore election
    1. Nominations
      - a. Former Finance Chair Augustine
        - i. Spoke on her qualifications for the position and her time serving as Chair of the Finance Committee
        - ii. Highlighted her plans for the session remainder: improving visibility, ensuring outreach, creating a positive senate experience
      - b. Vice Chair Eubowman
        - i. Her nomination was withdrawn
    2. Debate
      - a. There was questioning over nominee Augustine's eligibility to serve as a Senator and run for this position given her leave of absence
    3. The election for Speaker Pro Tempore was rescheduled until the next Full Senate
  - d. Resolution to confirm SSC Justice was removed off the unfavorable calendar to the General Orders Calendar

## 12) Consent Calendar

- a. USB-100-204: A Bill to Codify the Mental Health Committee
- b. USB-100-205: A Bill To Amend The USG Student Code (9.17.18)

## 13) General Orders Calendar

- a. USR-100-206: A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM SSC JUSTICE\_GL
  - i. Nominee Graham Lauder was presented by SBVP and spoke on his approval process by her committee and others
    1. He spoke on his passion for the SSC and his experience and qualifications. Specifically, on judicial related clubs, his experience with the code, and work within the Judicial Branch
    2. The nominee was questioned and he spoke on his experience within the Judicial Branch and with the Code
  - ii. Nominee Ryan Vualpus was presented by SBVP and spoke on his approval process by her committee and others and work with the BOE in his high school
    1. He spoke on his passion for the position, his work within his high school with elections and student government. He relayed that though his knowledge of the Code may be limited, as a first year, he has studied it and believes this position will allow him to grow in his knowledge
    2. The nominee was questioned and spoke on his involvement on campus, the body of works he would be working with on the SCC, and his plans to improve awareness of the SCC and issues with Code brought before the SCC today.
    3. Discussion on the candidate's knowledge and qualification as a first year was held. SBVP spoke on the Chief Justice's approval of the candidate and want to bring in a younger justice to serve. Senators debated the position and the complexity of the code and if a first year could adequately serve in this position.

iii. The vote failed and the nominee was not approved

14) Notices and Announcements

15) Adjournment.

a. 10:24