



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

26 March, 7:30 pm
Gardner 105

- 1) Call to Order
 - a. 7:34
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes were approved
- 4) Receipts of Petitions and Messages
 - a. Messages from the Student Body President
 - i. Unfavorable calendar candidates are there because she missed the R&J meeting and was not able to present them. She believes they should be confirmed tonight
 - ii. Senate Letter should not be a cause of concern, adversity exists and representing a large student body will have its conflicts
 - iii. Thanked her administration and Senate for their support and consistency throughout the year and the notable things created during her time with Senate's help
 1. Latinx center
 2. Mental health task force
 - b. Messages from the USG Vice President
 - i. SACC
 1. Student feedback on General Education approval discussed and proposal will be entering the faculty field soon
 2. Asked to present memorandum on Silent Sam before the BOG members who sit on the task force for its placement.
 - a. Presented students' feelings and feels they received them well
 - ii. Spoke favorably of the USG VP Elect
 - iii. Thanked Senate for their support
 - c. Messages from the USG Treasurer
 - i. SVAC finishing its final things
 - ii. Amidst transition period for next treasurer administration
 - iii. Exec Board candidates are qualified and should be approved
 - d. Messages from the USG Director of State and External Affairs
 - i. Thanked Senate for their leadership and help throughout the year
 - ii. Voter ID issue will be revisited over the next few months
 1. Looking to ensure student IDs are valid forms of identification for voting

- iii. Working with an outside group to create a five year plan to increase advocacy
 - iv. Spoke on the importance of those on Unfavorable Calendar being presented before full Senate on the General Orders Calendar so these positions can be rightfully filled
- e. Messages from the Undergraduate Student Attorney General
 - i. Supports all of the nominees related to the Judicial branch tonight and hopes Senate will approve them. She believes all the candidates were vetted thoroughly and properly to ensure the best candidates would be presented
 - 1. Each candidates strengths and weaknesses were read
- f. Messages from the Undergraduate Honor Court Chair
 - i. She spoke favorably on the nominees related to the Honor System tonight and her agreeance with the USAG's remark
 - 1. She spoke highly of each candidate and their abilities if approved to their positions
 - 2. And emphasized the importance of each role in maintaining the Honor Court's presence on campus
 - ii. Thanked the senate for a productive semester
- g. Papers Addressed to the Senate
 - i. Letter 1
 - 1. Written by a member of the Honor Court. Spoke highly of the Honor Court Chair nominee. Relayed her personal interactions with her and the hearing trials/application process.
 - ii. Letter 2
 - 1. Spoke favorably on the nominees Nichea Jacque and Gabriela de Jesus for their respective roles. Their involvement and positive additions to the Honor Court environment
 - iii. Letter 3
 - 1. Spoke favorably on nominee, Gabriela de Jesus, for Honor Court Chair and her time in court
 - iv. Letter 4
 - 1. Spoke favorably on nominee, Gabriela de Jesus, for Honor Court Chair and her time serving on Honor Court.
 - v. Letter 5
 - 1. Spoke favorably on nominee, Gabriela de Jesus, for Honor Court Chair and her time serving on Honor Court

5) Public Comment Period

- a. Luke Kessel
 - i. Vice Chairman of Undergraduate Honor Court
 - 1. Spoke highly of all three candidates being presented tonight for Honor Court by describing their individual qualifications and merit
- b. Will Hopping
 - i. Deputy SAG and CSC member
 - 1. Spoke highly of all three candidates being presented tonight for Honor Court by describing their individual qualifications and merit
- c. Sarah Wade
 - i. Senior Honor Court member

1. Spoke highly of candidate Gabriele de Jesus and her time handling court and her creation of a positive environment in Honor Court
 - d. Tanner Morgan
 - i. Former Honor Court member and SACC member
 1. Spoke highly of candidate Gabriele de Jesus and her time on the Honor Court and handling cases
 2. Spoke highly of USG VP nominee and her qualifications
 - e. Gabriela de Jesús
 - i. Spoke on her surprise regarding the letter calling her qualifications into concern and is speaking tonight to clear any suspicions surrounding her involvement and to urge the Senate to evaluate her fairly
 1. Spoke on her qualifications and strengths as a leader both in Honor Court during her time of involvement and in her other organizations on campus
 - f. Elizabeth Earley
 - i. CPALS leadership
 1. Spoke highly of nominee Gabriela de Jesus and her involvement in CPALS serving as fundraising chair and her strengths personally
 - g. Whitney Lin
 - i. Tae Kwon Do club leadership
 1. Spoke highly of nominee Gabriela de Jesus involvement in the club and her dedication and leadership skills
 - h. Ashton Martin
 - i. Urged Seante to take the nominees of the Unfavorable Calendar and hear from the candidates as a full body and judge them fairly
 - i. Abbott Gaddy
 - i. Honor Court Outreach Chair Coordinator Nominee
 1. Urged Senate to take her off of the Unfavorable Calendar so she can further speak on her qualifications and her passion for the Honor System in hopes to be approved.
- 6) Reports of the Officers of Senate
- a. Rules & Judiciary Committee Chair
 - i. Thanked Senate, his committee, and the Martin administration's nominees for their hard work
 - ii. Spoke highly of VP nominee and that her placement on the General Orders calendar is to ensure this high position is being properly filled
 - iii. Spoke on the nominees on the Unfavorable Calendar and how he believes full Senate should consider the importance of the roles and judge candidates effectively
 - b. Finance Committee Chair's Report
 - i. Finishing up details regarding passed bills and ensuring a smooth transition to next session appropriations
 - c. Oversight & Advocacy Committee Chair's Report
 - i. Highlights of the year
 1. Mental Health Task Force creation
 2. Student fee funding organization meetings were held to ensure funds were being spent properly
 - ii. Thanked Senate for a great session

- d. Ethics Committee Chair's Report
 - i. Thanked Senate for their hard work
 - ii. Urged Senate to evaluate the candidates on the Unfavorable Calendar fairly
 - e. Speaker Pro Tempore's Report
 - i. O&A mixer was a success and thanked members for their hard work
 - ii. Urged Senate to evaluate the candidates on the Unfavorable Calendar fairly
 - iii. Thanked Senate for their hard work
 - f. Speaker's Report
 - i. Thanked Senate for their hard work throughout the session
 - ii. Meetings attended
 - 1. JGC meeting with CDS
 - 2. CUAB meeting
 - 3. All Senate committees
 - iii. Urged Senate to carefully consider all comments heard tonight regarding Unfavorable Calendar nominees and to evaluate them all fairly
- 7) Veto Messages from the Student Body President/USG President
- 8) Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting
- a. USR-100-315 AGAINST "INCLUSIVE" ACCESS CODES
 - i. Removed from Table and moved to General Orders Calendar
- 9) Special Orders
- 10) Unfavorable Calendar
- a. USR-100-324 UNDERGRADUATE HONOR COURT CHAIR
 - i. Removed from Unfavorable Calendar and moved to General Orders Calendar
 - b. USR-100-326 HONOR SYSTEM OUTREACH COORDINATOR
 - i. The removal of this bill from the Unfavorable Calendar was debated
 - 1. Debate on whether or not the candidate should be heard before full Senate or if it should remain on the Unfavorable Calendar
 - 2. Removed from Unfavorable Calendar and moved to General Orders Calendar
- 11) Three minute Recess was taken
- 12) Consent Calendar
- a. USB-100-328 FINANCE ↓
 - b. USB-100-329
 - c. USB-100-330 FINANCE ↑
 - d. USR-100-317 CHIEF OF STAFF
 - e. USR-100-318 TREASURER
 - f. USR-100-327 STATE & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
 - g. USR-100-320 SENIOR ADVISOR ↓
 - h. USR-100-321
 - i. USR-100-322
 - j. USR-100-323 SENIOR ADVISOR ↑
 - k. USR-100-319 SECRETARY
- 2) Consent Calendar Approved
- 13) Introduction of Concurrent Resolutions
- 14) General Orders Calendar
- a. USR-100-316 VICE PRESIDENT
 - i. SBP elect presented the candidate and spoke on her qualifications and strengths for the position as VP
 - 1. Plans to improve efficacy of VP office
 - 2. Hardship parking guide to students

- 3. Well equipped to lead SACC
- 4. Urged Senate to approve her position
- ii. Nominee spoke on behalf of herself
 - 1. Thanked those who spoke on her behalf
 - 2. Hopes to work with Senate on external appointments in the future in order to approve valid candidates
 - 3. Worked alongside current VP Emily Blackburn and hopes to continue in her footsteps and in serving in the related positions
 - 4. Questioning
 - a. Involvement on campus and leadership positions
 - i. Academic Affairs
 - ii. Assistant in VP office
 - iii. Honor Court member and Vice Chair
 - iv. Phi Mu member
 - v. Epsilon Eta member
 - b. Improvements to be made
 - i. Hardship parking guide for students to ensure the process is transparent
 - ii. Work more with Senate and external appointments
 - c. Prepared for chancellor transition
 - i. Already working with interim chancellor on SACC and will continue to do so to maintain status quo. Will continue to work with chancellor nominees in the future
 - d. Increase outreach for external appointments
 - i. Working with cabinet members already to push applications on social media, through emails, and in other organizations to ensure a large field of people are being evaluated for the positions
 - iii. Debate
 - 1. R&J members placed her on this calendar because of the importance of the role and wants Senate to have an input
 - 2. Speaker pro tempore, Speaker Wright, and Senator Moseley spoke favorably of the candidate and her qualifications for the role
 - iv. The nominee was approved
- b. USR-100-325 ATTORNEY GENERAL
 - i. USAG presented the nominee and spoke on her qualifications and dedication to the Honor Court system and fair representation.
 - 1. Creation of systems that aid the process which have been streamlined
 - 2. Delegate leadership effectively
 - 3. Creates a positive and inclusive environment for all
 - ii. Nominee spoke on behalf of herself
 - 1. Qualifications and involvement
 - a. Career Services aiding students
 - b. Coordinates events for Government and Law students at Unc
 - c. Honor Court staff member, past three years
 - i. Recruitment co chair
 - ii. General member duties
 - iii. Goals
 - 1. Internal efficiency and case processing
 - a. Online structure for case updates and questioning
 - 2. Staff relations
 - a. Improving councils integration into the Honor System
 - 3. Outreach

- a. Continue to develop this branch and their capability to create events for students
- iv. Discussion
 - 1. Senator Pokela spoke favorably of her
 - 2. R&J member spoke favorably on the candidate and wanted her to be presented to full Senate for their consideration
- v. The candidate was approved
- c. USR-100-315 AGAINST “INCLUSIVE” ACCESS CODES
 - i. Presented by Senator Weiner
 - 1. University has not currently released financials but other universities who have put it in place have echoed his remarks. From what could be discerned from research, the fees were tacked onto tuition for all students, often unknown to students themselves. Believes releasing a statement preemptively would ensure University would be aware of students’ feelings against it.
 - ii. Discussion/debate
 - 1. Senator Pokela spoke on behalf of Social Science students who do not use Pearson often, being for the resolution as they would not benefit from the charge
 - 2. Senator Rogers spoke on behalf of the Resolution and not charging students who will not benefit because of students who will
 - 3. Affordability Task Force representatives
 - a. If put in place, this program would eliminate other more affordable markets for textbook acquisition
 - b. Undermine open access movement Senate has previously supported for textbooks
 - iii. The Resolution was passed
- d. USR-100-324 UNDERGRADUATE HONOR COURT CHAIR
 - i. The nominee was presented by Honor Court Chair who spoke favorably on her behalf and her qualifications for the role.
 - 1. Professionalism in the courtroom
 - 2. Goals and understanding of the role
 - 3. Personal attributes
 - ii. Candidate presented herself
 - 1. Goals for honor court
 - a. External
 - i. Repair image and inform students on their role and the process
 - 1. Honor and integrity week- interactive informative week for students to gain knowledge
 - ii. Hearing sessions once a month for the USG and Graduate honor system for students to communicate with leadership
 - b. Internal
 - i. Smooth out hierarchy and leadership role process within Honor Court
 - ii. Create events and projects to get members involved
 - iii. Buddy system for vice chairs and new members
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. Gauge of improvement of image
 - i. Student feedback during and after case process
 - ii. DTH feedback
 - 3. Discussion
 - a. Senator Rogers and Chair Henson spoke favorably on her behalf given the influx of information on the nominee’s behalf (see Letters to the Senate during Public Comment period)
 - 4. The nominee was approved
 - e. USR-100-326 HONOR SYSTEM OUTREACH COORDINATOR

- i. The candidate was presented by UAG who spoke favorably on the candidate and her qualifications for the position. Hope she will be judged and evaluated fairly
 - 1. Strong work ethic and goal oriented
 - 2. Ability to represent students from all backgrounds, regardless of personal views, successfully
- ii. Candidate presented herself
 - 1. Goals
 - a. Expanding Outreach role on campus
 - i. Restructure the branch to ensure its functioning properly
 - 1. Develop five committees
 - a. Faculty- awareness and trainings
 - b. Graduate- improve graduate representation
 - c. Fraternity/sorority- hazing report education
 - d. Publications- develop materials to easily consume the Instrument
 - e. Undergraduate Student- improve student representation
 - ii. Improve recruitment efforts
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. Controversy surrounding political opinions expressed on Facebook
 - i. Believes her political opinions have never interfered with her work in any capacity. And if it had, her role does not impact cases or the Code. Essentially, stated that politics would play no role in her service in the position
 - b. Improving outreach and recruitment
 - i. Social media pubbing for recruitment
 - ii. RHA promotional materials and information sessions
 - iii. Town Halls for discussion
 - iv. Orientation meetings for information
 - c. Social media personal opinions and Honor Court brand potential for conflict
 - i. Her personal opinions will not be attached to the Honor System in any way through social media
 - ii. Has represented a wide variety of individuals and believes they all deserve equitable treatment and will ensure that will continue
 - d. Greek life and Graduate student involvement
 - i. Currently have members of staff who are members of Greek life and will encourage them to continue to distribute information about the honor system
 - e. Questioning on Facebook messages
 - i. Feels that the women who shared their personal opinions were free to do so and so was she. Expressed how she felt personal expression was important and that her Facebook messages were an extension of that
 - f. Decision making in conflict
 - i. Believes the honor court acts separately from political beliefs and that, additionally, her role specifically does not deal with contention and makes no decisions regarding the code or cases. In the role, she believes she will be able to solve conflict effectively.
 - g. Outreach branch
 - i. Deals with honor system image and information. Does not interact with cases or code in any capacity.
 - 3. Discussion

- a. SBP Putnam spoke on behalf of her experience with online controversy and how one can remain impartial regardless of views, especially in an apolitical role. She believes the candidate is qualified and can serve in the role effectively. Believes her character has been called into question but she still serves effectively, and the candidate will also.
- b. Senator Rogers and Chair Henson spoke on behalf of her qualifications on paper. But spoke on his experience as a Conservative on campus and how her online comments affected him and others who share his opinions negatively
- c. Senator Wiener and Chair Garg echoed the comments of Senator Rogers in that her online presence was negative. Both believed that her responses during questioning downplayed her actions and did not adequately respect the students impacted.
- d. Senator de la Housse spoke on her abstention, the nominee is her RA. Stated that the nominee's presentation during R&J was not as prepared or informed as it was during full Senate and that should be taken into consideration.
- e. Speaker Wright and Pro Tempore Euwbowman revealed they will be voting against the candidate out of sympathy for those impacted negatively from her comments online
- f. Senator Pokela spoke on his belief that the intent of the messages were not intended to harm. He also believes her political opinions will not impact her performance in the position
- g. Senator Ferrera believes she is qualified but does not feel a leader should be one who will attack those who one disagrees with, potentially. Will be voting against the nominee for that reason.
- h. Senator McKinney spoke on the nominee's potential visibility with the Honor Court if appointed and that she did not feel the nominee acted in a compassionate and understanding way towards those impacted by her online comments
- i. SAG spoke on the stigma surrounding the article and how its contents were offensive to some. She believes the candidate did not intentionally mean to offend and was responding to her own personal trauma in her own way. She still believes the nominee is qualified and that she is an extremely compassionate person who would serve effectively if appointed
- j. Chair Garg believes the nominee is qualified but her character is lacking, from what he has seen, and that eliminates her from serving effectively.

4. The nominee was not approved

15) Notices and Announcements

16) Adjournment

a. 10:51