

**101st Undergraduate Student Senate**  
**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
**Undergraduate Student Government**  
**6 August, 7:30 pm**  
**Union 3109**

1. **Call to Order:** 7:32 pm by O&A Chair Wil Weiner
2. **Oath of Office**
3. **Roll Call:** Wil Wiener, Ahaj Shroff, Thy Le, Brianna De La Houssaye, Dede Benissan, Erik Beene, Keshav Javvadi, Stephen Wright, Sosa Evbuomwam, Holden Rogers, Precious, Glory, **Harold, Powell, Cina**
4. **Approval of Minutes**  
Motion to approve the minutes. Approved unanimously
5. **Receipts of Petitions and Messages**
  - a. **Messages from the Student Body President**  
None
  - b. **Messages from the USG Vice President**
    - Chancellor will be present on August 23, for the Chipotle event
    - External appointments being finalized
    - On USB 101-008 “The Equal Branch Appointments Bill”  
Senate’s role is to approve appointments and Executive to appoint. USB-101-009 is not consistent with the separation of powers between both branches.
  - c. **Messages from the USG Treasurer**  
None
  - d. **Messages from the USG Director of State and External Affairs**  
None
  - e. **Messages from the Undergraduate Student Attorney General**  
None
  - f. **Messages from the Undergraduate Honor Court Chair**  
None
  - g. **Papers Addressed to the Senate**  
None
6. **Public Comment Period**
  - Chief of Staff Nicholas Sengstaken  
Fall applications are already out and we should spread the word and share it as much as possible. The external appointment process is going well so far this year. Also emphasized the importance of checks and balances between the Senate and Executive Board regarding USB-101-009

- Senator Erik Beene  
Recently submitted legislation to ban the purchase of firearms with student fees. Since then, there have been 153 mass shootings in the US including the UNCC Shooting. Will be on the floor in the fall semester for discussion and vote. Tar Heel Rifle and Pistol Club used thousands of dollars to buy bullets last year.

## **7. Reports of the Officers of Senate**

### **a. Rules & Judiciary Committee Chair**

None

### **b. Finance Committee Chair's Report**

- None from Finance Chair
- From Speaker Wright
  - Finance tests are out but still need some edits, which will be finalized tonight. If you have already taken it, you would need to take it again.
  - Working on Appropriations schedule to get finance bills rolling out soon.

### **c. Oversight & Advocacy Committee Chair's Report**

- Communication with committee members. Getting feedback from committee members about the first month in Senate and setting goals and expectations for the year.
- Encourage members to reach out to their chairs and outline some goals and expectations for the year.
- Restructuring goals of O&A to be more productive.

### **d. Ethics Committee Chair's Report**

None

### **e. Speaker Pro Tempore's Report**

None

### **f. Speaker's Report**

- Finance and Student Code tests and the Onboarding form are out and should be completed before the second full Senate meeting of the fall semester to the risk or voting privileges may be revoked.
- Fall Fest sign-up forms will be out in a few days. Planning on preparing sign-ins and marketing materials on Saturday, August 17. Sign-up forms for this will also come out soon. Senators are expected to cover 30min shifts. Will reach out to Ethics Chair Sohi to see if there is a way for granting an extra excuse absence for senators present at Fall Fest.
- Finalizing fall semester schedule. First fall semester Senate meeting may be the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September. Summer legislations will be brought back before the entire Senate for a vote.

## **8. Veto Messages from the Student Body President/USG President**

None

## **9. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting**

None

## **10. Special Orders**

None

## **11. Unfavorable Calendar**

None

## 12. Consent Calendar

None

## 13. Introduction of Concurrent Resolutions

### a. USR-101-011 Alcoholic Beverages at Campus Sporting Events

- Senator Beene
  - i. The goal of the bill is to encourage the BoT to work with local breweries and promote their businesses at UNC's sporting events.
  - ii. Obtained data from Ohio State, which allowed him to state in the bill that allowing alcohol beverages could improve safety, cleanliness, and fan experience.
  - iii. BoT has not decided where funding from sales will go but the bill encourages the BoT to use funding from sales for substance abuse treatments and security.
- Votes: 9 Ayes & 2 Nays & 3 Abstains. Passed 9-2-3

## 14. General Orders Calendar

### a. USB-101-008 Secretary Stipend Bill

- O& A Chair Wiener

Previously the Secretary was not allocated a stipend. The committee decided to allocate \$100 to the Secretary considering responsibilities coming with that office.
- **Vote:** Passed unanimously. 15-0

### b. USB-101-009 "The Equal Branch Appointments Bill"

- Senator Beene

The goal of the bill is to have the USG work more efficiently and help initiate more communication between the Senate and Chancellor.
- SAC members are chosen from the whole Carolina community to tackle campus issues and last year former Speaker Echeverria worked with VP Blackburn to give Senate a seat on the SAC committee
- Bill does not clarify the appointment process for Senate members. Most Senators agree that one Senate member is sufficient for SAC.
- Motion to withdraw legislation from Senator Beene: unanimously passed  
Votes: 15-0

### c. USR-101-010 The Select Committee on Equitable Pay

- Senator Beene

The committee's objective will be to collect data on EBO work hours and figure out what should EBO members get paid. Will help low-income students get more involved and spend more time working for the USG.
- Votes: 14 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain. Passed unanimously

### d. Notices and Announcements

**Speaker Wright**

- Bills passed in summer will be back on the floor for approval during the first senate meeting of the fall semester.
- Additional information regarding Senate involvement in Fall Fest will be out in the upcoming days

**e. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn. Adjourned unanimously at 8:21 pm
- Roll Call: Wil Wiener, Ahaj Shroff, Thy Le, Brianna De La Houssaye, Dede Benissan, Erik Beene, Keshav Javvadi, Stephen Wright, Sosa Evbuomwam, Holden Rogers, Precious, Glory, Harold, Powell, Cina.