



UNDERGRADUATE SENATE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

101st Undergraduate Student Senate
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Undergraduate Student Government
3 September, 7:30 pm
Gardner 309

- 1) Call to Order
 - a. The meeting begins at 7:35pm.
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Approval of Minutes
- 4) Receipts of Petitions and Messages
 - a. Messages from the Student Body President
 - i. Ashton says the Executive Branch has search committees to occupy positions of the chancellor, school system president, and more. They have been working diligently on textbook affordability and is lobbying the DOJ to prevent merging of textbook companies. They are working on two mental health peer support groups. They are also working on getting the polling system returned to campus. There will be a town hall to return results on the AAU survey. They are conducting interviews and plan to return to us with appointments.
 - b. Messages from the USG Vice President
 - i. She has appointments coming to Senate soon.
 - c. Messages from the USG Treasurer
 - i. He has a treasurer meeting on Sept 4. The first SFAC meeting is on Friday.
 - d. Messages from the USG Director of State and External Affairs
 - i. The Good Neighbor Initiative went well and there is a cook-out soon.
 - e. Messages from the Undergraduate Student Attorney General
 - f. Messages from the Undergraduate Honor Court Chair
 - g. Messages from the Undergraduate Senate Faculty Advisor
 - h. Papers Addressed to the Senate
- 5) Public Comment Period
 - a. Reports of the Officers of Senate
 - b. Ethics Committee Chair's Report
 - c. Rules & Judiciary Committee Chair's Report
 - i. He offers support in formatting bills that any senators are working on.
 - d. Finance Committee Chair's Report
 - i. As we begin fall funding, the treasury meeting is tomorrow at 5pm. They will be going over procedures. The portal opens on Thursday at 5pm and closes on Friday at 5pm.
 - e. Oversight & Advocacy Committee Chair's Report
 - i. Weiner has incorporated feedback from his committee to organize O&A. As he was going through that process, he is advocating for all senators to communicate their feedback for leadership. He wants to do appointment only office hours.
 - f. Speaker Pro Tempore's Report
 - i. Follow the instagram page and join Slack. She also wants to encourage everyone to spread the word about legislative staff. She plans to coordinate with Stephen to finalize office hours. She also encourages everyone to take their Senate tests. There is a public forum planned before the second full senate, the date will be communicated to senators soon.
 - ii. She answered a question and says leadership is very willing to help Senators schedule their own office hours. They also said senator town halls by district will be encouraged.
 - iii. Senator Purdie encourages others to contact him if they are open to take over the Linked In for Senate.

- g. Speaker's Report
 - i. Until September 10th, he encourages people to reach out to obtain more applications for Senate staff and external appointments. Executive and Legislative leadership will join together to conduct appointments. Encourages senators to be active on social media. He is looking to get Public Relations filled. Treasurers Meeting is tomorrow, and he encourages attendance for anyone interested. The Senate website is fully updated with senators, bills, agendas, etc. On October 18th, there will be an election. There will be a candidate's meeting on September 27th.
- 6) Veto Messages from the Student Body President/USG President
- 7) Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting
- 8) Special Orders
- 9) Unfavorable Calendar
- 10) Consent Calendar
- 11) Introduction of Concurrent Resolutions
 - a. **USR-101-011 SUPPORT FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT SPORTING EVENTS ON UNC'S CAMPUS.**
 - i. White Claw will be \$10 (16 ounces).
 - ii. Withdrawn.
- 12) General Orders Calendar
 - a. **USB-101-008 TO ESTABLISH A STIPEND FOR THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SECRETARY**
 - i. The secretary stipend was removed two years ago. As the current secretary was audited, the stipend should be reinstated.
 - ii. Stipend passes.
 - iii. It will go in effect next term.
 - b. **USR-101-010 TO CREATE A SELECT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE EQUITABLY PAYING STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**
 - i. The committee will look into fairly paying officers and employees of student government. They will be dedicated to collecting data and looking at the contents of the work and how it compares. There would be no voting data but only the collection of data. He has an open invitation to all senators.
 - ii. The primary concern was when he (Beene) was looking at wages, he didn't believe these wages could truly support even close to a living wage. This prevents students who are economically disadvantaged from occupying these seats. He would encourage stipends to be on the level of a work study program.
 - iii. Henson inquired about the committees role. Beene clarifies it as not deciding a stipend or voting, but rather collecting data for a report.
 - iv. He says the responsibility of other branches would only be general testimonies, and while he encourages data, he does not require it. It would be a collaboration of previous and current students who have occupied these roles.
 - v. We moved to the election of a committee chair. Speaker Wright was nominated and denied. Senator Beene accepted a nomination. All other nominations were denied. Senator Beene was elected as chair.
 - vi. Membership will be elected next full senate meeting.
- 13) Notices and Announcements
 - a. Follow instagram @uncsenate.
 - b. Like the Facebook Page.
 - c. Committee meetings are next Tuesday. R&J has 13, O&A has 1 appointment.
 - d. Stephen's office hours are 2-4 MWF in Union 3409.
- 14) Adjournment
 - a. Adjourned at 8:28pm.

