101st Undergraduate Student Senate

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Undergraduate Student Government

21 January, 7:30 pm

Gardner 309

1. Two-Minute Addresses
2. Call to Order
   1. 7:34pm
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Minutes
   1. Minutes have been approved.
   2. Senator Uguru left the meeting at 7:41pm.
5. Receipts of Petitions and Messages
   1. Messages from the Student Body President
      1. The reason for the firing of the director of the Campus Y is unknown. She reports that she had a wonderful break.
   2. Messages from the USG Vice President
      1. Hardship appeals will take place on Wednesday and Thursday. They are in search for another member for SAC. R&J should expect the appointment soon. SAC is meeting on Tuesday with the chancellor to look at the Silent Sam resolution. Meeting with Jonathan Sauls on the 31st.
   3. Messages from the USG Treasurer
      1. He thanks Jack for being in charge of the Spring funding cycle. He says lots has been approved, but still being reviewed. He clarified that any unused funding received in Fall doesn’t revert until May. Out of $500,000, there is around $375,000 hasn’t been spent, yet he expect
   4. Messages from the USG Director of State and External Affairs
      1. Stone Center has been approved as a voting center, it’s open on March 3rd for the primaries, but not for early voting. On Monday and Tuesday, there are meetings for Porthole Alley throughout the day. If you have concerns about putting in Undergraduate Admissions and a Visitors Center, please attend. Photo IDs are not needed for the primary.
   5. Messages from the Undergraduate Student Attorney General
      1. None.
   6. Messages from the Undergraduate Honor Court Chair
      1. None.
   7. Messages from the Undergraduate Senate Faculty Advisor
      1. Tomorrow evening is the MLK speaker, tickets are free at Memorial Hall. He encourages attendance. Monday at 6pm and Tuesday at 8pm to attend meetings to run for office for next year, the BOE will send out information about these meetings. They will also send an email out about the election. Student Safety Committee met last week and they plan to meet again in two weeks. There are Chancellor’s Award Nomination, he encourages nominations.
   8. Papers Addressed to the Senate
      1. In response to the resolution supporting the Asian-American center, the Chancellor’s Office thanks the Undergraduate Senate in supporting all forms of diversity.
      2. In response to the resolution supporting the LGBTQ+ center, he thanks the Undergraduate Senate for their commitment to diversity and inclusion.
      3. Senator Bennissan said the Chancellor responded to the Textbook Affordability Bill, he assured that Carolina is committed to affordable education through many sources such as OERs.
6. Public Comment Period
7. Reports of the Officers of Senate
   1. Ethics Committee Chair's Report
      1. Absences reset every semester. He encourages attendance for the small amount of meetings left this year. The Ethics Committee has a hearing next Wednesday at 6pm for Dauderman. Also, Senator Galani and Groce have hearings for absences.
   2. Oversight & Advocacy Committee Chair's Report
      1. He encourages anyone interested in O&A to speak to him.
   3. Rules & Judiciary Committee Chair’s Report
      1. There are four meetings left. He asks for all substantive changes to be received soon. The committee is working on all of the grammar mistakes in the current code. Henson is working on redistricting currently, and that should be fixed soon and will go into effect two election terms from now.
   4. Finance Committee Chair's Report
      1. The next funding day is next week, and he expects to be finished before Spring Break.
   5. Speaker Pro Tempore's Report
      1. She has been working with the Legislative Assistants to get the Senate Legislative Law book in order.
   6. Speaker's Report
      1. Fill out the online mechanism or attend an election meeting if you plan to run again for the Senate. He encourages all eligibile to run again. SFAC will begin next week. JGC begins tomorrow. Carolina Union Board of Directors met last week to figure out what organizations will be present on that board. As for representation, they are considering reducing undergraduate representation. All appointments are being considered to move to the Executive Branch and redistricting is being explored. They are also considering a rescheduling for appointments to begin earlier. Election will be on February 11th, get involved!
      2. Bennissan asked for clarification on appointments, and for the sake of separation of powers, all appointments would be appointed by the Executive branch and then confirmed by the Senate.
8. Veto Messages from the Student Body President/USG President
9. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting
10. Special Orders
    1. USR-101-264 ERRORS AND LANGUAGE
       1. Henson points out this has been done in the 100th Senate.
       2. Dauderman moved to postpone this bill indefinitely.
    2. SELECTION OF THE SPRING 2020 ETHICS COMMITTEE
       1. Senator Powell, Senator Gee, Senator Moody-Williamson, Senator Brown, and Senator Baird have been selected.
11. Unfavorable Calendar
    1. USB-101-256 IMPARTIALITY IN THE IMPEACHMENT PROCESS
       1. Weiner asked why these were unfavorable and Henson believes that the solution proposed in the bill fails to solve the problem of impartiality proposed. He also sees no precedent.
    2. USB-101-259 EQUAL PROTECTIONS-USG CODE
       1. Weiner asked why these were unfavorable and Henson answered that there are multiple bills that are identical, and he asks for a constitutional amendment instead.
       2. Dauderman made a motion to remove from the unfavorable calendar. It remained on the unfavorable calendar.
       3. Henson says he believes this should be in the constitution, not just listed “everywhere”.
       4. Dauderman clarifies that his intention was to list it “everywhere”.
12. Consent Calendar
13. Introduction of Concurrent Resolutions
14. General Orders Calendar
    1. USR-101-255 MULTIPLE READINGS
       1. Dauderman says that it should be read before it is proposed to committee to encourage bills to be more transparent. He says that it may be an idea to move it to the O&A committee.
       2. Henson made a motion for discussion.
       3. Henson said this has been attempted before and then repealed as it was a “time burden” and slowed down the ability to react to new business. He says the classification of a bill that is an “emergency” is subjective. He also says bills are edited in committee, and may make them more likely to pass instead of being shot down immediately.
       4. Dauderman says that the emergency was decided by the speaker and the student body president. He says it may be effective to get rid of a bill as to not waste committee time. He proposes that it move to the O&A committee.
       5. Javvadi questions why Dauderman disagreed with friendly amendments, and Dauderman answered that friendly amendments are unhelpful and should rather be solved with a simple majority vote for amendments.
       6. Wright says committee as a whole is helpful for emergency procedures. He believes this is a good idea and thinks this solves “shady” committee activity and allows a say in bills early.
       7. Weiner liked the idea of this being referred to O&A, and he believes that there could be a more productive discussion in committee.
       8. Hoffner-O’Connor said this would impede joint legislation because reaction time is heavily impeded. Weiner agreed in response, but values the positives of transparency the bill. Hoffner-O’Connor and Henson agree that this would be solved by senators to read legislation before the meeting. However, Henson believes that referring this to O&A would be helpful.
       9. Dauderman acknowledges his lack of consideration for joint operations. However, this isn’t only solved by reading legislation but encourages transparency for the student body as well.
       10. Henson moves to end discussion. Henson makes a motion to refer to O&A then R&J.
       11. Referred to O&A.
    2. USR-101-257 TRADITIONS
       1. Henson made a move to discussion. He also believes the Toast to the Old North State has wording that is antiquated. The pro-tempore seconded the offensive language.
       2. Dauderman said this is not required.
       3. Henson made a motion to reject the bill. A yes is to approve the bill, a no is to reject the bill.
       4. The bill fails.
    3. USR-101-258 EQUAL PROTECTIONS-STANDING RULES
       1. He just wanted to reiterate the equal protection clause in the standing rules.
       2. Henson made a motion for discussion. He believes this is not the place for the equal protection clause, and he believes it should be in the Constitution not disseminated throughout the rules “over and over”. He just believes this would add confusion.
       3. Dauderman doesn’t understand how a non-discrimination “muddles” the document, but rather encourages remembrance of the clause itself.
       4. Henson says this a reactive bill to the looking into of in-state versus out-of-state students. He doesn’t believe we should be prevented at looking at this. The constitution bans all discrimination and believes it’s a negative.
       5. Weiner disagrees with Henson and finds it useful to protect residency status. He believes this could actually be positive as saying that you can’t choose based on where people are from in reference to the residency status.
       6. Bobby asks if this is the language in the code right now. Dauderman says that he added residency status and added the equal protection clause of the Constitution. Bobby also asks about the political party or affiliation, and says this is not in the statement by the university. He believes it’s in the Constitution, but isn’t the official statement by the university.
       7. Dauderman says the intention of this bill is in the equal protection clause.
       8. Henson worries that this prohibits the inclusion of diversity. Hoffner says that the body should be worried with advertising rather than this bill.
       9. Weiner makes a motion to pass the bill.
       10. The bill fails.
    4. USB-101-260 EQUAL PROTECTIONS-JOINT CODE
       1. Refer to the previous discussion.
       2. The bill fails.
    5. USR-101-261 EQUAL PROTECTIONS-CONSTITUTION
       1. He proposes an amendment to make the equal protection clause its own section.
       2. Bobby reads the current policy that student organizations are acting under. If we enhance it, we must have the core non-discrimination statement in the Constitution.
       3. Weiner feels like the title of this bill is not fitting, but proposes that this may be referred to a committee, which would be R&J.
       4. Motion to refer to R&J.
       5. The motion passes.
15. Notices and Announcements
    1. Wright encourages running again, so please attend a meeting or complete the online training mechanism.
16. Adjournment
    1. 8:57pm