101st Undergraduate Student Senate

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Undergraduate Student Government

4 February, 7:30 pm

Gardner 309

1. Two-Minute Addresses
   1. Senator Dauderman: spoke on the “systemic issues” in Senate as a whole. He feels that senators should take more care to understand the rules and procedures of the Senate to ensure all is running correctly
2. Call to Order
   1. 7:34 pm
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Minutes
   1. Minutes Approved
5. Receipts of Petitions and Messages
   1. Messages from the Student Body President
      1. BOTmeetingg
         1. approval of the Asian American Center
         2. Strategic Plan for the next 10 years of Unc voted on
      2. Exec Branch updates
         1. Arts taskforce is starting a podcast to highlight student artists
         2. Student safety and Wellness Committee working to get feminine products in all on-campus bathrooms
         3. Plastic bags will no longer be offered in BOL and paper bags can be purchased for $.10
         4. Developing online scheduling for CAPS is currently being developed
         5. Multicultural Affairs Committee is holding an event in collaboration with Unc Police in the upcoming weeks
         6. Chancellor’s Office report
            1. Potential employment opportunity for graduating seniors, more information will be sent out from SBP
      3. Congratulated Senator Wiener on his potential appointment to JGC
   2. Messages from the USG Vice President
      1. SACC meeting
         1. Discussion about racial history commission
      2. Student Academic Advisory Board meeting upcoming this week
      3. Regular meetings/functionings are continuing
   3. Messages from the USG Treasurer
      1. Thanked Senate Finance Committee for their hard work with appropriations
      2. SFAC is currently undergoing its auditing phase
      3. Carolina Union
         1. Potential redesigns for the future are being discussed
   4. Messages from the USG Director of State and External Affairs
      1. Reminder about early voting and registration
         1. Beginning March 3 students can vote at Stone Center and no ID is required
      2. Redesigning of Porthole Alley
         1. Current plans are still underway for which departments will be moved to the new location and stores currently there will be temporarily placed elsewhere
   5. Messages from the Undergraduate Student Attorney General
      1. Applications have been sent out for new members
   6. Messages from the Undergraduate Honor Court Chair
   7. Messages from the Undergraduate Senate Faculty Advisor
      1. Union Board of Directors applications are being released and senators are encouraged to apply
   8. Papers Addressed to the Senate
6. Public Comment Period
7. Reports of the Officers of Senate
   1. Ethics Committee Chair's Report
      1. Cases were heard at the first official meeting
         1. Two cases were heard relating to absenteeism, those members have willingly resigned from Senate
         2. One relating to conduct and potential expulsion, which will be voted on later tonight
      2. Chair spoke on the importance of being present not only for committee meetings but also for Full Senate
   2. Oversight & Advocacy Committee Chair's Report
      1. Reiterated points made by Ethics Chair relating to attendance and commitments to the Senate as a whole
      2. Past O&A meeting discussion
         1. Potentially implementing a Kahoott or Poll Everywhere mechanism to ensure legislation is being read prior to Full Senate
            1. Building off of Senator Dauderman’s proposed bill
         2. Codifying a new senator orientation for the future
      3. Chair encouraged senators to write bills and stay active
   3. Rules & Judiciary Committee Chair’s Report
      1. Chair encouraged senators to write bills and propose solutions to campus issues
      2. Potentially altering the Senate calendar to decrease the frequency of Full Senate meetings
      3. Redistricting bill on the consent calendar
         1. An equation is in the proposed bill that would reallocate seats more proportionally for districts
   4. Finance Committee Chair's Report
      1. First funding meeting held for the new semester
      2. Speaker Wright: there were some finance bills not submitted on time and those will be voted on next Full Senate
   5. Speaker Pro Tempore's Report
   6. Speaker's Report
      1. Ballot petitions for the next session were due today at 5 pm
         1. Notifications for registered ballot candidates will be released shortly
         2. Senators who have not turned them in are encouraged to run a write-in campaign
      2. Speaker encouraged senators to vote thoughtfully on bills on the calendar tonight, especially the pending expulsion
      3. SFAC meeting
         1. Proxy Senator Powell attended and reported all is well
      4. JGC meeting attended
      5. Encouraged senators to bring forth legislation in the remaining months of the session
8. Veto Messages from the Student Body President/USG President
9. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting
10. Unfavorable Calendar
    1. USB-101-269 REDISTRICTING TO O&A
       1. Chair Henson spoke on behalf of the bill (as the Senator who authored it was not present)
          1. Proposed allowing for O&A Committee to oversee the redistricting process
       2. REMAINS ON UNFAVORABLE CALENDAR
    2. USB-10-270 EQUAL PROTECTIONS CLAUSE-USG CODE
       1. Chair Henson spoke on behalf of the bill (as the Senator who authored it was not present): Placed on the Unfavorable Calendar to avoid confusion in the Code. The committee is working on the language of the bill to potentially add it as an amendment to the Code
       2. REMAINS ON UNFAVORABLE CALENDAR
11. Consent Calendar
    1. USB-101-265 REDISTRICTING
    2. USB-101-266 HEARING PROCEDURE
    3. USB-101-272 FINANCE ↓
    4. USB-101-273/USB-101-405
    5. USB-101-306 FINANCE ↑
    6. PASSED
12. Introduction of Concurrent Resolutions
13. General Orders Calendar
    1. USB-101-271 APPOINTMENTS
       1. Speaker Wright
          1. Explained the logistics of the bill. It proposes moving certain appointments under the jurisdiction of the Executive Branch due to relevance
       2. Questioning
          1. Beene: will there be an addendum explaining the reasoning behind the bill for future sessions
             1. Speaker Wright would be in favor of adding an explanation to the Where As section but comments cannot be added to the Code generally
       3. PASSED
    2. USB-101-268 APPEAL FROM DENIAL OF RIGHT TO BE HEARD
       1. Discussion
          1. Chair Henson: R&J currently handles the specifics but this can be problematic. So, it is proposed for these cases to be appealed to Full Senate
          2. Chair Wiener: questioned the intent behind moving the hearings to Full Senate. Senator proposed potentially allowing for these cases to be heard before Ethics rather than Full Senate to allow for discretion regarding the matters being heard
          3. Baxter: proposed amending the bill back to allow for appeals to be heard by Ethics Committee rather than Full Senate
          4. Wiener: proposed allowing Speaker to set rules for the bill to be amended without the Principal Author present
             1. Speaker Wright allowed for the amendment to be added by a Full Senate vote
       2. PASSED
14. Special Orders
    1. USR-101-307 EXPULSION OF SENATOR CONNOR GROCE-WITHDRAWN
    2. USR-101-308 EXPULSION OF SENATOR CORRY DAUDERMAN
       1. Chair Javvadi
          1. The case brought before Senate today because of continual misconduct by Senator Dauderman, unwillingness to cooperate, and unruly and aggressive behavior at an R&J Committee meeting.
          2. He encouraged senators to think wisely about their vote
       2. Debate
          1. Senator Sena: why was the senator not censured or being placed on probation
             1. Chair Jaavadi: there were actions taken to reprimand the senator but there was not much cooperation. Additionally, placement on probation would have the same impact as expulsion because the session is almost over.
          2. Vice-Chair Powell: she served on the Ethics Committee and after hearing the tape from the R&J meeting, felt that Dauderman’s actions were unwarranted and disciplinary actions must be taken.
          3. Chair Henson: spoke on the personal difficulties he experienced chairing the meeting. Members at the meeting and himself felt unsafe because of aggressive and unruly actions taken by Senator Dauderman at the R&J Committee
          4. Senator Shraff: questioned why Senator Dauderman’s actions and frustrations escalated so quickly
             1. Chair Javvadi: Senator Dauderman was frustrated with his bills not being passed/heard and felt the process was biased towards him
          5. Senator Shraff: questioned Chair Javvadi about his final decision to expel Senator Dauderman
             1. Chair Javvadi: he and others in the committee weighed the final decision of expulsion heavily but felt that feelings of safety are most important moving forward
          6. Vice-Chair Powell: she appreciated Senator Dauderman’s passion for making Senate a “better place” and improving Senate culture but does not feel this overshadows his misconduct
          7. Senator Shraff: questioned if the decision of expulsion is too premature without prior warnings
             1. Chair Javvadi: there have been other complaints filed against Senator Dauderman. This past incident was another instance of misconduct.
             2. Senator Barret: being in attendance at both the R&J meeting and Ethics meeting, expulsion seemed the most effective way to dissolve the situation.
          8. Speaker Wright: having been at the R&J meeting, he can attest to Dauderman’s misconduct and behavior but he did not feel personally threatened. He reached out to Senator Dauderman to create a plan going forward and providing options. There was some cooperation but not much in terms of reforming conduct in future meetings. But, he does reiterate Vice-Chair Powell’s praise of Dauderman’s intentions and ambition for Senate. But does feel his unwilling behavior be taken into account when voting
          9. Vice-Chair Powell: further explained her vote for expulsion because of Senator Dauderman’s unwillingness to cooperate and mediate his behavior
          10. Wiener: explained why he will be voting for removal
          11. Gee: questioning the escalation from censure to expulsion. He shared his personal experiences with Senator Dauderman and how he does not feel he is capable of serious aggressive behavior. He feels that the case brought against Senator Dauderman is more on the basis of personal feelings of an annoyance than actual misconduct.
          12. Senator Shonizadah: questioning the escalation from censure to expulsion and would prefer Senator Dauderman to be present for the vote
          13. Senator Richards: proposed considering a lesser sentence
          14. Senator Thompson: what precedent will be set by expelling a senator
              1. Vice-Chair Powell: we must do what we can to ensure senators feel safe. She is going off of the testimonies and audio of those present at the meetings and feels their feelings of danger are what’s most important for consideration.
          15. Senator Staley: reiterated the points raised by Vice-Chair Powell about creating a cohesive and safe environment in Senate
          16. Vice-Chair Powell: believes it would have been unfair to censure and take away privileges rather than expel simply because he is a senior and the session is almost over.
          17. Chair Henson: his behaviors of unwillingness and misconduct have been continuous and pervasive for several meetings. The behavior exhibited by Senator Dauderman was unprecedented and should not be allowed to continue. Other members at the meeting have expressed fear and that should be taken seriously.
          18. Chair Wiener: speaking to the point that Senator Dauderman is being expelled on the point of annoyance. He shared past experiences of disruptions and disagreements that have never escalated to the outburst Senator Dauderman displayed.
          19. Barrett: was present at the R&J Committee meeting. He did not personally feel unsafe but understands that others in attendance did. However, he does not feel this is grounds for expulsion
          20. Buttitta: encouraged moving to a vote because either outcome has the same impact, in his opinion
          21. Thompson: encouraged senators to think about their decision and the precedent it will set moving forward
          22. Gee: this deliberation should not be rushed. Senator Dauderman has shared his grievances with him about his feelings of being an outsider and not being given the opportunity to collaborate from other senators.
          23. Five minutes recess
          24. Senator Shonizadeh: issue with the language of the bill and reasoned that there is little likelihood Senator Dauderman would approach people he felt unheard by
          25. Vice-Chair Powell: being present at the meeting, she explained the thoughtful and long trial the Ethics Committee held and that the decision they reached was one that was heavily debated and made with great consideration
          26. Chair Henson: further explained the continual misconduct and unwillingness he has experienced from Senator Dauderman
    3. FAILED
15. Notices and Announcements
16. Adjournment
    1. 9:18 pm