

51st Session
Green-Smith Administration

Date: 1/29/20

Attendance: 16/18

Professional Attendance:

Robert Straub

Minutes:

Call Meeting to Order: 9:00 PM

Roll Call

Executive Reports:

- Isaiah:
 - ASG
 - ECU- there were two board of trustees members who offered to finance a student's presidential campaign in violation of University of North Carolina System policy and once they won the two trustee members would've been able to vote on what they wanted. The student recorded the conversation from the trustees who offered to finance the campaign with their own personal funds. The presidents among the UNC system decided to write a resolution condemning the action of those board members and work to determine how to strategize for free and fair elections. In the first resolution, they could have a lawsuit, but changed the resolution to protect the privacy of the trustee members
 - At UNCA the Board of Trustees have a good relationship and vote together on things
 - Will: Why wouldn't this case go through the NC attorney general? What is the best way to go about this case?
 - Isaiah: They don't have power- it goes through board of trustees and chancellor
 - Caitlin: Have there been articles written about it?
 - Isaiah: Yes, there have been several articles written about it.
 - Will: What action being taken?
 - Isaiah: It was requested that the two board members resign, but they were appointed by the state legislator and they cannot remove them, they are awaiting the outcome of the UNC Board of Governor's investigation
 - It is important that the student reported this and took the audio recording so that we can try to have these conversations and work to have a long term strategy to have free and fair elections in the future
 - Campaigning for spring elections coming soon
 - Applications for all senators, president, VP will be open

- If you want to talk to Corey or Isaiah about their positions, please reach out to either of them, the applications are due in Feb.
 - New appointments
 - If you have any questions talk to Isaiah
 - Spring Elections
 - Applications due Feb. 17th
 - Campaigning from Feb. 24th-28th
 - Voting Feb. 27th-28th
 - Green/Smith admin final meeting: April 15th
 - Chase:
 - ASG
 - ASG president updates ASG every month from board of Governor's
 - Silent Sam statue at Chapel Hill, taken down about 6 months ago, voted to not come back to the Chapel Hill campus, UNC system paid the Sons of the Confederacy to remove the statue, paid a dollar a way from 75,000 dollars so they wouldn't protest it, can't be in 14 counties where there are UNC schools
 - Tuition and fees voting happens in March
 - Education policies: updating them after Feb. have to have a minimum of 2.5 and SAT & ACT scores, accessibility problem, looking to bring about 20,000 students to UNC schools
 - Spring initiative- Student rights week:
 - Will be March 23rd-27th, would love SGA members to attend
 - New Topic everyday, Mon.- Student Workers Rights, Tues.- Politics & The Census with the Census Symposium day, Wednesday- Race Day, looking at institutional racism, Thurs.- Student Rights Day, looking at the rights as a student
 - How can SGA support the spring initiative
 - Workers rights will be a tabling event, The Census event is a symposium from 9am-3 pm, not sure about the Wednesday event yet, and Student Rights Day- tabling
 - If you have any ideas contact Chase, you will get a shirt if you attend an event

External Reports:

- Chase: Last day to register to vote for primaries is Feb. 9th
- Aryelle & Caitlin: Blood Drive is tomorrow from 10am-4pm
- London: Field trip to Greensboro civil rights museum for LLC may have extra seats, Feb. 8th leaving at 7:30 am and coming back at 5pm, will be \$5, will keep SGA updated
- Aryelle: has been working with AVL middle SGA- importance of getting middle school kids to college campuses, they are going to Greensboro civil rights museum and tour A&T, lacking funding for trip
 - Possible idea- to write a senate bill to help to give them money, fully student organized, Aryelle can talk more about it, a great way to support community
 - May not be possible- paid with student fees, conversation whether we can take funds from the university to the middle school

- Danielle: What if we had SGA members go to the event?
- Aryelle: We can talk about it more and invite all SGA members to the meeting to talk more about it

Senate Committee Reports:

- Wellness Committee
 - Reflected on last semester- helped with Fresh Check Day, we want to evaluate our work towards community health theory, we are going to come together to do a community health assessment which will inform our decisions moving forward to learn how to best serve students, going to come up with topics that we want to address in a community health survey- transportation, mental health, safety, campus rec services, etc.
 - Hoping to get out survey at tabling, and in classrooms
 - We will create objectives from the results
 - Drag and Sex Ed. events- Feb. 26th from 7-9pm in Blue Ridge Ballroom planned by Kenda Mullert, Health and Human services worker, Pepah, D&I members, healthy campus 2020 to attend event, would love other SGA members to attend, and discussed upcoming PERIOD. Events
 - Discussed concerns- safety and transportation on campus
- Diversity and Inclusion Committee
 - 2nd Thinking Queerly event this past Mon. Jan. 27th, talked about allyship & intersectionality, standing in solidarity with people when it is hard, going to talk more about intersectionality in the next Thinking Queerly event on Feb. 17th and March 16th: Asexuality topic TBD
 - Reproductive rights event, Drag Ball Sex Ed event
 - Hosted Get Whipped event last year- sex ed event collab with Kink & sex ed club, looking to do another event: this time bigger & better
 - If you have any ideas that you would like to do a talk on, talk with London
 - OMA is thinking about absorbing Thinking Queerly
- Sustainability Committee
 - Met tonight, introduced a few new members, group is passionate about food justice
 - Green fest- is march 29th- april 5th, finalizing events by the end of feb. SGA is doing an event during Greenfest
 - Committee will focus on food waste, working to create a text alert system to notify students when there is left over food from catering events, working to create a waiver to not hold dining accountable from leftover food,
 - They will co-host an event during greenfest on food waste and a catered dinner, later in the semester will do a clean up day collab with ASHE
 - The dining hall donates leftover food to Food Connection, but you can't do that with the food from catering so this pilot program would help to improve problem
 - Corey: Possibly could order less food for events and help to prevent food waste

Old Business

- SSB 019-019: Resignation of Executive of Academic Affairs, Jessica Villatoro
 - Non-debatable: n/a
 - Debatable: n/a

- Motion made to vote on these two as a block vote
- SSB 019-020 Appointment of Executive of Wellness, Yen Doan
 - Non-debatable: London-will their position be like a liaison like OMA?
 - Isaiah: It will be the same as the other executives
 - Debatable:N/A
 - Introduction of Yen: Yen introduced themselves, excited for The Birds, Bees and Everything in between Drag ball event
 - Two bills passed

New Business

- SSB 019-021 Resignation of Junior Senator, Wellness Committee Chairperson, David Olawuni
 - Non-debatable: N/A
 - Debatable: N/A
- SSB 019-022 Appointment of Wellness Committee Chairperson, Audrey Thomas
 - Non-debatable: N/A
 - Debatable: N/A
- SSB 019-023 Resignation of Freshman Senator, Jessie Frank
 - Non-debatable: N/A
 - Debatable: N/A
- SSB 019-024 Resignation of Sophomore Senator, Diversity and Inclusion Chairperson, Parliamentarian, London Newton
 - Non-debatable:Caitlin Is there going to be a new committee chairperson?
 - Corey: Yes, it will be determined soon.
 - Debatable: N/A
- SSB 019-025 Appointment of Executive of Academic Outreach, London Newton
 - Non-debatable: N/A
 - Debatable: N/A
- SSB 019-026 Appointment of Executive of Athletic Outreach, Robert Brenneman
 - Non-debatable: Caitlin: why did you decide to make a new executive position? It this a new position?
 - Isaiah: Made position to make a connection with athletes
 - This position won't exist next semester, every president chooses their cabinet
 - Debatable: Robert introduced himself
- Motion made to vote on these two as a block vote
- Patrick: proper name for yay, nae is to voice your vote
- Sean: Are elections earlier this year?
- Robert: Elections are earlier as they are held before spring break

Calls From the Floor

- N/A

Calls From the Gallery

- Soren: North AVL candidates are having a local meet and greet at the Salvage Station, tomorrow, Jan. 31st at 5:30 pm
 - On Feb. 2nd at 2pm, there will be a candidate forum hosted by the Sunrise Movement at the First Congregational Church

ADJOURNMENT