



# UNC

Student Senate

**Order of Business**  
**40<sup>th</sup> Administrative Minutes**  
**Zoom, 5:30PM**  
**September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

- I. **Call to Order**
  - a. Meeting began at 5:30pm
- II. **Roll Call**
  - a. 17 of 19 voting members present.
- III. **Special Reports**
- IV. **Cabinet Reports**
  - a. President
    - i. We need two student representatives (one cabinet, one senator) for the Student Impact Task Force (subcommittee of the COVID Task Force)
      1. They meet Wednesday's 2:00-3:00pm
      2. Our representative will be Devon Bortfeld
    - ii. Do we wish to do more Q&As with President Feinstein?
  - b. Student Trustee
    - i. You will want to make sure that you are registered to vote, and your voter registration is up to date with your current address. Ballots are not forwardable, even if you have a forwarding address in place, so, be sure to update your registration. To update your registration or to register to vote, you will go to Go Vote Colorado. You will need to have a Colorado ID to update online, or you can print the voter registration form, fill it out and email, fax, or drop it off in person at the Election Office, located at 1400 N 17th Ave, Greeley, Colorado. All additional info for Off-Campus Voting locations as well as Polling Stations are all available at <https://www.unco.edu/inside-unc/campus-community/make-your-vote-count-2020.aspx>
  - c. Director of Campus Relations
    - i. Dining services for this year- student concerns.
    - ii. Reached out to campus services and meetings are starting to be meet up to determine how I can best help them and what ideas they have.
    - iii. Working with library election night viewing party- figuring out a way to get athletics involved.
  - d. Director of Finance
    - i. I met with Evan this week to start getting things together for ITECH. I am working on creating a timeline, but I am waiting to hear back from someone at IT to confirm if there have been any changes or not on the technology requirements/qualifications for them.
  - e. Director of Student Affairs
    - i. Constitution Day is tomorrow!! We will be posting to both our Instagram and Facebook with information and on Instagram an interactive piece.
    - ii. I will also be putting a link in the chat for a Qualtrics survey with several different video ideas that the Student Affairs committee wants to incorporate on our social media pages. You will have the opportunity to

sign up for any video you like and as many as you like or if you prefer none. Each video will have a date I would need you to send me your video by so we can put them all together. I will send out a reminder three days before each video is due to those who signed up to send one in. If you do not send one because you know life gets busy not a big deal you will have the opportunity to participate in another video.

- iii. I am also currently working on reaching out to all the clubs and organizations to see if they would be interested in hosting events together and to let them know they can email me any flyer for any of their events and we will post it on our social media pages.
- iv. Last of all I am working on getting together a bunch of information about how voting this year is going to work so we can share that with students, so they are more prepared when it comes to elections this year!
- f. Election Commissioner / Parliamentarian
  - i. Constitution and Bylaws Committee: putting together a plan for changing/updating the Constitution and Bylaws for Student Senate.
  - ii. Joined a Facebook group with election commissioners from different universities across the country and are bouncing ideas off each other.
- g. Student Rights Advocate
  - i. I have been working with Yessica on her BEARS initiative. This initiative seeks to add legislation that enforces monthly meetings with each college senator to work specifically on diversity and accessibility issues within their respective colleges.
  - ii. I have also been in touch with Student Judiciary in brainstorming ways to make our relationship more cohesive and to change the language the letters received by students going through conduct issues.
- h. Administrative Assistant
  - i. In-person office hours: We had people in-office this week! We are taking precautions. This includes signing in and out of the office, making sure there are less than five people in the office at a time, and having a daily seating chart for social distancing and contact tracing.
  - ii. Zoom office hours: There is a document I posted in the Student Senate GroupMe today, please look at that. We wish for everybody's virtual office hours to be a bit more unified in set up. Once you have confirmed that your office hours meeting matches what is in the document, please fill out the survey at the end of the document. I am hoping to have all surveys filled out by tomorrow, Thursday, by 5pm.
  - iii. I am working on a document to further explain reports, new business, as well as a section in our meetings that will be for "other discussions" items that are not legislation nor needing a vote, but still wanting discussion on the topic.

## V. College Senator Reports

- a. College of Education & Behavioral Science
  - i. NOTHING TO REPORT.
- b. College of Humanities & Social Sciences
  - i. HSS Senators met with the HSS Department, and the Department wants to know more about what Student Senate is doing for the election/voting

process. We did not have a clear understanding of what it is that we do for that, so we wanted to introduce that at the meeting.

- ii. We also talked about sending out a message to students whether that be in emails or through the newsletter asking them to help professors stay after class to clean desks off for the next class.
- iii. Joined Diversity Advisory Board. We all have roles on that board. We met with them yesterday (9/15).

c. Monfort College of Business

- i. NOTHING TO REPORT.

d. College of Natural & Health Sciences

- i. NOTHING TO REPORT.

e. College of Performing & Visual Arts

- i. Thus far we have met with the dean as well as the directors of the school of music, theatre art and dance, and visual arts. In this meeting we were given permission to proceed with the submission of our petition (which contains 250+ signatures) in doing so we are awaiting a time to meet with the dean of PVA to formally submit it with Lauren, the petition creator.

- ii. College-wide newsletter

VI. **Representative/Committee Reports**

a. University Program Council (UPC)

- i. Planning Homecoming week. It will look a little different. No football games. Two events coming up, will share marketing to GroupMe.

- 1. Friends and Family weekend: Chaos coming to perform Sept 26<sup>th</sup> (hybrid event). Need to register on Eventbrite.

- 2. Paint-by-diamond: virtual. Pick up set then post completed and use the hashtag to win some dining dollars. No marketing for this event yet.

b. International Film Series

c. Leadership for Environmental Action Fund (LEAF)

d. Student Judiciary

e. Residence Hall Association

- i. Meetings: Mondays at 7pm

- ii. Event: origami expert coming in to show our residence how-to. Providing materials at front desks.

- iii. Family and Friends weekend event focused on growth (get plants from neighborhood front desk).

f. Graduate Student Association

- i. Still working on parent equity/family advocacy committee.

g. PASC

h. Faculty Senate

i. Classified

VII. **Unfinished Business**

VIII. **New Business**

IX. **Closing Remarks/Other Discussions**

- a. Devon Bortfeld- I have been working with a graduate student to help raise awareness about Graduate teaching assistance lack of say in whether they wanted to hold in-person classes or virtual classes. This lack of agency enforced by the Graduate School is paired with them not providing sick leave after 14 days. In

short, there is no financial safety net for GTAs that contract Covid-19 and may need to be hospitalized or be in an extended quarantine.

i. Guest Graduate Student: Emmy Royse (GTA in Biology)

1. After all the talks over the summer about COVID-19 and the fall. We were never asked. Never asked if comfortable. Assigned us to teach in person when professors had the choice. The period allotted to provide medical exemptions was not adequate. No rights/choice of employees. We get 14 days of sick leave, if we are gone more than that, FIRED. It is dangerous.

FFRCA Information:

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcr-employer-paid-leave>

2. Health insurance from the University, how classes will be delivered, written confirmation that university will not fire TAs if they get COVID-19, surge pay for substitutes.

3. Discussion:

- a. Point of clarification: UNC makes insurance mandatory if full-time student. The university does not provide sufficient insurance.
- b. It was not sensitive enough for a lot of our community. For example, if a GTAs child was immunocompromised.
- c. Are there other universities taking this issue differently? GTAs at other universities seem to be unionized (we do not have enough GTAs) and the traditional methods will not work for UNC. Use student voices to show university that we do not support this.
- d. Have gone to Dean and President Andy (said it was not their problem). The Graduate School told them to go to Departments the departments said to go to the Graduate school.
- e. Katlyn- Psychology was told just this week.
- f. Why are they not modeling it after the faculty? The graduate school decided they are student workers. However, that is not GTAs, we are instructors of record.
- g. We got the email in the middle of the summer about what classes were going to be online, but GTAs were not given notice.
- h. Mark Anderson hiring deans. May have a foothold there.
- i. Labs can complicate things. Some unions are asking for hazard pay. Willing to put more work to be able to work online.
- j. Undergraduates: It is fundamentally bad for students, and we are unsatisfied.
  - i. NHS senators will help and give contact info.
  - ii. Brenda Vargas, Katlyn Frey, Gio Esparza show interest in the Zoom chat. Devon will email all those interested in legislation.

- iii. Draft legislation? Pass a resolution, hereby the student senate believes this and this. Send resolutions ahead of other times to see if they would sign on to it (Faculty Senate, etc.)

X. **Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm

