



UNC

Student Senate

Order of Business
40th Administrative Minutes
Zoom, 5:30PM
September 2, 2020

- I. **Call to Order**
 - a. Meeting began at 5:31pm
- II. **Roll Call**
 - a. 18 of 19 voting members present.
- III. **Special Reports**
 - a. President Andy Feinstein @ 7:00pm
 - i. The last six months have been very difficult for everybody and it is a very different experience for all college students and UNC leaders.
 - ii. Q&A:
 1. Q: The cultural studies department in Candelaria recently has been downsized. How are you supporting and promoting their program to ensure the downsize doesn't hurt the educational opportunities Africana studies, Mexican-American studies, etc.?
 - a. Feinstein is not micromanaging departments and programs. Not aware and not making decisions on program size and program resources. It is department-level decisions. At the college level, we've had to reduce budgets because of COVID-19. We have 9% less students this semester, so there are less classes being taken.
 - b. The value and importance of Mexican- American Studies and Africana studies. It is important to have study spaces and social spaces for these programs. Feinstein wants to know if there is a demand for classes that UNC is not meeting.
 2. Q: Thank you for the email about the hate crime that occurred about a week ago. Even if it doesn't turn out to be a true hate crime, what are you and the university doing to make sure students of color feel safe on campus especially in the current political climate?
 - a. Feinstein was furious at the preliminary information of the hate crime on campus. The Greeley PD had a press release that said Feinstein's statement contradicted the evidence that they had. Feinstein met with the police chief. The investigation was early and had not collected information from victim or witnesses. There was no corroborating evidence that it was a hate crime. The Greeley PD just released that they don't think it was a hate crime incident.
 - b. It has to start with leadership discussing what equity, diversity, and inclusivity means to UNC. It is going to go into hiring procedures. It's about educating our community

- it's not happening on our campus; it is in the community. It's about advocating for the emphasis of diversity and inclusion on our campus.
- c. Measurable things we can look for: 1) mandate equity, diversity, and inclusivity training for all faculty and staff, 2) the diversity of our faculty and staff – as we hire new employees, they reflect our student body, 3) How President Feinstein interacts within the UNC community (we are on the cusp of being a Latinx-Serving Institution—we want people of color to choose UNC).
 - d. Hiring a faculty member- is purview of the college. Convene a search committee.
3. Q: What are we doing to accommodate this campus for students with disabilities? That is, how is this university making sure its students with disabilities are being taken care of?
 - a. We have a disability resource center and we try to meet accommodations. We can improve.
 4. Q: What is being done to prevent the amount of people from making unsafe choices on campus playing games in the lawns without masks while being in extremely close contact with others?
 - a. Self-policing. We all have social responsibility. Besides getting sick, which is terrible, but being stuck in your room for two weeks.
 5. Q: Very honestly, how optimistic are you about this campus staying open through the rest of the semester?
 - a. I am hoping we are able to operate how we are operating right now. 20-30 people getting tested/day. Optimistic that we are going to be able to get to the end of the semester. Scale: 1(close tomorrow)-10 (end of semester) = 8.
 - b. Testing all students as they come in is not good guidance. It is not stopping the spread of covid-19. It creates a false sense of security. It is a marketing ploy.
 - c. Thanksgiving break closures: majority of other schools have students coming out-of-state. UNC students are usually local from Colorado.
- b. Lauren Skulley (PVA student)
- i. Southern wing of Frasier gender neutral bathrooms. Severe accessibility issue! There is a petition about this going around. We just need a sign change so that the bathroom is usable by anyone. Dean's office needs to pick the bathroom and pick the signs. We need to start looking at inclusivity as a whole!
 - ii. Link to the petition: https://www.change.org/p/the-dean-of-pva-at-unco-change-the-bathrooms-near-frasier-11-to-be-gender-neutral?utm_content=cl_sharecopy_24455713_en-US%3A4&recruiter=1021042444&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=copypink&utm_campaign=share_petition
 - iii. GSRC- can post it on their social media pages
 - iv. Student Senate-

1. If we were to write legislation saying that we support it, we can put it on the website.
2. We can put it on our newsletter that is going out this week.
- v. LEAF- may be able to get signs.

IV. **Cabinet Reports**

- a. President
- b. Student Trustee
- c. Director of Campus Relations
 - i. Newsletter- this week
 - ii. Library viewing party
 - iii. Maximize number of students voting this year.
- d. Director of Finance
 - i. ITECH schedule
 - ii. Updated Bylaws- made last year, but was not included
- e. Director of Student Affairs
 - i. Facebook highlights last week.
 - ii. Constitution Day Event.
 - iii. SPA funding- We have had some people who got funding from last year, but needed flexibility from us (same goal, but different allocation).
 1. Only UNC departments and programs that receive student activity fees funding.
- f. Election Commissioner / Parliamentarian
 - i. GroupMe: working document for Parliamentary over Zoom
 - ii. Committee for rewriting the Constitution
- g. Student Rights Advocate
 - i. Finalized statement about violence on campus (in the Newsletter)
 - ii. Legislation for Title IX for timeline for keeping students updated
- h. Administrative Assistant
 - i. Reports! Reports will need to be sent by me before 5pm on every Tuesday.
 - ii. Suicide Prevention Month.

V. **College Senator Reports**

- a. College of Education & Behavioral Science
 - i. Met and drafting an anti-racism
 - ii. Sami Roby- form committee on childcare on-campus (message Katlyn Frey for info)
- b. College of Humanities & Social Sciences
 - i. Nothing to report.
- 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. Lauren Skulley- met with GSRC director to add all gender bathroom in Fraiser
 - ii. Dean of PVA meeting on Friday

VI. **Representative/Committee Reports**

- a. University Program Council (UPC)
- b. International Film Series

- c. Leadership for Environmental Action Fund (LEAF)
 - i. First meeting yesterday
 - 1. Lactation stations- on board with funding and equipment as long as it is eco-friendly.
 - 2. Possible committee on this.
- d. Student Judiciary
- e. Residence Hall Association
 - i. Still having door decoration competition. Ends tonight!
- f. Graduate Student Association
- g. PASC
- h. Faculty Senate
- i. Classified

VII. **Unfinished Business**

VIII. **New Business**

- a. Office Hours
 - i. We also will have Zoom Pro accounts. This can be put on your profile on the Senate website.
 - 1. Office hours as reoccurring meetings on Zoom.
 - 2. You can use a waiting room so that you can meet one person at a time.
 - ii. Katlyn L. will be collecting where you are doing your Office Hours. If you are interested in-office (8-5pm, M-F), send dates to Katlyn. If you want to be online, tell Katlyn! If you want both, let Katlyn know!
 - 1. BY THE END OF THIS WEEK! September 4th!
- b. Constitution Day
 - i. No expectation for doing in-person events.
 - 1. NOTE: We need to give extended notice for in-person events (try to be about four weeks in advance).
- c. Elijah will have monthly meetings with the senators.
- d. Sami Roby wants to create Mom's club.
 - i. Sami will get in contact with Karissa to get an interest-gauge in our Student Senate newsletter.

IX. **Closing Remarks**

X. **Adjournment**

- a. Recess at 6:24pm until 6:50pm
- b. Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm