***Student Senate***

**Minutes**

**04/08/15**

**5:30 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order**
   1. 5:33pm
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of Minutes & Agenda**
4. **University update:** the university is doing a rebranding, which includes a survey; make sure to have some input!
5. **Announcements:**
   1. There is going to be a clubs and organizations awards ceremony on April 30th, first 50 that RSVP get dinner and plaques
6. **Public Session:** 
   1. Alfred read a statement regarding the past few weeks in Student Senate and how we things will go from this moment on
   2. Litsha spoke about racism in Student Senate and expressed her concerns
      1. Discussion was then opened up
      2. GSA Director Mandel would like it to be known that she would be willing to help any students learn and grow in this culture
      3. Director Talbott identified that there are two separate problems at hand and the first one is the damage we caused others and the second is the process that came from that but the first problem is still important and at the forefront of our minds
      4. GSA Director Mandel: One of the main issues with this situation is that voices were silenced but we want all student voices to be heard and this is where a dialogue needs to be centered and find solutions to that problem
      5. Director Gardner: This is an issue for everyone, not just the people at this table. Our focus needs to be all of us creating a solution.
      6. Councilor Neel: This group has a tendency to jump to defense, but we need to reflect on the things being said and take in their emotions
      7. Councilor Schoenberger: From the CSC perspective I felt blindsided and I wish I could have known more. I wish we would have been given more information so that we as individuals could address and work on the problem.
      8. Director Talbott: We need to understand that there are different perspectives. We also need to put our emotions away and think about the situation and work together to understand and educate on these topics
7. **Guest Speakers:**
8. **Representative/Committee Reports**
   * 1. University Program Council (UPC)- Wanted to thank those who did participate the cultural events and Keep Your Coins We Want Change; This Thursday is Greeley Night Out, tickets can be purchased at the info desk; April 20th is Open Mic at 9pm
     2. International Film Series (IFS)- no report
     3. Leadership for Environmental Action Fund (LEAF)- We have passed 5 grants in the past 3 or 4 weeks, we are hoping to be able to save a lot. Purchases a farm that we will be leasing for 3 years and that way we can produce local food for the dining halls, solar powered umbrellas to plug in phones, 100 bike racks coming in, dog stations for housing coming; Earth Week is next week; We have also selected our new board members; You can also join the Relay team
     4. Organization Funding Board (OFB)- After the proposals for tonight we have used all of our budget. Challenge you to put in an application for a group and an event for awards
     5. Student Judiciary- We are accepting applications, we have a current opening, and in the fall we will have 2 more openings, we work with student senate bylaws and constitutions and we are working with the conduct office as ambassadors to make the process easier. Located in Decker Hall. Applications are on Bears Career Connection
     6. Graduate Student Association (GSA)- Tomorrow is research day from 9am – 5pm
     7. Residence Hall Association (RHA)- April 25th Fauxchella will have local UNC bands from 3pm-7pm with food trucks, located on the green between Candelaria and McKee
9. **New Business**
   1. Proposal 029 Counseling Psychology Student Organizations
      1. Dylan Scholinski Speaker
      2. Requesting $2,065
      3. OFB Recommends: $2,065 (full funding)
      4. Passed
   2. Proposal 030 The Crucible
      1. Crucible Release Party
      2. Requesting $1,270
      3. OFB Recommends: $1,270 (full funding)
      4. Passed
   3. Proposal 031 Black Wall Street
      1. Black Excellence Celebration
      2. Requesting $3,580
      3. OFB Recommends: $3,000 (full funding)
      4. Passed
   4. Resolution 004
      1. Student LEAF’s presentation
      2. Promoting the payment of several student positions either/and Graduate Assistant position
      3. Friendly Amendment to end the last sentence to end on “20 hours a week.”
      4. Passed
   5. Resolution 005
      1. Meant to thank the students who came out and spoke to Student Senate from the last Public Session
      2. Passed
   6. PASC Memorandum
      1. Allowing shared governance for decisions being made
      2. Moved to table
10. **Old Business**
    1. Voting on SPA
       1. Marcus Garvey Arts Festival
          1. Requesting $5,000
          2. Passed
       2. Fraternity and Sorority Life
          1. Requesting $4,186
          2. Passed
       3. UPC
          1. Requesting $3,070
          2. Passed
       4. Cesar Chavez Cultural Center
          1. Requesting $4,970
          2. Passed
       5. Athletics
          1. Requesting $3,500
          2. Passed
       6. CIE
          1. Requesting $3,000
          2. Passed
       7. Campus Rec
          1. Requesting $10,000
          2. Passed
       8. APASS
          1. Requesting $5,830
          2. Passed
       9. Marcus Garvey Cultural Center Book Club
          1. Requesting $4,000
          2. Passed
       10. Marcus Garvey Cultural Center Black Excellence
           1. Requesting $4,300
           2. Passed
11. **Senate Reports**
    1. President Eastin: APC (Councilor Abera): There is a lot of conversation around cheating and how to prevent that and what to do when it happens. There is dialogue happening around who should deal with these issues
    2. Trustee DeJong:
    3. Director Talbott: SPA funded a total of $47,806! I will be following up with all of the programs; I-tech applications are due Friday, Finance committee will be working on that
    4. Director Gardner: Please be marketing voting! The more votes we get the better voice representation we have. Talk to students in your classes and encourage voting! Student Affairs is starting the process for hiring the 3 positions for Senate next week, applications will be going out Monday, getting lanyards next week
    5. Commissioner Koch: Please grab a handful of flyers and pass them out tomorrow for our last day of voting; had a lot of people voting, thinking we will break 1000, keep encouraging friends to vote; preliminary announcements go out Friday and there is a deadline for Grievances, and announcements will be next Thursday
    6. Advocate Leeper:
    7. NHS:
    8. PVA:
    9. HSS:
    10. EBS:
    11. MCB:
    12. Assistant Beamish:
    13. Advisor Moss:
12. **Acknowledgments** 
    1. Eboni and UPC for working her tail off for UPC and the Spring Concert and all events leading up to it, and staying calm through the whole week. Most of them were successful
    2. Caroline and all election tablers for doing a great job with elections
    3. Kaitlyn for a very successful SPA
    4. Julie for OFB for being great all year
    5. Different individuals who engaged in our meeting tonight
13. **Adjournment** 
    1. 7:38pm