



UNC

Student Senate

Order of Business
40th Administrative Minutes
Zoom, 5:30PM
February 3rd, 2021

- I. **Call to Order**
 - a. Meeting began at 5:31pm
- II. **Roll Call**
 - a. Get-to-Know-Your-Senate Question: What is your favorite dessert?
 - b. 20 of 20 voting members present.
 - i. Meets Quorum? (YES)
- III. **Special Reports**
 - a. Andy Feinstein: Q&A
 - i. COVID-19
 1. 22 cases connected to campus right now.
 2. Around 200 individuals associated with the University are getting vaccinated. Includes: only through/based on affiliation with UNC.
 3. Optimistic that by the summertime, anybody who wants to get vaccinated will be able to. Thus, going back to in person classes.
 - ii. Vaccine mandatory?
 1. With the emergency use authorization, we cannot mandate the vaccine. We hope that a majority will get vaccinated.
 - a. August- possible finish standard approval: is there talk about mandatory vaccines?
 - i. Must discuss, it would be contentious. There will be people who refuse the vaccine. Do not have an answer/firm commitment.
 - ii. The STATE may add it to the required vaccines. There are exemptions available.
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 - iii. Can we continue using this pandemic as a lesson for accessibility (using tech)?
 1. Open to it, but it puts too much burden on the faculty. We need to manage that to make it accommodative, but also reasonable for faculty.
 2. SUGGEST: Class in person but have students online.
 - iv. Fiscal impact on the university: when can we expect an idea graduate funding for the Fall semester?
 1. Do not know. Have taken concerns to the graduate school.
 - v. Graduate programs: faculty members have been stressed and unable to take on extra projects (which is important for students).
 1. It has been a difficult year. UNC lost \$23 million of revenue and got additional costs. He thinks things are going to get better and we will be able to invest more in our university. Faculty salaries have not been cut—before the pandemic hit, we were going to give raises. We may work on it for June 1. Concerned about enrollment

(25% decline in incoming first-year students). Could use help getting students back in school.

- vi. Where does the faculty stand in getting the vaccine?
 1. 1B= frontline educators, but that's only K-12 teachers and not faculty members at universities. Sent a letter to faculty and staff about the frustration and wrote a message to the governor about this. <https://www.unco.edu/president/communication/vaccine-priority-frontline-workers.aspx>

IV. Cabinet Reports

a. President

- i. Application for commencement speaker for Spring 2021. It closes on Friday, February 19th.
- ii. APC (academic policies committee)
 1. Withdrawal: the same date for individual and full semester. Creating policy around it.
 2. Online proctoring for exams. Just a conversation so far.
 3. S/U Grading: working on policy enforced for Fall 2021.

b. Student Trustee

- i. Board Meeting 2.11 /2.12
 1. 11th- hosting Finance and Audit meeting 10am-12pm
- ii. Attended the Creating Change Conference.
- iii. It is Black History Month! Go to Marcus Garvey Cultural Center events!!

c. Director of Campus Relations

- i. PD Walk Through: 18th and 25th (one for west and one for central) at night to show unsafe places.
- ii. Town Hall: March 25th
- iii. Website Updates: has all the updates right now. Observances are in there (along with Black History Month).

d. Director of Finance

- i. SPA Starts Next Wednesday!
 1. Information for full Senate
 - a. This will be a 4-week process and will take over two business and two committee meetings:
 - i. 1 training meeting (02/10)
 - ii. 2 presentation meetings (02/17 & 02/24)
 - iii. Last presentation meeting will have discussion following the presentations.
 - iv. 1 voting meeting (03/03)
 - b. This process is long so start preparing yourself now.
 - c. You will be given information on what exactly SPA is, how we will be voting, things you will need to keep in mind as we go through presentations, etc.
 - d. You will have to be at all 4 meetings.
 - i. There will be no exceptions per the bylaw requirements.
 - ii. The only way you will be allowed to miss is if you have a proxy present at all 4 meetings. Keep in mind it is in your job description and contract to be

present at meetings, so **you will need to approve missing meetings through Katlyn and myself for this process.**

- iii. If you are not present at all 4 meetings for the entirety of the meeting, you will lose your voting rights for the SPA process. The same goes for anyone with **APPROVED proxies**. Proxies **MUST** be from your college.
- iv. You should have received an email from me today about this. I will be reminding you all each week leading up to SPA. Yes, I know that may make me sound like a broken record, but I want to make sure you all do not forget the requirements.
- v. If you need to miss the training, but can be present for all other meetings, you do not need a proxy, but you will need to set up a time to complete the training with me.
- vi. You have until Friday by 5pm to let me AND Katlyn know you will be missing any of the above meetings. If it is a meeting that is not the training, you need to find a proxy to be present for all 4 meetings. Please have a proxy lined up by Monday at 5pm if this applies to you.

e. Zoom Requirements:

- i. Need cameras on during all presentations and questions (there will be breaks). If you do not have a camera, let us know and we can find an alternative.
- ii. If camera is off, you will not be able to vote.

e. Director of Student Affairs

- i. Social media member highlights. Closes tomorrow at midnight.
- ii. Working to share more clubs and organization events to our Instagram story (FOLLOW US!).
- iii. Working with committee heads to decide on a date for the town hall (DECIDED: March 31st).

f. Election Commissioner / Parliamentarian

- i. Election packet is open!
- ii. Spring 2021 Election Timeline is on Senate's website
- iii. The election will be April 7th at 8 am to April 9th at 5 pm
- iv. Marketing Meetings start this week.

g. Student Rights Advocate

- i. Creating a document of resources for the senators to use to identify structural inequities within their respective colleges.

h. Administrative Assistant

- i. Working on a new way to do office hours—shifting away from the Qualtrics survey. We will be sending an update by Friday.

V. **College Senator Reports**

- a. College of Education & Behavioral Science

- i. Discussed anti-racism action plan with other senators. We have been working independently to edit it as well on our own.
 - ii. Talked with Karissa and Tobias about UNC PD.
 - iii. Created social media pages for FSO. Submitted IRB for FSO research.
 - iv. We hope to be able to set up a date to meet with the Dean of CEBS, but it is still TBD.
- b. College of Humanities & Social Sciences
 - i. Gio: I met with the dean on Monday to talk about goals for the semester. We wanted to get our names out there to our college and Dean Connolly got us in contact with Andrea Straw to work on getting us into the newsletter. We have a meeting with Andrea on Friday to talk about that.
 - ii. Enrique and Brenda: HSI committee with Katrina. In stage two of the strategic planning. We meet on Thursdays.
- c. Monfort College of Business
 - i. Our event went well but with low turnout. All the students that did come was first-year students.
 - ii. Any suggestions of having more social online events?
- d. College of Natural & Health Sciences
 - i. Possible social for NHS students. Donuts? Would need it approved, etc.
 - ii. Still working on meeting with dean.
 - iii. Caleb has a few meetings with NHS leadership (leader of academic advising department). They have been mad about how slow decisions are coming out with withdrawal and S/U grading policies.
- e. College of Performing & Visual Arts
 - i. Progress being made on the PVA Dean hire, as well as met with our dean this week.
 - ii. Installation of the gender-neutral bathroom sign!

VI. **Representative/Committee Reports**

- a. University Program Council (UPC)
 - i. Working on virtual programming.
- b. International Film Series
- c. Leadership for Environmental Action Fund (LEAF)
 - i. Nothing to Report – if you have projects, let me hear them! Could help you make an environmentally friendly project.
- d. Student Judiciary
- e. Residence Hall Association
 - i. Talking to residents: what do you miss the most? RHA hosts an event every single week for the rest of the year. This week: Paint by Number @6pm on Friday!
 - ii. UNC is attending the ____ Business Conference. Alexis was nominated as Student of the Year!
- f. Graduate Student Association
 - i. Nothing under GSA.
 - ii. FSO- we have headway with partnering with Equity and Inclusion.
 - 1. How do we get traditional students to care about student parents? Email me your why's.
- g. PASC
- h. Faculty Senate

- i. Decided to not charge students for online classes (that were moved from in person).
- ii. HSI- we are on track to be there by 2025. We are emerging status. <https://sites.ed.gov/hispanic-initiative/hispanic-serving-institutions-hsis/>.
- iii. NHS = 11 candidates.
- iv. PVA = finalists.
- i. Classified

VII. **Unfinished Business**

VIII. **New Business**

a. Evan Welch

- i. New Student Orientation and Bear Welcome and a new opportunity for Student Senate to engage with incoming students' transition process.
 - 1. Students registered during NSO. New admin staff thinks it may be a barrier for students to come to UNC. They can register as soon as they are admitted and met with an advisor. Need to provide content- learn skills and community. Tell what campus resources exists. First 4-days back to campus of programs. More student leaders, more opportunities to help with campus. Peer mentors to facilitate small group discussions. Sense of belonging- what does it mean? How do we help them find their network? Each college will do a fall welcome event. Faculty and staff to get more involved with move-in day (ice cream tents). Get excited for new and innovative ways to get students involved.

IX. **Closing Remarks**

X. **Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm

