

Wednesday, January 24, 2007

7:30 PM

Zach Adams, Student Senate President, Presiding

Roll Call

There were thirty-nine (39) Senators (**A. Carter, Cash, Craig, Cunningham, Davis, Dimond, Donnelly, Doucette, Fields, Foxx, Gilbert, Gluck, Graham, Haggard, Hall, Hankins, Higgins, Hoy, Hughes, Jajoo, Joyner, Kasal, Lassiter, Lloyd, Miller, Musick, Patel, Perry, Phelps, M. Potter, Robinson, Rogers, Rose, Saunders, Schweitzer, Templeton, Trickel, Wally, Webb**) present. There were also two (2) non-voting members (**Adams, Compton**) present.

There were fourteen (14) Senators (**Alston, Barnes, Brinkler, Chaplin, Gardner, Hicks, Lam, McArthur, Mickey, Parks, Parnell, Tart, Underwood, Waldrup**) absent.

A quorum was present.

Approval of the Journal-Approved

- January 10, 2007

Receipt of Petitions and Correspondence, Guest Speaker

- Mr. Tom Younce, N.C. State Chief of Police: The police department will be taking applications for a special training program starting February 20. 15-20 people will be accepted to participate. Participants will receive special police training on various routes and responsibilities of police officers. Applications available at Police Department or email tom_younce@ncsu.edu. Program will be held Tuesday nights starting around 7:30 PM.
- Mitch Danforth, Director of Hillsborough Street Commission:
 - Current Proposal: Put utility lines underground, additional street lighting, traffic circles at Horne and Logan, new benches, sidewalks, etc., two lanes rather than four lanes, 60 new parking spaces on University side, addition of median.
 - City Council meeting February 6, 12:15-2:15- need 120 students to attend and show support for the proposal. Transportation will be provided for those who need a ride to the meeting and back to campus.
 - The proposal will be paid for by the Growth Tax- taken from businesses for development. Proposal is intended to encourage development and improvement of businesses and university along Hillsborough Street.
- Dr. Chris Gould, N.C. State Energy Initiative: Since the US controls much of the world's energy consumption and global rates are increasing rapidly N.C. State needs to play a major role in finding a more efficient energy source for the future. There are many experts on campus to talk to students about issues and solutions- Contact Information: 515-8760 or Chris_Gould@ncsu.edu, for any comments or questions about the Energy Initiative program at NCSU.
- Mandy McGhee, Director of Community Service:

- Hoops for Hope: Sunday, January 28- Women's basketball game against Boston College. Student government needs 15 representatives to attend brunch and game.
- Krispy Kreme Challenge: Saturday, January 27
- Pack-a-Thon to benefit the North Carolina Children's Hospital

Reports of the Officers:

- Mr. Lock Whiteside, Student Body Chief Justice: Unable to attend, report is included in Senate Packet.
- Mr. Adam Compton, Student Body Treasurer: Online appropriations requests have started. Many groups still need a sponsor; every senator needs to sponsor at least one group. Forms for appropriations are online at the Student Government website. Student Textbook Price Scrapbook is going on in the Brickyard the rest of the week. Pick up T-shirts and polos or they will be re-sold. On February 15 there will be a Financial Education Forum to talk about FAFSA and financial aid. The first Personnel Committee meeting will be held at 2:00 in the CSLEPS office Friday, January 26, 2007 to discuss Mrs. Daphne Carter's replacement- interviews will be held Feb. 16 and 17.
- Mr. Cody Williams for Will Quick, Student Body President: Role Model Leader Forum- founders of Habitat for Humanity will be speaking Monday, January 29. Tickets are free and available in Talley or from Tierza. Graduating seniors can apply for the Matthews Medal- awarded up to four per year.
- Mr. James Hankins, Senate President *Pro Tempore*: Need volunteers after Senate meetings on Wednesday nights to create and post information on what has been achieved by Student Government and what is being worked on to keep students informed. There has been discussion on removing the 6.5% cap on tuition and fees to pay for renovations and new student centers; those who are continuing in Student Government next year need to look out for changes and stand up for the students. Any input on the selection of the vice-chancellor may be sent to Will, Zach, Lock or Adam.
- Mr. Zach Adams, Senate President: Waiting for announcement of the first Football task force meeting; please attend meetings if concerned about tailgating issues. The campout for the UNC game is Friday, January 26. The ASG meeting focused on: Need-based financial aid programs, more voting precincts on campus, same-day voter registration, faculty salary increases, on-campus energy issues, and textbook prices. Also discussed partial rental program for textbooks, requested a pilot for popular/GER classes in order to reduce out-of-pocket costs for students; a copy of the written proposal will be available online Friday, January 26.

Reports of Senate Standing Committees

- Committee on Academics; Sen. Musick, Chair: Working on drafting new bills; to make any input on bills or issues, please attend the next meeting. Karen Helms will be speaking at the next meeting about online evaluations.
- Committee on Campus Community; Sen. Haggard, Chair: Campout 7pm Saturday, January 27 -7am Sunday, January 28 for the UNC game.

- Committee on Finance; Sen. Phelps, Chair: Still transitioning from Sawrey's resignation; will have a meeting next week.
- Committee on Government Operations; Sen. Saunders, Chair: During meeting last week, discussed Banton Impeachment Act and Financial Accountability Act. Next meeting will be Sunday, January 28 at 4pm for Section F hearings and discussion of new bills.
- Committee on Public Affairs; Sen. Perry, Chair: Met Sunday without quorum, please attend if on committee. Discussed Hillsborough Street renovations and worked on getting a speaker for the next meeting. Plan to follow up on Timely Textbook Adoption Act
- Committee on Tuition and Fees; Sen. Gardner, Chair: Sen. Gardner absent; next meeting will be announced.
- Committee on University Affairs; Sen. Mickey, Chair: Last meet was cancelled due to conflict. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 31; the Director of Transportation will be there to speak.

Reports of Senate Permanent Committees

- Committee on Appropriations; Sen. Doucette, Chair: First Help/Sponsor Support Session was held tonight. Every senator needs to sponsor at least one group—any questions may be directed to Sen. Doucette or Sen. Compton.
- Committee on the Budget; Sen. Hankins, Chair: First meeting held last Thursday; discussed preliminary information for the Budget Committee. Sen. Hall was elected Secretary of the Committee. Goal is to have the budget finished before the last Senate meeting of the semester. Subsequent meetings will be held on Fridays at 4pm.

Comments and Announcements

- Ms. Tierza Watts: 80 college students and 30 middle school students were present on Friday for the MLK Service Challenge. 19,056 meals were packaged to distribute to the needy.
- Sen. Haggard: Check out Technician article for information on the UNC campout.
- Doucette: Looking for co-sponsors for several bills that are up for first reading tonight. Anyone wishing to be a co-sponsor please send an e-mail.
- Sen. Cunningham: New senators- see Sen. Compton to get picture taken for the Student Government website. Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity is having an information session tomorrow night, Thursday, January 25 at 6pm in the BAR.
- Sen. Lloyd: UAB news- Contractors have been hired for building of new and renovation of student centers.

Approval of Senate Appointments; Oath of Office

- Karn Jajoo, College of Textiles Senator- Approved
- Bryan Fields, Senior College of Engineering Senator- Approved
- Garrett Dimond, Sophomore College of Management Senator- Approved

Debate on Approvals (Collective)

- Proxy Sen. Hutcherson: Concern over lack of adherence to the proper process of appointments. Any appointments to open seats in the Senate should fill out application and meet with Senate President Adams prior to appointment and approval.
- Sen. Adams: Met/talked to each candidate to ensure qualifications of each candidate.
- Sen. Doucette: The Constitution places the Senate President in a position to make informed decisions in appointing new Senators.
- Proxy Sen. Hutcherson: Request to receive a copy of the email correspondence between Senate President Adams and candidates.
- Sen. Musick: Unnecessary for the Senate to review the email correspondence. Senate President Zach Adams is titled to make an informative choice- other appointments have been made this year without such measures.

Senate President Zach Adams calls for 2 minute recess.

First Reading of Bills and Resolutions

- R 55- NC State Energy Initiative Act (Schweitzer)
 - Referred to Committee on University Affairs
- AB 56- 2007-2008 Budget Act (Compton)
 - Referred to Committee on Budget
- R 57- Equity in Audits Act (Doucette, Parnell)
 - Referred to Committee on Academics
- GB 58- SMA Rechartering Referendum (Doucette)
 - Referred to Committee on Government Operations
- R 59- Contractual Readmission Reform Act (Doucette, Foxx, Tart)
 - Referred to Committee on Academics
- R 60- Student Records Security Act (Doucette, Foxx, Tart)
 - Referred to Committee on Academics
- GB 61- 2007 Campaign Finance Reform Act (Doucette, Webb)
 - Referred to Committee on Government Operations
- GB 62- Committee Simplification Act (Doucette, Webb)
 - Referred to Committee on Government Operations
- R 63- Pope Foundation Inquiry Act (Doucette, Lassiter)
 - Referred to Committee on University Affairs
- GB 64- Closed Rule Restoration Act (Doucette, Webb)
 - Referred to Committee on Government Operations
- GB 65- Insurance for Competitive Elections (ICE) Act (Doucette)
 - Referred to Committee on Government Operations
- R 66- First Year Course Repeat Expansion Act (Alston, Doucette, Potter, Tart)
 - Referred to Committee on Academics
- R 67- Tax-Free Textbook Study Act (Alston, Compton, Doucette, Mickey, Parnell)
 - Motion to fast track bill is made and passes by consent.

Second Reading of Bills and Resolutions

- SR 52- Banton Impeachment Act (Saunders)
 - Sen. Saunders: Senator Banton has not attended a meeting since last April. He has refused to resign or to attend Section F hearings despite being contacted several times.
 - Senators Foxx, Hoy, Doucette, Alston, Joyner, Donnelly, Cunningham added as sponsors
 - Consent is called without objection, bill passes.
- GB 53- Financial Accountability Act (Compton)
 - Sen. Compton: Bill requires groups receiving money from line-item in the budget to turn in a report of where money appropriated has been spent at the end of the year. Groups who don't report use of money or who do not use money appropriately may be struck from budget.
 - Hankins and Saunders added as Secondary Sponsors
 - Senator Emeritus Hutcherson added as Signatory
 - Government Operations Committee Report; Sen. Saunders: 4-0 vote to report bill favorably to the Senate.
 - Consent is called without objection, bill passes.
- R 67- Tax-Free Textbook Study Act (Alston, Compton, Doucette, Mickey, Parnell)
 - Sen. Mickey: This bill formally requests a report on the plausibility of tax-free textbooks.
 - Sen. Doucette: ASG has proposed a program with no research base. Sponsors of this bill have done research and made a well informed decision.
 - Consent is called without objection, bill passes.

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- Sen. Compton: Anyone wishing to receive more information on textbooks contact Mr. Richard Case. All Senators must sponsor at least one student organization for the appropriations process.
- Sen. Doucette: Poker Night this Saturday, January 28.
- Sen. Cunningham: Secondary Sponsors for bills make sure your name gets put on the bill. APO co-ed service fraternity information session tomorrow, Thursday, January 25 in BAR.
- Chief Justice Whiteside: Judicial Board Applications due February 6. Please review GB 61- SG should be open to all students wishing to participate.
- Sen. Hankins: Come out tonight and help post Senate Information fliers. Make sure you read the bills coming up for readings and votes to make sure you fully understand the changes they make in SG and on campus.
- Sen. Schweitzer: Engineering Career Fair will be held February 15. It is open to students in all majors. For more information talk to Senators Schweitzer, Carter, or Trickel.
- Proxy Sen. Hutcherson: Appointments to open seats in the Senate should be made according to the process set forth.

- Sen. Cunningham: Look through the information packet for Student Organizations Appropriations to make sure you understand the process for sponsoring an organization for funding.
- Sen. Compton: Get picture for Textbook Prices scrapbook for administration after the meeting. Make sure you are respectful of others opinions during the meeting.
- Sen. Webb: Meeting with directors of the Wolfline, please email ktwebb2@ncsu.edu with comments, questions, or ideas concerning the Wolfline bus systems.
- Sen. Lloyd: The Comedy Classic Festival will be starting in 2 weeks, all students are welcome to participate.

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