Senate Minutes
February 20th 2018

Chair: Alan Lee
Secretary: Brigitte Kelly

1. Call to Order
   a. 6:31pm
   b. Quorum 32
   c. Quorum Met with members

2. Oath of Office
   a. Before the elections court can do anything in their capacity they must repeat the
      oath of office
   b. Election Court Chair Walt Grayson administers the oath of office

3. Roll Call
   a. Card Swipe for All Senators Present

4. Approval of Minutes
   a. Jared Mark Approve

5. Special Reports
   a. None

6. New Business
   a. Senator Franklin moves to send all new business to Rules

7. Old Business
   SB 051-016
   Rules Report:
   General - Objective (implementation)
   Favorable in all other categories

Will - I was looking at the data and it the data seems to be very misleading, it says that 31-31% were favorable for the dorm naes being changes but 47% of people were indifferent and 22% were in favor

Grayson - we cleared the cruvey of any survey fraud, it is up to the presenter of hwo they present their bill, there was no fraud

Wright - Miss spellings of names, Dr. King’s name is spelled wrong

Grayson - This bill is as is
Chair - If you see any misspellings I’m sure they’d accept friendly

Will - Have you done any research for what these guys did after

Louis - Boh served in the NC governemtn

Will - Lovil served in the confederate army but after the war was over he was the director of an orphanage and served for the republic and he supported women’s suffrage

Moody - while those are commendable things to do, I don’t think any amount of good works can excuse racist acts

*snaps*

Cummings - I’d like to be a sponsor

Accepted

Will - He actually helped found Appalachian state

Hughes - I move to approve this bill

Will - Object

Willl - Objection rescinded

Results
43 - vote yes (94%)
4 vote no (9%)

BILL PASSES

051-021
Rules Report:
Favorable in all categories

Lauren Moody - All this does is allow cabinet to speak during informal business without us havign to yeild the floor to them
Moody - Thanks

Hughes - I move to vote on this bill

Brown - Objection for a friendly amendment

Hughes - withdrawn

Brown - In the 7th whereas, distinct separation of power exists

Moody - Accepted

Szczepkwkoi - Point of information, it says Vice President

Moody - Accepted

Hughes - I move to vote on this bill

Second and Consent called

46 for (98%)
1 no (2%)

BILL PASSES

Davis - I move to hear all nominations as a slate

Second and Consent called

Motion Passes

Appointees:
Joe Wilkes: Rules
Kenedy Singletary: EAB
Cassidy Chambers: EAB
Jonathan Wiliford: Director of E. Sustain
Avery Walker: Director of Sos. Sust.
All appointees received sufficient on all four categories

Chambers - learn more about campaigns and elections

Singletary - thank you all for considering me, I am looking forward to this

Wiliford - sustainable tech, REI on campus, student sustainability council, works with a lot of administrators, he cares a lot about the environment, promotes

Wilkes - second year in senate, parliamentarian or sentate, searg of senate, excited about legislaiton

Walker - Life’s work to be social sustainability, she promotes equity and social justice, working with marginalized folks

Melbourne - Cabinet appointees, three tangible goals

Wiliford
- Cabinet and office sustainability relationship strengthened (Lee Ball)
  - Jim Dean
- Trump Admin is pushing for off shore drilling (this is a political move)
  - This is incredibly unsustainable
  - University does not support this
- Implementation for computer sleep mode
  - 20% of computers saving $31,000

Walker
- Pronouns and appropriate names in the classroom
  - Professors using their birthname
  - Deeper of an issue
  - Working with registrar and HR
  - Trans folks are being outed
- Working on diversity and social justice training
  - Faculty and students
  - Brandy Brice, avoiding altercations
- Looking at bias.appstate.edu
  - Getting those reports in
  - Finding themes and addressing those theme
  - College of business (racial terms)
- Infographic and promoting those issues

Harrison - Social Sustain, how would you keep this position as a priority, delegate and uphold your end

Walker - these are all the things I was planning to do this semester anyway, meeting with key point people and getting those people together, making sure the legacy continues even when I’m gone
My #1 priority

Milbourne - Appntees for Elections Admin Board, what is your role

Chambers - make sure that there are rules being violated by any of the campaigns and to make sure that it runs smoothly and there no complications

Singletary - Agree

Neese - for EBA, I was an E baord member, have you set aside imt E
Both - yes

Milbourne - any potential conflicts?

Chambers - no

Singletary - no

Hughes - I move to go to voting

Second and Consent called

CLOSED SESSION

Cross - poi what if you only want to accept one of the two

Chair - we would object to connors motion with a ⅔ vote and then make another motion to vote separately

Neese - Objection
Requires ⅔

18 voted yes (40%)
26 voted no (58%)
1 abstained (2%)

Vote as a slate

33 yes (73%)
10 no (23%)
1 abstain (2%)

Appointees approved

Chair - suspending the rules

Moody - I move to suspend the rules to move bill 051-020

⅔ vote
37 yes (80%)
7 no (15%)
2 abstain (4%)

Moody - We will add bill 051-020

Rules Report:

Chair - we are unsuspended from the Rules

Presenters:
Amanda Lago
Lauren Moody

Lago - USAS, a few members came to speak to us, since then they have started a petition and they were all ASU certified students delivered it to the chancellor

Moody - Bill to support altegrassi apparel in our bookstore
Swanson-Boyd - scroll down

Steckbeck - Do we have access to this?

Chair - yes it was sent in the weekly rundown

Steckbeck - what is the item sensitive matter

Moody - they had just passed the petition and we wanted to be a very active body, there has been an administrator specifically assigned to help implement this we want to show our support on time

Moody - maintain being a progressive body

Lago - I yeild

Clayton - they can tell us before Christmas break and with the petition being passed last week this would be a nice stamp of approval from the SGA

Strahan - you mention meeting with Paul Forte, how likely is this bill going to happen

Lago - they have already assigned an administrator, Paul Forte immediately started talking to Cameron, there is already a movement outside SGA

Milholin - Paul Forte’s support, he is very very interested in following through with this when it comes down to it there is no reason not to approve this bill

Neese - where did you get your information from the altagrassia integration

Lago - USAS gave this information to us, they know everything

Steckbeck - I move to send the bill to voting

Second and Consent called

Cahill - Sponsor
Moody - spelling error is accepted

Davis - I move to vote via voice

Wilkes - objection for friendly amendments

Moody - accept

Hughes - Point of information this bill was tabled for grammatical errors

Wilkes - objection rescinded

Voice vote
All ayes
No nays
No abstentions

BILL PASSES
*Anderson signs the bills

Public Comments Billl

Swanson-Boyd - I move to move 051-022

Cummings - Object

⅔ Vote

Objection fails

20 yes
23 no
5 abstained

Voting on the motion
It is an important bills and it needs to be thought of in depth

Second and consent called

Williams - can we all be respectful of everyone’s time, these are all important bills, we are here to be

34 yes (71%)
13 no (27%)
1 abstain (2%)

Cummings - Point of personal privieldig without intent to return

ICLICKER NUMBER DOWN TO 47

Chair - this bill is very important, please give him your upmost respect and attention

Bill 051-022
Presenter: Lee Franklin

Chair - Connor is now parlimentarian
Rules:
Moved this bill
General - objective
- The absence of the student senate president
General - technical merit
- 2 unfavorable
general

Harrison - leaves

ICLICKER NUMBER DOWN TO 46

Williams - is this the final version

Franklin - thank you all for being here tonight, this is a constitutional amendment, we need to be analytical, I want us all to be engaged, I want to look at our constitution and reform, make our current constitution a better one

Big Picture
- Cooperation vs compulsion
  - Current system
    - Pres and VP at the top
    - Then cabinet
    - Then senate - our committees are chaired by exec
  - Our current constitution was not meant to run this way
  - We have a situation where they are currently mixed
- Split the branches more
  - President and Executive Cabinet
  - Senate President, Senate committee chairs and senators
  - Everyone cooperating
- Technical changes
  - Wellbeing to well-being
  - Adding supremacy clause - it should have something saying it is a supreme document
- Exec Changes
  - Change section one to reflect the changes to be a summary
  - Give finance committee a more significant role
  - Replace secretary with Chief of Staff
  - Add director of external affairs - using Clayton Lee definition
- Establish liaison system to keep executive and legislative working together
  - Any executive director would sit on a committee as an ex-officio member
  - Advice and information, but we don’t want them to chair, we want senators to chair
  - Legislative and executive working together
- Establish the procedure for creating task forces
  - Committee came up with...NC State has a very similar system
  - Committee comprised of students that come in and work with SGA
  - They are open to be filled by anyone in the student body
  - This would completely remove any barriers of joining SGA

- Leg Changes
  - Section one description
  - Give Vice-President reports for legislation
  - Establish process for recalling senate leadership
  - Make senate establish and enforce their attendance policy
    - Senators would be more involved
  - Official rules for senate leadership positions
    - They are established but not defined
  - Senate clerk (replace secretary)
  - Pro-temp, parliamentarian, serg of arms to serve on rules committee
    - This experience would give these senate leaders more experience for roberts rules
    - We could elect these members
  - Move point of standing committees in section E
    - Rules, academic, external,
  - Senators can establish committees
  - Senate committee chair person
    - The people who chair our committees are appointed senators and not the exec branch
    - We don’t view ourselves the same way, we would be a much more proud senate, equal to the exec branch
    - Rules committee
  - Back to Big Picture
    - Heirarchical
    - Top Down system
  - Research
    - Discussions with Anderson Clayton and the constitution reform committee
    - Two listening sessions (thank Nolan Markovich, Connor Hughes and Walt Grayson)
- Cabinet feedback
- Read 12 out of 17 UNC SGA constitutions

Steckbeck - what is your reason for not distingintg the student sentate presidentand vice pres

Franklin - we talked a lot about it, at the end of the day I didn’t want to propose too many changes, feel free to make amendments, I chose to not to do it because I wanted to make as few changes as possible, you are the senators this bill is yours

Neese - You said in our current system we have a bad heirrchy, your system just moves the top

Franklin - heirarchy between branches, executve above the legislative, we as senators don’t have any control over who is over our heirarchy, selected and chosen by senators
Exec is supposed to be heirarchy because is is the exec

Milholin - he is not saying heirarchy is explicit, the way this exists is we establish two distanct branches and says no one can serve more than one, cabinet members chairing committees, this expands the executve powers and further empowers senators, preable and constituion, these changes will not effect how SGA functions, these proposals

Franklin - senators incharge of these commitees, we are not chaning the poeple but just the route they take

Swanson-Boyd - if you could eleborate on how senate leadership positions would be elected

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Franklin - senate leadership postions will be elected by the senate and the cabinet positions would be nomiate by por temp and elcted by senators

Mark - do yu believe this bill will follow the mission statement

Franklin - absolutely

Williams - Task force, any one and not a senator, are these consitent people on this task force, how would we track attendanceif necessary
Franklin - forces is the president saying they want a task force and then it is given a name, Chief of staff should keep records of the name purpose and memberships of those tasks force attendance and things like that is up to the administration

Willaims - are the task force

Franklin - senators can serve on a task force

Lago - talk about what you found in your research, what are you taking from those schools

Franklin - I could talk all day

Fonvielle - Justification why it is the pres pro temp that is appointing these senators

Franklin - senators choose senators, senators elect that pro temp and that senator chooses the nominees, senators should be the driving force

Fonvielle - Rules Report, appointing a senate president? Vice President would no longer chair, this is the proposal im bringing to the senate

Wilkes - looking at senate committee, why are there no stipulations for those senators, if we are going to have senators chair these meetings then why are there no requirements

Franklin - nominated by pres pro temp, sophomores and two semesters of ASU SGA/ASG experience

Wilkes - why no legislative work? Working on the process of getting bills

Franklin - as few changes as possible

Bouzigard - Section 3, no student with a GPA below 2.5, is there something that we can amend to keep up with the GPA?

Franklin - our constitution doesn’t have a way to enforce GPA so I din not want to com eup

Moody - IT is important to focus on the big picture, student empowerment, focus on the big picture, conversations, some people are uncomfortable with senators but cabinet would be in senate. Student senate president with out it, the bill would not fully accomplish what bill wanted to accomplish
Cahill - senate to have legislative, the current chairs do now have the experience

Franklin - my hope is that with this requirement

Swanson-Boyd - are we making freindly amendments

FRanklin - no

Williams - gpa, article seven section A
   - No student with a 2.5 GPA
   - Frofeit their position with no longer be eternally addressed

ICLICKER 45

Franklin - what you just read what already in the constitution, if someone has to do it themselves, GPA was not someting I addressed

Fonvielle - President pro temp as ASG delegate

Franklin - something I’m not that adamant about, heard that that should be a senate positon, I am open to suggestions

Durham - what are the reasons for requiring senate leadership on rules

Franklin - it is important for those leaders to be well versed in parlimentary porcediure, those are elected officials

Steckbeck - Motion to open discussion for 7 minutes

Milbourne - Objection

¾ vote
25 yes (57%)
18 no (41%)
1 abstain (2%)

7 minute discussion

Milbourne - what is the role of the VP if the senate president
Franklin - vice president would still chair meeting, they would be the executive branches legislative point person, the VP has many other roles that are not mentioned in the constitution.

Neese - you said the VP would still serve as chair person of the senate, what is real

Steckbeck - it was a typo

Lago - point of privilege with intent

Willaims - focusing on big picture, let's focus on the details, this is our bill, we can make amendments, this affects years after us, don't hold back questions about details

FRanklin - SB 051-022 adendum

Markovich - is there a set way to make sure that the cabinet ex officio and the chair will communicate

Franklin - if the president chooses to make a liaison, then they will sit on that, this is about cooperation not completion

Mark - I am in full support of this bill, as the liaison for the biggest or I got some heavy support

Wilkes - cooperation, I kind of look at it, cabinet and senate don't need to speak unless president is forced to, if they are not having meetings with our senators, I don't think this bill that changes how

Discussion ended

Hughes - I move to extend discussion

Second and consent

Motion passes

Moody - this bill is a required cooperation, we elect people that want to help the student body, I don't think that needs to be written in the constitution

Williams - cooperation is never mentioned in the constitution in this adendum, can we stop the face making during discussion
Hughes - initially when this bill came out i had issues, but I had a personal i discussion with myself, for a man to thin about a bill since semtember, with this bill

Steckbeck - heirachy system Lee see, exec is over legislative, we should consider adding the distinction between stduent senate president and vice prisednit, more people would have a voice

Neese - there are substantial ideas in here, just because we are opening spaces for succcess does not mean we will open doors for tradjedies, there will be people elected by the senate for moeny, I’ve seen

Franklin - this process is that the poeple oyu select are senators they would only be handling elgislative takes

Davis - Lee identid=fied a problem and he is fixing is

Markovich - cooperation betwwen cabinet and ex officio, procedure for the potential sitatuon they don’t wokr together

Franklin - recall procees to remove that person from chair but not seante, we don’t se impeachment often, as representatives of the studetn body

Markovich - if there is a chair that someone does not want what is the procedure

Franklin - there is not a procedure for that now

LaRocca - is there, whowould the senate committee chairs be reporting to

Franklin - parlimentarian, chair, and senate leadership go to

Willaims - I retract my motion to table this item, Neese elections can go nasty and pretty bloody, if you work on a campaign and then don’t win, that shows the administration, this really keeps senators, by allowing senaotos to chair committees this gives them the change to contribute

Milbourne - I moiton to extend discussion by 20 minutes

Second and consent called

Milbournrne - who appoints the pro temp
Franklin - elected by the senate

Milbounre - why does the pro temp

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Durham
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Singletary
Milholin
Blackwell
hooks
LEAVES

ICLICKER 37

Franklin - pro temp would be elected by all these senators and they would make those nominations, I just focused on how can senators focus on themselves

Milbourne - scholarships, VP is paid a substantial amount of money, upping the senator experience, the pro temp should also be receiving a $3,500 scholarship

Franklin - handled in appropriation bills, I am hesitant to put a requirement on VP, you need this much experience, this tells the student body they have a limited number of people to elect, now we can we more requirements once they were elected
Money is something we will have to address, which positions need more money and if we can get more money allocated for our constitution

Milbourne - why are we borrowing people from outside of SGA, Alan was not a senator before he was VP and the other thing

Franklin - we are still in the exec branch with them same amount
Creating additional places for senators in the senate, open up more spaces

Willaims
Swanson - Boyd
ICLICKER 35
Milbourne - there is supposed to be from my understanding, Matt Dole is talking about rebudgetung, we are supposed to think about the feesability, if you had a budget proposal instead of just making those changes

Franklin - that is one the avenues we can take

Mark - I am in full support of this bill, commend Lee by starting this process and taking a leap of faith, large change ot any organizations

Hughes - budget concerns, our current constitution mentions the budget fluctuations every year, not necessarily we want to address from a monetary perspective, constitutional disussion, clarify this bill does not go into affect next year, we have a whole year to propepare, this is going ot have a direct affect on the freshman and sophomore

Steckbeck - I move to postpone the vote with the intent to address issues during office hours

Steckbeck - I move to table this bill until next senate meeting

Neese - Second

Brown - consent

MOTION PASSES

Wilkes

Milbourne - i motio we adjorn