The Joint Governance Council
of the
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Agenda
19 September, 5:00 pm
Union Room 3102

1) Call to Order
   a. Chair Shriver called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

2) Call to Roll

3) Unfinished Business from the previous meeting
   a. JGC-002-001 A Resolution To Approve A Presidential Appointment To Chair The Joint Governance Council
      i. Savannah/Manny believe that Katharine would be excellent in this position; prior experience and willingness to serve
      ii. Make a motion; seconded
         1. Motion passes unanimously

4) Approval of the Standing Rules
   a. JGC-002-002 A Resolution To Approve The Standing Rules Of The Joint Governance Council
      i. Last year there was an issue where the standing rules were never written/document.
      ii. Speaker wrote generic rules used. Resolutions listed below.
         1. Each session commences at the start of the fall semester.
            a. It shall meet every two weeks throughout the fall and spring semesters.
            b. The graduate and undergraduates should be able to meet together.
         2. These rules cannot be altered except by 2/3rds of the Senate,
         3. The other president should preside over the JGC.
            a. Good to get the treasurer to speak and have an allotted time to speak.
               i. Treasurer concurs. Good to have an update time built into the agenda.
         4. Quorum could exist through two members from each group for a meeting.
         5. Left Katharine’s addition alone.
         6. Chair is tasked with noticing others 48 hours before meeting is scheduled.
         7. Chair is tasked with maintaining all legislation presented.
            a. Within 3 business days of passage, Chair should send VP and Speaker the legislation so it can be disseminated to appropriate parties.
               i. Who should sign it?
                  1. Both presidents certify.
ii. Who receives legislation after format correction?
   1. Both presidents sign, then pass to parties.

8. Upon having both presidents certify, Chair updates code and sends complete updated document every month.
   a. Those who should receive the document to upload to the website are the Speaker and VP, and Board of Elections.

9. Proxy or not?
   a. Proxy must exist because meeting time cannot change; too many people have academic obligations.
      i. Chair adds that if sending proxy, let the Chair know within 24 hours.
   b. Each side of House has different rules; how does this new rule line up?
      i. Must proxy be approved? It is understood in this space, so official approval may not be required. Communication is paramount, however.
      ii. Should proxy have the same privileges?
          1. Should still have voting power; a proxy acts in the Senator role.

10. In the event that these rules do not cover a topic, Chair can overlook situation and refer to overall rules.

11. Proposal: these rules should be examined annually.
   iii. Motion to accept by VP, seconded.
      1. Correction to language before seconded.
      2. Resolution passed unanimously.

5) Approval of the previous minutes
   a. Bobby is the advisor; this meeting is open to the public, so the DTH is able to attend.
      i. The minutes must be put on the website.
      ii. Possibility to close sessions

6) Public Comment Period

7) Receipt of Petitions and Messages
   a. Student Body President / Undergraduate Student Body President
      i. Finishing applications currently, and full staff will be onboarded in coming weeks.
      ii. Board meeting on Wednesday and Thursday next week.
      iii. Any questions can be forwarded to the Student Body President.
   b. Graduate and Professional Student Federation President
      i. Hurricane efforts are underway, as well as information about dental insurance
1. The first GPSF “Lunch and Learn”, topic on Silent Sam, will be sent out after confirmation on location
   a. Primarily a graduate/professional student event.
   b. Has been approved by faculty.

8) Reports of the Senate
   a. Undergraduate Senate
      i. Will be back to normal operations after hurricane soon.
      ii. Appropriations meeting on Thursday.
      iii. Finishing up applications currently.
   b. Graduate and Professional Student Senate
      i. Most elections have been worked out, and the committees will be meeting prior to October 2nd.
      ii. Everything is functional.

9) Introduction of Senate Business
   a. JGC-002-003 A Resolution To Approve A Presidential Appointment Of Justice To the Supreme Court
      i. Positions for graduates and professional students available, and applications have been under way. Lindsey has been approved by the Senate.
         1. Motion to approve, seconded. Passed unanimously.
         2. Katharine will email the Chief Justice, who has not been decided on yet. Lindsey will be added to the appropriate listservs by Bobby.
            a. The Chief Justice continues to serve with no re-elections until the end of the term.
   b. JGC-002-004 A Concurrent Resolution Of Support For The Repeal Of The Aid Elimination Provision Of The Higher Education Act
      i. Passed this legislation last year. If charged or convicted of drug possession, financial aid is rescinded for a specific allotted time.
         1. Ensuring equal access to education is paramount. This provision targets lower socioeconomic levels, perpetuating racism and division throughout North Carolina and UNC. Has not been proven to deter drug use and has overly harmful effects. Call to repeal the Act.
            a. This has been a part of the bill for 20 years.
            b. There has been a wave of movement (30 schools) issuing similar calls to repeal the Act, or make the provision less harmful by lessening the consequences.
            c. Why is this not being sent to other administrators, Financial Aid Office, or other relevant organizations at UNC?
i. It is a federal provision.

ii. We need to have these organizations behind the repeal, for example Chancellor Foals. Those who prioritize advocacy work.

d. If this is a consideration moving forward, there need to be more institutionalized steps to take so that the follow-through is effective. Measures must be planned and taken to ensure that the repeal is effective.

e. Proposal: instead of repeal, perhaps an alternate method besides losing the scholarship entirely.

   i. This is the only crime that will make one lose scholarships, and has relations to the War on Drugs.

   ii. There needs to movement towards compromise. Changing the language of the bill, for instance, to ensure that consequences will still be understood.

   iii. Worry of timeline for the bill. Does not want it put off, it was passed last April.

f. Fundamentally changing the bill to not be a repeal disenfranchises the Senators that passed it. Therefore, it should return to legislative bodies. This should be the process for any legislation, if it undergoes changes.

   i. Differences between certain types of drugs also raises questions and possibility for change of language of the bill.

   g. Other schools that have passed legislation or programs of this ilk work in some degree to counteract the harmfulness of the Act.

      i. More correspondence with the Office of Federal Affairs is suggested to change the document to have “more or less teeth”.

2. Hearing from the other Senators.

   a. Legislation seems appropriate. This does not seem counterproductive to sign. One major issue is the disenfranchisement of the undergraduate Senate that passed it.
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i. Sending it to the entire Senate could allow it to get more traction. If it is not moved on now, its time may have passed.

b. Even if an individual does not agree, the entire body speaks.

3. A motion has been made. Seconded. Passes unanimously.

  a. Detail: some of the language citing the law makes it seem as if the person is not up to date on the law.

10) Informal Business Discussion

  a. Student Government Support For Hurricane Florence Relief Efforts

     i. Luke attended a meeting headed by the Center for Public Service. Little less student input than would’ve liked.

        1. Need for financial support was prioritized during the meeting.
        2. Drives are positive help, but they can be heavy in sorting and work, ultimately being less helpful than intended.
        3. Capital fundraising drive with a 15,000 campaign goal is set to start within the coming week.
        4. Many students are ready to help with disaster relief, but the lack of training and organization is ultimately more of a drain on resources.

           a. Focus on fundraising, not on-site volunteer work.

     ii. GPSF had a cabinet meeting last night, and the retreat money can be put toward the relief efforts. A drive will also be underway to help supply Cumberland area.

     iii. A can drive also is underway, and information should be sent out about this.

  b. Campus Climate

     i. DTH has been overwhelmed by Silent Sam issue. November 15th is the deadline for administrators to carry out the decisions they will make about the environment and situation.

     ii. There is a lack of trust in the atmosphere, but students are highly active and involved, as well as interested in the subject.

     iii. Sreya must leave for another engagement.

     iv. The Board of Visitors helps to recruit people, meeting at the Carolina Inn on Friday.

     v. Question from Speaker: How will permanent space within the student government work? (Latina X center)

        1. Madison knows more about this subject. A tentative meeting is coming up, but not much information is known about it.

     vi. Emails can only be responded by the SL&L office.
1. Consolidation of messaging is needed to ensure proper communication, so that every member knows when attendance is required or not.
   a. Only one message had been sent out to the Treasurers.
   b. Explicitness of messaging and communication must be emphasized in the future, and concision in communication should also be kept in mind.

11) Notices and Announcements
   a. Chair will send out important details and dates to those who could not attend and to make sure all information is properly communicated.

12) Adjournment
   a. Adjourned at 6:06pm.